

Get confidence to carry out your DIY projects

Not all professions are straight forward and easy to describe and when local Building Technician Chris Mew first contacted me, I found it difficult to grasp exactly what it is he does and why I might use his services. I met up with Chris and over coffee he explained exactly what a building technician does.

You might recall seeing Chris's advert in this magazine in the last couple of issues - 'The DIY and Building Advisory Service' so let me explain what this exactly means.

A building technician is the level below a building surveyor and he can look at the practical side of construction and building works.

As a trained carpenter and joiner, Chris has spent many years working in the building trade and is now happy to give assistance when required.

For the DIY enthusiast

Have you ever wanted to do some DIY work around your home yourself but not been sure of where to start? Or perhaps you've started a DIY project and have had to stop as something

unexpected has cropped up. These are situations that Chris would be able to get involved in. He can give you advice on what order you should carry out your project or what to do in order to rectify any problems that have arisen during a



current project.

He is also happy to assist with some of the bigger tasks that might be undertaken with a home DIY project, not only lending his expert knowledge but he will bring his own tools as well to save you from having to purchase special tools that you may never need again. What will also happen is that his knowledge will also be imparted on his clients' so their DIY confidence can grow. I would describe it as having your own DIY buddy around.

Some of the recent projects Chris has been involved in are:

Removal of an internal wall - he advised the client on how such a task should be undertaken and whether the wall should be removed at all through an on site examination of the wall in question.

Condensation problems - after viewing the area in question Chris was able to advise his client on the best solution to combat the problem so the condensation problems ceased.

Paint advice - Paint is not simply paint and with what appears to be the ever increasing numbers of paints available, Chris can help you choose the most durable and practical paint type for the job in question.

Adding a new room to your property - Chris recently advised on how a client could practically install a new shower room into the ground floor of her house. He was able

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to advise on small changes to make to the current downstairs layout that would enable enough space to practically accommodate a new shower room.

The advice and help he can give will mean you don't have to go to the expense of hiring a building company to do the work that you might actually be able to undertaken yourself and saving yourself money, as well as learning new skills.

Chris is happy to conduct appointments during the early morning, evenings or at weekends as he understands that many of his clients also have daytime jobs.

For the home buyer

When buying a property, it can be easy to get carried away with dreams and visions of what could be done to the property to turn it into a dream home. For many of us though

we realise that maybe the things we would love to do just aren't practical and we end up making changes to ourselves in order to adapt to living in our homes. Wouldn't it have been nice to have been able to know in advance of a purchase if what we hoped really is possible?

This is where Chris can provide assistance. He can attend a viewing with you and examine in greater detail to see if what you envisage is possible and how easy/difficult it would be to carry out any works.

So, now that you know what the 'DIY and Building Advisory Service' can do, you can now carry out all those DIY jobs you've been thinking about with the confidence that help is simply a phone call away.

Contact Chris on 01732 865 061 or 07917 735 848 or email chris.mew02@gmail.com.



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