

Introduction to and the Application of Damp Diagnostic Tools and Equipment

for Technical Housing Officers

Following on from the outstanding success of the damp, condensation and mould 'open' and 'in-house' one day training sessions 'Anderson Consultancy' has pleasure in offering this newly developed practical session focusing on the diverse range of equipment available to technical officers when undertaking damp investigations on or around their organisation's portfolio of stock.



Background

Far too often, technical and other 'housing' officers are readily provided with diagnostic tools and equipment for diagnosing damp without appropriate and effective prior training. Many fail to appreciate the functioning features or results delivered by same and, indeed, are self taught and often reliant on reading detailed and confusing instructions to gain 'expertise'.

For those professionals who are indeed 'expert' in the field, however, it is recognised that such equipment when placed in inappropriate hands can be not only misleading, but wasteful in terms of time and resources and indeed fail to protect all parties' interests. Leading far too often to complaint and legal action which could have been readily avoided had such training been put in place.

Equally apparent from acting as a damp consultant, and lecturing to RSL's on this very subject, across the length and breadth of the UK, is that each organisation, it's offices and individuals are resourced and serviced differently in terms of access and availability to equipment. Sometimes in order to carry out even the most modest of worthwhile examinations in respect to damp.

Some officers being simply better equipped whilst other's being less resourced and more likely to send out damp issues to servicing companies such as surveyors, damp contractor's or ventilation specialists. Perhaps far too readily on occasions with both time and cost implications which could have been readily avoided.

Aims and Objectives

Structured then to include reference to all the main damp diagnostic equipment currently available this session will look at the various moisture meters available – resistance, capacitance and speedy etc, borescopes and endoscopes, deep bore probes, salt tests, hygrometer stick and humidity box applications, data loggers, thermal imagery etc together with their pro's and con's, limitations and attributes etc and why with much of the equipment readings given may be very misleading.

The session itself combines the more 'formal' in house office medium of presentation to facilitate the above, followed by 'on-site' practical demonstrations of the equipment and application at officer level. Normally at a void, or other provided structure/s, as provided by the client to apply practice to theory.

This lively, enjoyable and extremely rewarding session facilitated by Wayne Anderson - expert lecturer, lead tutor to the the national housing training providers, national conference speaker, Chartered Surveyor and Arbitrator will allow.....

Delegates to gain :-

- * An appreciation of the diverse range of detection tools available to help diagnose damp in it's various forms, together with their pro's and con's, limitations and attributes and criteria for appropriate selection;
- * An appreciation of how to go about and the protocol applied and used in the undertaking of an effective damp surveying a property;

- *An opportunity to see and take part in the practical application and usage of equipment and diagnostic tools in-situ;
- *An appreciation of the function and workings of the various equipment used and how to interpret the findings;
- * A greater understanding of the remedial measures available and the most effective strategies in the resolution of damp issues following the given findings;
- * How to protect organisational and other interested parties' interests when undertaking damp surveys in RSL properties:

Who Should Attend?

- Building, Maintenance, Asset Surveyors and Repairs Inspectorate;
- Quality Assurance Officers;
- Contract Officers
- Specialist Housing Officers;
- Contractor / DLO Employees;
- Other Interested Parties'

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