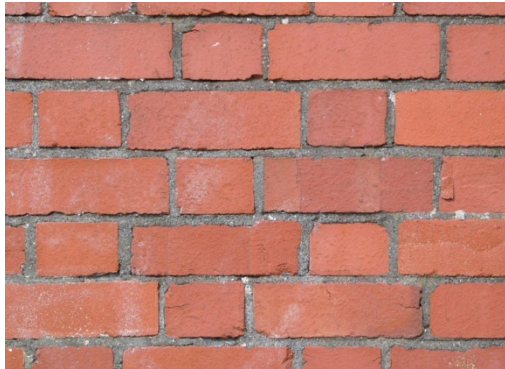


# How to recognise solid and cavity walls from their brickwork

Buildings that were constructed from 1920 onwards tend to have cavity walls. You can tell from the brickwork.

## Pre 1920s – Solid Walls



Notice the pattern of the brickwork. A long brick is always followed by a short end brick unlike the cavity wall shown below which only consists of bricks laid lengthways.

## Post 1920s – Cavity Walls



If the brickwork has been covered, you can also tell a cavity wall by measuring its width. Go to a window or door on one of your external walls, and take a measurement there. If the wall is more than 260mm deep then it probably has a cavity; a much narrower wall suggests that it's solid

### For more information:

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