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ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LIMITED

For damp diagnoses you can trust

Independent building pathology consultants and specialist providers of advice • training • investigation • expertise



“ *Dampness in buildings is at best misunderstood and at worst completely misdiagnosed.* ”

*Mike Parrett, Director,
MPA Engineering & Construction Services Ltd*



UNCOVERING THE CAUSES OF DAMP



ABOUT MIKE PARRETT

Mike Parrett is one of the country's leading independent experts on investigating dampness in buildings. With over 35 years' experience in the field, Mike began his career with the London Borough of Lewisham Council, where he realised there was a problem with standard damp investigations that identified the symptoms of dampness but failed to correctly diagnose the causes. In partnership with specialist research bodies, Mike developed a range of cutting-edge techniques to identify the often complex causes of damp, and in 2000 his work gained national attention when he was a featured expert on the BBC documentary Raising the Roof, exposing the widespread misdiagnosis of rising damp.

Since then, Mike has been in demand as an independent building pathology consultant. He co-authored the definitive textbook on investigating dampness, *Diagnosing Damp*; produced a series of training DVDs analysing the causes of damp from roof to drains; and has collaborated internationally with leading scientists, architects and building professionals to develop new diagnostic tools and techniques.



OUR SERVICES

Advice – we provide professional advice to building owners, Architects and Chartered Building Surveyors.

Getting it right first time results in huge cost savings on remedial work. Mike can offer advice at building design or refurbishment stage to ensure buildings are reliably and sustainably damp-free.

“Exactly what the industry needs is a good dose of Mike Parrett.”

Douglas Kent, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

Investigation – we provide a full investigative service to diagnose and remedy dampness in buildings

As an independent consultant with no commercial links, Mike is committed to providing damp diagnoses you can trust: uncovering the underlying causes of dampness, and offering genuine, sustainable solutions.

“Without the empirical findings of Mike Parrett gained over many years we would not have had the confidence to make the programme as hard hitting as it was. This is the best programme I have ever made.”

*Ben Hamilton, BBC Producer,
Raising the Roof*

Expertise – we provide expert opinion for landlords, tenants and insurers

Mike handles a huge number of legal cases per year, often appointed as the single joint expert on Disrepair and Statutory Nuisance claims involving Landlord and Tenant disputes. In addition Mike provides expert opinion investigations involving insurance claims relating to flooding, internal water escapes, building defects and building restoration.

“I do not hesitate to recommend Michael to clients where his expertise can be used, and as a senior partner in one of the larger Chartered Building Surveying Practices that is not something I do lightly.”

Michael Taylor, FRICS, Tuffin Ferraby Taylor

Training – we provide specialist training into damp investigation

Building failure? Design problems? Lifestyle factors? Dampness can be caused by any one or more of these elements. Our two-day training sessions cover both the theory and practice of damp investigation, equipping participants to correctly diagnose the causes and identify the appropriate remedy.

“Many thanks for a thoroughly worthwhile two day training event. All attendees were very impressed with the course and in particular with your specialist knowledge built up out of hard earned experience. It has already changed out thinking towards damp related problems.”

Les Greene, Responsive Repairs Team Leader, Liverpool Housing Trust

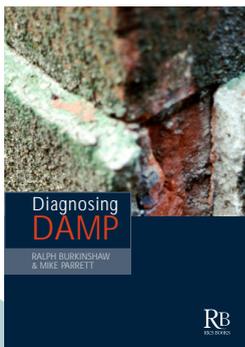
DAMPNESS DIAGNOSIS TRAINING COURSE

Are you struggling to get to grips with dampness, condensation and mould in the building and unsure what remedial work may be required? How to properly investigate and test to establish the true cause? If so, our comprehensive training sessions are for you.

Mike Parrett delivers in-depth training in the classroom and practical on site workshops. Over two days, he will share his extensive experience of real-life, practical dampness diagnosis.



Mike Parrett's Building Pathology DVD series contains a wealth of information on diagnosing and remedying building failure.



Mike Parrett's Building Pathology text book of diagnosing damp

By the end of the course you will:

- be able to determine whether condensation, mould and dampness are caused by design problems, building failure and/or lifestyle factors
- be familiar with the techniques and equipment used to correctly measure and monitor dampness in buildings
- be able to identify the appropriate remedy for dampness problems
- be able to comprehend how to prepare reports and understand the evidence required in legal disputes.

Three good reasons to sign up now:

- 1) Save money: learning to correctly diagnose the causes of dampness and not just the symptoms can lead to huge cost savings on unnecessary remedial work
- 2) Save time: our pathological and holistic approach to investigating dampness means you'll be able to identify the source and cause of dampness and target the most effective remedy
- 3) Improve health: finding solutions to persistent damp problems brings benefits for occupants' physical and mental health

Who can benefit from our training courses?

- Local authority and housing associations (housing team & technical team)
- Chartered building surveyors
- Tenant representatives and outside support agencies
- Individual private and commercial property owners
- Technicians
- Architects

For more information about our services and training courses, please contact us:

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