

Curriculum Vitae

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Expert/Specialist Field

A registered Master Plumber with over 50 years' experience of designing, installing and servicing heating systems, clean water and waste water systems and general pipe work in domestic and industrial environments. A Fellow member of the Chartered Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineers and is also a member of the Institute of Expert Witnesses, Qualified Facilities Manager

Career History

- 2018 - present. Company owner Bralsford Expert Witness ltd
- 2012 - 2018. Company Partner / Bralsford Brown & Asc Ltd. Carrying out Expert Witness surveys, writing reports and appearing in The Courts when required
- 2010 – 2012 Company owner / Barfield Plumbing Ltd. Carrying out maintenance work for Bramall Construction whilst starting to enter into the field of Consulting and Expert Witness work
- 2000 – 2010 Contracts Manager / Facilities Manager MITIE Ltd. My duties initially were to open a northern branch of the company for Robert Pretties plumbing and heating before being taken over by MITIE Property services ltd. I started with just one working site and four plumbers, by 2018 the branch boasted a turnover of £8 million and staff in excess of 120. I left in 2010 to pursue my career and gain further knowledge to enable me to become a consultant and expert witness
- 1998 – 2000 Supervisor
ABB Steward Site Services Ltd – My duties were to be supervising the whole plumbing, heating and air conditioning works to two new build, large call centres within The Dearne Valley, South Yorkshire.
- 1993 – 1998 Facilities Manager / RAF Finningly Doncaster until its closure (now Robin Hood Airport)

Mill Construction Ltd Doncaster. I was responsible for the whole property maintenance of a busy RAF base which also included housing estates, officers mess quarters and all the associated air base buildings. Daily duties would include the management of up to 35 various building tradespeople and the ordering of materials.

1990 – 1993 Company Owner
Econoline Limited, Domestic, Commercial and industrial Plumbing and Heating Services. Carrying out my own contracts which included the full plumbing and heating installations to Nursing homes, Offices, private housing and small steel works, the company ceased trading due to bad debts

1980 – 1990 Self Employed Sub Contractor
Carrying out general Plumbing, Heating, Pipe Fitting. Working mainly in private properties installing small bore central heating systems as a sub-contractor to large companies. Also within this period I carried out a large amount of sheet lead work on numerous housing modernisation projects which included lead welding.

Early Career

1978 – 1980 Pipe Fitter – Quinn Brothers Scunthorpe. Working within British Steel melting shop at Aldwarke Rotherham. Work included high pressure stainless steel hydraulic pipe work to Electric Arc furnaces.

1976 – 1978 Pipe Fitter Welder – NCB Rotherham. Installation of Mild Steel service pipes within a coal preparation plant and also installing high pressure hydraulic pipe work.

1975 – 1976 Plumber/Heating Engineer – JM Bilclough, Leeds Projects included working on Swimming pool installations and Hospitals

1968 – 1975 Full Apprenticeship – J King and Sons, Rotherham. Carrying out all aspects of plumbing, heating, roof work, lead work and glazing on Private and Social housing, Commercial properties, Hospitals, Bakeries, large Industrial steel works (British Steel) and offices.

Professional Qualifications

City and Guilds of London Institute – Licentiateship Award 2011

CHIPE – Master Plumber Certificate Award – 2011

CIPHE - Awarded Fellowship March 2017

CIPHE – Engineering Technician Awarded 2002

CIPHE – Registered member since 1998 Reg No 00031868

Blue Flame accredited (Gas) CCN 1, CEN 1, CKR 1, HTR 1, MET 1, CPA 1, WAT 1, Valid to 2023

Logic Energy Efficiency

BPEC – Disinfection of water systems

Gas Safe registered No 652972
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CITB Certification – Unvented hot water storage

Interests

Food/ Restaurants/Eating out
Walking
Travel/Holidaying.
Socialising
Fishing, Pike and Sea
Boating

Other Information

Date of Birth: 23 November 1953

Court appearances and Arbitrations to date

Date	Court	Client	Case Circumstances
May 2016	London	Corker	Property dispute in relation to building work within a basement encroaching onto a plant room within a tower block
October 2016	London Bow Road	Spence & Horne	Poor drainage to a housing association property
January 2017	London Bow Road	Spence & Horne	Housing estate drainage
February 2017	London Bow Road	Spence & Horne	Property Dilapidation in relation to plumbing and heating
May 2017	Sheffield	Arbitration meeting of experts	Relating to soot spillage
July 2017	London Bow Road	Spence & Horne	Leaks from an apartment above causing severe damage to property and belongings
March 2018	London	Arbitration meeting of experts	A leak from a wash basin into a large office block in London
December 2018	London	Arbitration meeting of experts	Alleged defects relating to plumbing and heating works within a large apartment block

