

Conference



Building Surveying

Looking ahead: Sector updates, the latest standards and industry best practice





Type of event

Face to face



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The RICS Building Surveying Conference, which is the most popular and established UK event in the industry, will remain an in-person conference for the 2024 edition, following its success in 2023. It will focus on preparing Building Surveyors for the latest regulatory updates and commercial property trends and forecasting, which will support the profession in remaining compliant and continuing to thrive in a challenging market.

Three concurrent breakouts will focus on the key upcoming priorities for the profession, from the latest standards and sector updates to guidance and best practice examples from specialist fields and innovation.

This conference delivers case studies and essential updates from a range of specialisms including, dilapidations, party walls, building conservation, rights of light, retrofitting and sustainability. Furthermore, small firms, solo practitioners and large organisations all have access to dedicated CPD, whether your interest is in PII and practice management or focussed more on looking at diversity in the workplace and team leadership.

Today the profession is presented with its greatest opportunity to make a strong impact on public safety and the future of our communities. New competencies are needed, new safety roles will be required, and new guidance and professional standards will need to be followed to ensure they continue to deliver on their responsibilities towards clients and the wider society.

RICS Building Surveying Conference

Venue: ect venues, 133 Houndsditch, London, EC3A 7BX

Date: 17 May 2024

08:30	Registration and networking		
09:30	Welcome remarks from the Conference Chair		
09:40	The latest market trends – horizon scanning for the surveying profession		
10:40	Refreshment break & networking		
Room	Enterprise Suite	Synergy Suite	Interact Room
11:10	The latest on Fire Safety	Defects – exploring some topical themes	The latest on Party Walls
12:10	Transfer to next session		
12:15	Building Safety – Navigating the latest legislation	Dilapidations: exploring the ideal case for avoiding litigation	Top tips for practice management from PII to social media and contracts for SME's
13:00	Lunch break – Lunch and learn with GoReport , Gavin O'Neil, CEO, GoReport: 13:20 – 13:40 Enterprise Suite		
14:00	The latest in energy standards and maximising retrofitting in commercial properties	Navigating Rights to Light	Tools & software under review – what to keep in your toolkit
14:45	Transfer to next session		
14:50	Conservation Philosophy Case Study: Repairs to the Ruins of Hampton Gay Manor	Construction Payment – essential legal tips for getting paid	Unlocking the Path to Net Zero: Strategies for Effective Integration of Sustainability
15:35	Refreshment break & networking Lionheart coffee and learn Enterprise Suite		
16:05	Intelligent Activism – Buzzing every neurone and stretching every sinew to help create a better world		
16:50	Wrap up conference		
17:00	Conference close		

Programme

08:30	Registration and networking
09:30	<p>Welcome Remarks from the Conference Chair</p> <p>Cliff L'Aimable C.Build E FCABE MRICS, Managing Director, Building Control Surveyors Ltd</p>
09:40	<p>Opening Address -</p> <p>The latest market trends – horizon scanning for the surveying profession</p> <p>Starting the conference is an expert panel delving into the most recent market trends in commercial property, construction, and refurbishment. Additionally, we'll delve into the innovative development narrative of 40 Leadenhall, highlighting its distinctive design ethos that prioritizes sustainability, community engagement, and optimal working environments.</p> <p>Cliff L'Aimable C.Build E FCABE MRICS, Managing Director, Building Control Surveyors Ltd / RICS Appointed Chair of the Professional Group Panel</p> <p>Lee Stentiford, Director, Development Management, Nuveen</p> <p>Rosemary Silver FRICS, Associate Director, Building & Project Consultancy, Avison Young</p> <p>Dr Walter Boettcher BA (Econ), MA, PhD, Head of Research and Economics, Colliers</p>

