

Mark Jon O'Hara, BSc, FRICS

Curriculum Vitae

I am Director of Osborne Irish Associates, Independent Chartered Surveyors of 89 Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 2NT and Clifton Drone Surveys of the same address. I am a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and UAV (Drone) Pilot. I specialize in residential surveys and valuations. I also undertake work as an Expert Witness in Civil Litigation and Family Matters. I have been undertaking residential surveys in Bristol and the surrounding area full-time for more than 30 years and have an in-depth knowledge of the local property market.

Qualifications, training, accreditation

Estate Management	BSc	1987
Residential Valuer	Registered RICS	1990
Residential Surveying	MRICS	1990
Residential Surveying	FRICS	2018
Report Writing and Courtroom Skills for Expert Witnesses	MBL (Seminars) Limited	2018
UAV Commercial Pilot	CAA	2019
Asbestos Awareness	UK Asbestos Training Association (UKATA)	2019

Past and Present Positions

2006 – Present	Director of Osborne Irish Associates Limited. Chartered Surveyor and Expert Witness
2019 - Present	Director of Clifton Drone Surveys Limited – UAV (Drone) Survey, aerial photography and video
1997 – 2006	Osborne Irish Associates Limited – Chartered Surveyor
1992 - 1997	Colleys Professional Services and Maggs & Allen - Chartered Surveyor
1990 – 1992	Osborne Irish Associates – Chartered Surveyor
1987 – 1990	Nationwide Estate Agents – Chartered Surveyor

Principal professional specialisms

I am an independent valuer/surveyor/expert witness and undertake the following:

- Homebuyer Reports
- Full Building Surveys
- Valuations for Housing Associations and Mortgage lenders
- Valuations for private, corporate and third-party clients such as accountants about tax liabilities
- Independent Portfolio valuations in Civil and Matrimonial Proceedings to assist the parties and the court to determine the division of assets
- Probate valuations for calculating inheritance tax
- Capital Gains Tax valuations
- Back-dated or Retrospective valuations
- Forensic valuations required in civil litigation to resolve property dispute, allegations of professional negligence, lease queries
- Diminution in Property Assessments
- Advise on environmental issues and dilapidations
- Expert Witness advice for litigation purposes

Publications

10 October 2015 The Expert Witness Journal “Negligence Claims as Pervasive as Japanese Knotweed

Winter 2018 CILEx Journal “The Money Pit - Getting the Assets right the First Time”

Training, qualifications and accreditation

I regularly attend seminars and conferences on all aspects of residential surveying and expert witness practice.

I am a CAA approved UAV (Drone) Pilot – qualified to carry out drone survey inspections