February 2019	London	Arbitration meeting of experts	Allegations of carbon Monoxide exposure
March 2019	London	Meeting of Experts, Defendants/ and Claimants	Alleged defects to plumbing and heating installation to a large new build apartment block
August 2020	Skype	Court hearing	Alleged Carbon Monoxide poisoning
December 2020	Skype	Court hearing/3 days	Alleged Carbon Monoxide poisoning
June 2021	Skype	Court over 2 days	Alleged Carbon Monoxide poisoning
July 2021	Bootle Magistrates Court	Court acting for Trading Standards	Criminal proceedings
November 2021	As Above	As Above	As Above
April 2022	Edinburgh County Court	Acting for my client regarding charges for plumbing works	Over charging of plumbing works
May 2022	London	Arbitration meeting of experts in London	Meeting regarding a Gas Explosion to a property.
June 2022	Skype	County Court hearing	1 ST Hearing regarding a plumbing & Htg installation to a farm house in Scotland
August 2022	Skype	County Court hearing	2 nd hearing as above

Most recent case history

Date	Acting as	Client	Joint/ Single	Case circumstances
December 2021	Joint	Bridge McFarland/ Driskcoll Kingston	Joint	Survey/tests based upon a Ground Source heat pump installation in Grimsby.
January 2022	Claimant	DAS Law	Single	Survey and tests carried out to a Air Source Heat pump/Heating system. Lowestoft
January 2022	Claimant	MDIS	Single	Investigate and report based upon a dometic heating installation Burnham on Crouch
January 2022	Claimant	Hockfield Law	Joint	Carry out tests of reported low water pressure, provide a report and reccomendations to rectify. London
February 2022	Joint	Smith v Hunter	Joint	Carry out a survey and provide a report for the Courts regarding a bathroom installation at a property in Birmingham
February 2022	Joint	Perez v Ideal boilers	Joint	Investigate a boiler installation at a property in London and provide a report for the Courts
February 2022	Claimant	Craster/Private	Single	Survey and report based upon domestic plumbing work in Leeds
March 2022	Claimant	Gale/Private	Single	Investigate low water pressure and provide a report Paignton
March 2022	Claimant	Jackson Boyd	Single	Investigate a alleged overcharging of plumbing and heating works installed within a farm house and compile a report. Isle Of Bute, Scotland
March 2022	Defendant	No1 PHD	Joint	Survey and report based upon a drainage installation inc CCTV footage
April 2022	Joint	Lamb v Jones Homes	Joint	Survey and report based upon water damage to kitchen units allegedly caused by ventilation malfunction.
April 2022	Defendant	Nicholls Law	Single	Desk top report based upon a water leak from a compression fitting
April 2022	Claimant	MDIS	Single	Survey and report regarding a domestic heating installation In Northampton
April 2022	Defendant	DAC Beachcroft	Single	Further work based upon a Gas Explosion to a property in London
May 2022	Claimant	MBNA	Single	Survey and report based upon the cost of removing a electric infra red system and replacing with a gas fired heating system. Telford

May 2022	Claimant	Harper Macloed	Single	Survey and report based upon damage to a property from a water leak. Edinburgh, Scotland
May 2022	Claimant	Hopkins Law	Single	Survey and report based upon a water leak from a flat above a shop in Gorlston on Sea.
June 2022	Claimant	Trading Standards	Single	Ongoing case regarding a Thermal Dynamic box installation
June 2022	Joint	Heedari v Sher	Joint	Survey and report based upon several bathroom installatuions at a private property in Mickleover, Derby
June 2022	Defendant	Corker Law	Joint	Investigate a water ingress to a property in a high rise property in central London
July 2022	Claimant	Crockford /Private	Single	Survey and report based upon a Air Source Heat Pump installation in Matlock Derbyshire
July 2022	Claimant	Kelly, Luft,Stanley& Ashton solicitors Isle of Man	Single	Survey and report based upon a fire which occurred to a house caused by a oil fired boiler. Isle of Man
July 2022	Defendant	Jones White	Single	Ongoing report
August 2022	Claimant	Hallsall solicitors	Single	Survey and report based upon a leakage of water which caused substancial damage due to a burst water pipe. Colwyn Bay, Wales
August 2022	Claimant	Alexander/Private	Single	Survey and report based upon poor plumbing works carried out to a residential property in Woking
August 2022	Claimant	DWF Law	Single	Desk top report based upon a water leak to a residential property
September 2022	Joint	Cutlan Smith v Freeman	Joint	Survey and report based upon a heating installation to a large property in Matching Green.
September 2022	Claimant	DWF Law	Single	Desk top report discussing leakages from a oil storage tank
September 2022	Defendant	TWM Solicitors	Single	Investigations and report based upon a Air Source Heat pump heating instyallation to a large property.
October 2022	Defendant	Pononne/Private	Single	Investigate a nd report based upon poor water pressure London
October 2022	Claimant	Williams/Private	Single	Survey and report based upon a plumbing and Heating installation to a large property in Malvern, Worcester
October 2022	Claimant	Pavlos Papanicolaou	Single	Report based upon a gas leak
November 2022	Claimant	Hart/Private	Single	Survey & Report based upon a Air Source Heat pump installation
November 2022	Claimant	Sutton Social Club	Single	Survey and report based upon Heating & Ventilation maintenance charges to a licensed premises

