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Why use a Chartered Building Surveyor?

Chartered Building Surveyors are highly trained professionals, equipped with a diverse set of skills that are supported by a broad base of experience. 'Chartered' is a mark that shows the Building Surveyor has achieved the International Gold Standard of the profession, demonstrating a high degree of competence to meet the technical and commercial demands required for the successful management of construction projects and property assets.

Such attributes qualify Chartered Building Surveyors to give informed advice on the tangible aspects of projects – plans, detailed design, construction and maintenance, and land ownership matters. However uniquely they are also qualified to advise on the intangible but vitally important issues – boundary disputes, other neighbourly issues, reports on title, purchase and tenancy agreements, party walls and dilapidations.

Chartered Building Surveyors can also use their knowledge of building pathology to analyse and diagnose building faults and failures and recommend robust and practical technical solutions.

This diversity enables them to create innovative solutions that exceed their client's requirements. Chartered Building Surveyors can provide that level of service because of the rigorous checks and balances imposed throughout their professional life. The benefits of using a Chartered Building Surveyors are:

- A demanding assessment of professional competence prior to being awarded 'Chartered' status
- Chartered Building Surveyors are qualified and experienced professionals offering independent and impartial advice. The Chartered Mark is a sign that the Surveyor has achieved the International Gold Standard of the profession. This remains the best and most reliable measure of a Surveyors' competency
- Chartered Building Surveyors are required by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) to update and enhance their skills, knowledge and competence throughout their working life
- Chartered Building Surveyors must follow a strict code of conduct, which regulates how they deal with their clients
- Chartered Building Surveyors are required to maintain professional indemnity insurance at levels that are appropriate to their turnover and area of practice
- Clients of Chartered Building Surveyors are protected by a formal complaints handling procedure
- Chartered Building Surveyors are regulated by the RICS to ensure that appropriate professional standards are met.