10:40	Refreshment break & networking
11:10	<p>Breakout sessions – please choose one of the following sessions to attend Breakout Chairs: Dr. Samantha Organ FRICS, Senior Building Asset Manager (Sustainability), National Trust, and Associate Professor in Building Sustainability, University of the West of England Helen McKeown MRICS, Technical Director, AECOM</p> <p>1a. The latest on fire safety (Enterprise suite) Join this session for a comprehensive overview of the latest updates and challenges in fire safety, including the Fire Safety Act 2021 and the Building Safety Act 2022. It will also discuss practical elements being tackled by industry, such as Building Safety Cases and the variation in application of PASS9980. James McNay PhD BSc (Hons) MIFireE MIET CFSP, Divisional Director, Fire Safety, Hydrock</p> <p>1b. Defects – exploring some topical themes (Synergy Suite) Topical issues include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAAC • Cladding defects • External wall cavity barriers and fire stops • Internal fire spread <p>Jay Ridings MRICS, Senior Director, TFT</p> <p>1c. The latest on Party Walls (Interact room) Join this session to gain access to the latest updates, including key learnings from recent case law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the courts have said • The role of the third surveyor • Where it can go wrong • Party walls what’s new? <p>Geoffrey Adams MRICS, Senior Director, Anstey Horne</p>
12:10	Transition between sessions
12:15	<p>2a. Building Safety – Navigating the latest legislation from the Building Safety Act (Enterprise) There has been a considerable amount of secondary legislation relating to the Building Safety Act, that has come into force and continues to be released. This session will provide an overview to the key updates that surveyors should be aware off. It will cover topics, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing the language used and addressing any changes to legal definitions • Defining the key stakeholders, duty holders and the Building Safety Regulator • Revealing potential pitfalls – knowing when you really need expert legal advice. • Future releases of legislation • Signposting to further information <p>Cliff L’Aimable C.Build E FCABE MRICS, Managing Director, Building Control Surveyors Ltd Neil Hope-Collins, Operational Policy Lead – HRB Building Control Authority Building Safety Regulator, HSE</p> <p>2B. Dilapidations: exploring the ideal case for avoiding litigation (Synergy Suite) This session will examine and assess best practice when working on cases from the perspective of a Building Surveyor specialising in dilapidations and a property litigator. You will be encouraged to share your own top tips or current issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set yourself up for success by getting it right from the start. • Do you truly understand your position? • Knowing when you need to bring other specialists in and then selling their value and importance to the client.

12:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing expectations. • Why you should always prepare as if you are going to court. • Practical examples and case studies to analyse and learn from <p>Christopher Sullivan MRICS, Regional Managing Director, Hollis Global Alison Hardy, Partner, Ashurst</p> <p>2C. Top tips for practice management from PII to marketing and cash flow management (interact suite)</p> <p>This session will delve into the vital components of effective practice management for SMEs. From navigating the intricacies of PII to mastering marketing tactics, optimizing cash flow and investing in support, this discussion will cover it all. Learn invaluable insights from Stephen Barnes of Black Cat Building Consultancy Limited about developing and running a highly efficient and ambitious practice.</p> <p>Stephen will share his unorthodox tips and share the lessons learnt in fostering organic growth within your business, offering practical strategies to propel your SME towards sustained success.</p> <p>Stephen Barnes MRICS, Director, Black Cat Building Consultancy Limited</p>
13:00	<p>Lunch Break</p> <p>Lunch and learn with GoReport, Gavin O'Neil, CEO, GoReport, 13:20 - 13:40 Enterprise Suite Digital data collection, reporting & analysis Lessons learned from over 500 clients</p>
14:00	<p>3a. Commercial Property: The latest in energy efficiency, ESG improvements and retrofit (Enterprise Suite)</p> <p>Gemma will discuss strategies for achieving MEES (Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard) and ESG compliance in a variety of commercial settings, in a session which aims to equip attendees with a toolkit of actions to take confident steps towards a more sustainable built environment. No jargon, just actionable advice to empower surveyors to make a difference.</p> <p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MEES legislation and easy wins - Incorporating ESG into a project - Environmental accreditations - ESG risks - The commercial case for retrofit <p>Gemma Cornwall MRICS, Director, Viridium. RICS Professional Group Panel Member for Building Surveying and Building Control</p> <p>3b. Navigating the latest on daylight, sunlight, and Rights of Light (Synergy suite)</p> <p>This session will provide a comprehensive overview for surveyors keen to learn more on this specialist area, as well as updates for experts already practising in this field, as it will provide key learnings from case studies and the latest from planning policy to common law.</p> <p>Joe Palmer, Senior Right of Light Surveyor, Right of Light Consulting</p> <p>3C. Tools & software under review – what to keep in your toolkit (interact)</p> <p>Curious about the latest advancements in tools and gadgets? Whether you consider yourself a tech expert or a bit behind the times, this session is for you. Join us for engaging discussions on the role of technology in surveying, exploring how it enhances our knowledge and skills. Discover the newest products designed specifically for surveyors, ensuring you stay up-to-date and equipped to elevate your work to new heights.</p> <p>Adrian Tagg BSc (Hons) MRICS, Associate Professor in Building Surveying, University of Reading Bob McGowan, Drone Pilot and Owner, HeliDrone Surveys</p>