December 2022	Joint	No1 PHD	Single	Survey and report based upon a drainage installation/inc taking CCTV footage
December 2022	Single	Keoghs solicitors	Single	Commercial Survey and report based upon a large Bio Mass heating installation to a country side amenities centre in Beaulieu, Southhampton
January 2023	Claimant	Private, Chamberlain	Single	Stanrear, Scotland. Report upon the poor installatiomn of a gas fired boiler
January 2023	Claimant	Private Antoni	Single	Report on poor plumbing and gas installation to a static caravan
January 2023	Claimant	Private Kelahan	Single	Southampton, Survey and report upon poor a poor bathroom installation
January 2023	Claimant	Private Buckley	Single	London, Survey and report based upon a Air source heat pump and underfloor haeting
January 2023	Claimant	AWH Solicitors	Single	Hemel Hempstead, Survey and report based upon a domestic heating installation and a Air Source heat pump
February 2023	Claimant	Berry Smith Solicitors	Single	Wales, Survey and report based upon a air source heat pump installtion
February 2023	Claimant	Private, Joannou/Read	Single	London, Survey and report based upon a severe water leak
February 2023	Defendant	DAC Beachcroft	Single	Desk top report based upon and alleged carbon monoxide poisoning and alleged poor practices by a Gas engineer.
February 2023	Claimant	Surry Hills Solicitors	Single	London. Desk top report based upon a gas boiler installation.
March 2023	Defendant	No1 PHD	Joint	Swanage, Survey and report based upon drainage works
March 2023	Joint	Talbot/Ewing	Sigle joint	Louth, Survey and report based upon an Oil Fired central heating installation to a farmhouse
March 2023	Claimant	RRADAR	Single	London. Survey and report based upon a commercial plant room & heating installation to a large office block.
March 2023	Claimant	Roythorn's solicitor	Single	Woodhall Spa. Survey and report based upon a 2 x bathroom installations to a large property
March 2023	Defendant	Ellsmere childrens school	Single	Sheffield. Survey and report based upon a commercial heating installation to a childrens school
March 2023	Claimant	Admiral Law	Single	Desk top report based upon a fire incident related to a plumbing fault.
March 2023	Defender	Clyde & Co	Single	Desk top report based upon a Gas Explosion
March 2023	Defender	Clyde & Co	Single	A report based upon a serious scalding incident
March 2023	Defender	Knockholds Solicitors	Single	London. A survey and report based upon a water leak within a plant room to a large block of flats

