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Independent Chartered Surveyors

Established in 1965, Martin and Mortimer is a private practice firm of independent, senior, chartered surveyors. We have, in total, 7 offices and 4 equity partners; Stephen Scott Fawcett, MA (Cantab) FRICS, Michael Pemberton, BSc (Hons) MRICS, Andrew Warren, BSc (Hons) MRICS and Mark Duckworth MRAC CSRT MFPWS ABEng. Between them they have over 60 years of experience carrying out survey and related work throughout East Anglia.

Damp and Timber reports

If you have ever purchased an older property you will probably be familiar with issues of dampness and 'woodworm'. You may have had a report from a

surveyor or valuer identifying damp or timber problems and recommending a 'damp or timber specialist'. Most specialists are reputable people but not all have a thorough grasp of the issues or view the property holistically.



Often the injection of a chemical damp proof course is neither required nor desirable and will (in conjunction with re-plastering) simply hide the issue. There is, also, a duty on damp and timber specialists to avoid over use of chemicals and to treat only where necessary. A point often overlooked.

This is where we can help. We can provide a detailed analysis of the issue and identify what remedial work is required having due

regard to the age of the property and the materials from which it is constructed.

In many cases, remedial work is far less invasive than chemical injection and the treatment of 'woodworm' should be judged on its merits. Whilst a report from a damp and timber specialist may be free of charge, the cost of works subsequently recommended can be high and ultimately unnecessary. A thorough examination of the issues by us may involve higher initial outlay but the recommended works may be less expensive and less disruptive.

We don't get involved in the actual repair of the building so you can be assured that there is no hidden agenda – just straightforward pragmatic advice.

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