



ALAN HENDERSON

CONSULTANT FORENSIC SCIENTIST

SPECIALISMS

- ★ Comparison of Marks, primarily Footwear Marks
- ★ Firearms & Ammunition Classification
- ★ Fire Investigation
- ★ Trace Evidence Evaluation

QUALIFICATIONS

- 📖 Bachelor of Science (Honours) Applied Chemistry 1989
- 📖 Chartered Chemist and Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry
- 📖 Member of the United Kingdom Association of Fire Investigators
- 📖 Member of the International Association of Arson Investigators

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CAREER OVERVIEW

With over thirty years' experience working as a forensic scientist, Alan Henderson has a broad skill set and is instructed in a wide range of case and evidence types. He uses the training and experience gained throughout his long career to clearly convey the significance of forensic evidence in reports, advice to those in the Legal profession and via oral evidence.

EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE

Alan Henderson has been employed as a Forensic Scientist since 1990. He joined Keith Borer Consultants in 2011 from the Forensic Science Service (FSS) where he was a Senior Forensic Scientist. He provides expertise and advice in cases including those concerning the comparison of marks (primarily footwear marks), the classification of firearms and ammunition (as well as examining some of the more unusual weapons such as knuckle dusters and various knives), fire investigation work (including item examination for heat/fire damage and analysis of samples for accelerants) and trace evidence evaluation (in relation to particulates such as glass, paint, building debris and textile fibres).

As an operational forensic scientist with the FSS, Mr Henderson was trained and authorised to attend scenes, primarily to assist in the investigation of fires and the location, enhancement and recovery of footwear mark evidence. He still attends and examines scenes wherever possible.

Mr Henderson has attended court on many occasions to advise members of the Legal profession and has given expert evidence in Youth, Magistrates', and Crown Courts throughout England and Wales. He has also given evidence in Sheriff Court and High Courts in Scotland and in High Court in Northern Ireland. He is experienced in the production of joint reports with opposing experts, which is becoming a more regular feature of his work. His work has involved criminal, civil and family court cases.

Keith Borer Consultants operates a Continuous Professional Development Scheme for all staff. Within this scheme Mr Henderson undertakes training and development, including the peer review of colleagues' reports and reading scientific papers.