April 2023	Joint	No 1 PHD	Single	Bournemouth. Survey and report based upon a drainage installation
April 2023	Joint	DLG Legal	Single	North Yorkshire. Survey and report based upon poor water pressure and a heating system to a property
April 2023	Joint	TV Edwards Solicitors	Single Joint	London. Survey and report based upon a underfloor heating installation and hot water issues within a domestic property
April 2023	Claimant	Private, Jeffreys	Single	Kendal. Survey and report based upon a bathroom and various plumbing issues
April 2023	Pursuer	Levy McRae Solicitors	Single	Stirling Scotland. Survey and report based upon water leaks into a shop premises from a flat above.
May 2023	Claimant	Private, P Kelly	Single	London. Site survey and advice into corrosion of copper pipes to a large property in Mayfair.
May 2023	Defender	BTO Solicitors	Single	Desk top report based upon a water leak to a plant room at the University of Glasgow
May 2023	Claimant	Private, Gelder	Single	Gainsborough. Survey and report based upon poor maintenance to a sump pump which caused a cellar to flood
May 2023	Joint	No1 PHD	Single	Dorset. Survey and report based upon drainage works
June 2023	Joint	Irvings law	Single	London. Survey and report based upon a housing disrepair claim regarding heating, hot and cold water supplies to a apartment in a multi occupied tower block
June 2023	Claimant	Digby Brown Solicitors	Single	Desk top report based upon a personal injury to a plumber.
June 2023	Claimant	AWH Solicitors	Single	London. Survey and report based upon a housing disrepair claim to a heating system in a large multi occupied tower block.
June 2023	Claimant	Private, Davidson	Single	London. Survey and report based upon a domestic heating installation
July 2023	Claimant	Charles French Solicitors	Single	Cornwall. Survey, report and forensic tests relating to corrosion of copper pipes in a large domestic property fed by a bore hole.
July 2023	Joint	Dowes & Co/Hackney council	Single Joint	London. Survey and report based upon a central installation to a property within a multi occupied tower block
July 2023	Claimant	Private, Mayjor	Single	London. Survey and report based upon a leak of soil behind wooden boxings in a bathroom
August 2023	Defendant	Private, Hartshorne	Single	Stratford upon Avon. Survey and report based upon a 1 st fix plumbing and heating installation to a new build large detached property

August 2023	Claimant	Private, Pranov	Single	Desk top report based upon water leakage from a roof
August 2023	Claimant	Private, Horn	Single	Ripon. Survey and report based upon noise issues from a under floor heating system
August 2023	Defendant	Private	Single	Carbisdale Castle Scotland. Survey and report based upon plumbing and heating works at a very large castle owned by a international Barristor samantha Kane. / ongoing
August 2023	Claimant	Irwin Mitchel	Single	Desk top report based upon a boiling tap scalding incident
September 2023	Claimant	AWH	Single	Halifax.. Surveys and reports based upon plumbing, heating and water pressure issues to a small new build housing development. ongoing
September 2023	Claimant	Trading Standards	Single	Surveys and reports based upon a plumbing and heating engineers charges and standard of works to properties throughout north England.
September 2023	Claimant	Best Solicitors	SiNgle	Thurgoland, Sheffield. Survey and report based upon drainage issues to a domestic property
September 2023	Defendant	Private, Greenaway	Single	Lowestoft. Survey and report based upon a central heating installation to a domestic property
October 2023	Claimants	Private, Charlesworth & Turnbull	Single	Edinburg, Scotland. Survey and report based upon a soil pipe installation to two properties within a large new development consisting of about 100 plus properties
October 2023	Claimant	Wilkin & Chapman	Single	Desk top report based upon a gas explosion to a property in wales
October 2023	Joint	Gallagher Solicitors/ Asrif	Single joint	Survey and report based upon a housing disrepair issue relating to a central heating installation to a domestic property.
October. 2023	Joint	Bhatia Best/ Nottingham police	Single joint	Nottingham. Survey and report based upon a drainage issue.
October. 2023	Claimant	Private, Miller & Talbot	Single	Desk top report based upon the positioning of a flue terminal.
November 2023	Claimant	Forster & Dean Solicitors	Single	Desk top report based upon a alleged carbon monoxide poisening.
November 2023	Claimant	Davisons Law	Single	Desk top report based upon an alleged escape of carbon monoxide from a gas boiler.
November 2023	Joint	Imperium Law	Single joint	Survey tests and report based upon a housing disrepair relating to alleged water contamination.
December 2023	Joint	No 1 PHD	Single Joint	Survey and report based upon drainage works.
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Joint Cases (Mechanical and Electrical with Dr R E. Brown)

	Acs / Medes	Lyons Davidson	Claim for overcharging and excessive property damage incurred during heating system installation and electrical rewire
March 2013	Holland v Whitegates	Switalskis Solicitors	Investigation of possible CO poisoning
April 2014	Sharron Taylor		Attributes of under floor heating installation.
2015	LWG	London	Investigation into the causation of a fire within a Manor House
2016	LWG	London	Investigation into a fire possibly caused by a Flue pipe from a gas fire
March 2016	Barden Energy Midlands	Barden Energy	Investigate the circumstances of a plant room fire
May 2016	Corker	London	Investigate/report upon a boiler installation within a tower block basement plant room
Sept2016	Client	DWF Nottingham	Survey and report on a large bio mass boiler installation to a manor house
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Carry out a cctv survey and report upon a drainage system from a large appartment block
