

ANDREW BARKER

LOSS ADJUSTER/REGIONAL BUILDING SURVEYOR

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SPECIALTIES

Property
Commercial Property

ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE

Knowledge of Subsidence claims management, working in this field in a variety of roles since around 1999.

BIOGRAPHY

Andrew started in the industry at McLarens Toplis where he was a monitoring technician, visiting properties to regularly take monitoring readings to help assess the movement of buildings.

From that position, Andrew progressed to an administrator role, managing the office field force of surveyors and engineers, and helping to project manage the claims. He then moved to Cunningham Lindsey, having various roles again from a desk top claim manager/admin assistance, audit surveyor, repair surveyor and then progressing to a front-end claim's handler for subsidence claims. All this was while he worked at completing his degree in Building surveying at Anglia Ruskin University.

He was then lucky to accept a role at Halifax/Lloyd's Banking group as an in-house structural claim specialist, dealing with large structural claims, mostly relating to subsidence but also large flood and fire claims, that required a surveyor's input. And also assisting with the field force on any major incidence of flooding or storm claims that occurred around the country.

His career then changes as he retrained as a Property Valuation Specialist, working initially for Lloyd's Banking group, then other Surveying companies. This he did for nearly seven years, before he was lucky to be invited back to McLarens to continue working as a Loss Adjuster/Surveyor.

He is currently working in the subsidence team, mainly dealing with subsidence and foundation movement related claims.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Science (Hons) Degree in Building Surveying
- Associate member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
- Member of the Chartered institute of Builders
- Member of the Chartered Association of Building Engineers
- Certificate member of the Chartered Insurance Institute

ADJUSTER EXPERIENCE

26 Years

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NOTABLE ASSIGNMENTS

- Project managing a 500k demolish and full underpinning project to a Bungalow – The customer had vulnerable needs as was disabled and required alternative accommodation while the work was done to his property.
- Valuation of an 8-million-pound property.
- Management of over 20 properties that suffered extensive flood damage on Christmas eve in the village of Yalding Kent. Project managing the claims from start to finish, dealing with alternative, strip out and full reinstatement. With overall claim costs at around 3 million.
- Relocating to Manchester area on New Year's Day in 2004 to assist the field force team following a major flooding event that occurred.
- Dealing with an escape of oil claim, which caused subsidence to a 1700 converted Manor House, which had been converted into Luxury flats. Complexity in removing the Oil heating tank, which was located in the basement of the property and dealing with the contaminated soil removal in a confined space below the property. Overall claim costs around £350k
- Project managing numerous claim that needed the properties to be stabilized, following foundation movement. Have designed and project managed various forms of stabilization techniques from traditional underpinning, new piled foundations or ground stabilization.