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14:50	<p>4a. Conservation Philosophy Case Study: Repairs to the Ruins of Hampton Gay Manor (Enterprise) Hampton Gay's invisible clients were not all ghosts or shy bats, but they certainly had competing ideologies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed scope with consent or rolling consents on inspection? • Minimum intervention or 'while we're here we'd better also...?' • Authentic and exacting new work, differentiated from extant structure or seamless invisible stitching? • Avoiding conjectural or matching rebuilding versus essential interpretation and presentation? • Bat season or lime season? • Contract precision or agreement in principle? <p>The Hampton Gay project both exemplified and busted these principles, but always in the context of reasoned advice. Come to the talk and dive into Conservation Philosophy. Lynda Jubb BSc(Hons) PGDipBuildCons PGCertUrbEnvDesign FRICS IHBC, Director, Jubb Clews Ltd, RICS Accredited Historic Building Conservation Professional Jon Avent, Director, Mann Williams Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers</p> <p>4b. Unlocking the Path to Net Zero: Strategies for Effective Integration of Sustainability (interact) Join this practical session that will explore taking the route to Net Zero and how to integrate an effective strategy with sustainability at its core. It will also cover overcoming the pressure points, engaging stakeholders and how to create a 'sustainable' culture that incorporates everyone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building the business case for ESG & sustainability • The market opportunity • The value of data for decision making • Turning 'green' ambitions into reality <p>Dr Sophie Taysom, Founder and Director, Keyah Consulting</p> <p>4c. Construction Payment – essential legal tips for getting paid (Synergy Suite) This session will provide essential legal and contractual knowledge to ensure that all contractors, including Building Surveyors, complete an effective and valid payment application. It will outline the payment provisions in the Construction Act and later case law, to provide participants with the tools to ensure that they are applying them to maximum effect. James Richardson BSc(Hons) MRICS DipAdj GDL FCI Arb MSc, Associate Director, Dispute Resolution, Adair</p>
15:35	<p>Refreshment break & networking Coffee and learn with Lionheart 15:40 – 15:55 Enterprise Suite</p>
16:05	<p>Intelligent Activism – Buzzing every neurone and stretching every sinew to help create a better world At times the challenges of the climate and biodiversity crises can feel overwhelming. Drawing on over 34 years of working in sustainability and change this talk will help inspire and focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The perspective and hope of time and change. (Though that clock is ticking and the alarms are ringing!!!). • Popping (or busting) myths around cost and values (Triple Bottom Line thinking). • Using the tools and skills of our professions to drive positive change by excelling in all that we do. • Solving problems, finding solutions and innovations and creating the environment and frameworks for change. <p>Expect a rip-roaring, provocative and positive last session of the day. Chris Hines MBE Hon.D.Sc, Owner, A Grain of Sand</p>
16:55	<p>Closing remarks by the conference chair</p>
17:00	<p>End of Conference</p>

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