

Alan Henderson BSc(Hons) CChem MRSC, MCSFS
Personal Qualifications and Experience

Alan Henderson has been employed as a Forensic Scientist since 1990. He joined Keith Borer Consultants in 2011 from the Chorley laboratory of the Forensic Science Service (FSS), where he had been a Senior Forensic Scientist. He is instructed in a large number of criminal cases each year and he provides expertise and advice in cases including those concerning the comparison of marks (such as footwear or injury marks), particulates (such as glass, paint and building debris), textiles fibres, fires (such as item examination for heat/fire damage and accelerants analysis of samples) and some firearms cases. As an operational forensic scientist with the FSS, he attended sensitive and high profile scenes to assist in the investigation of fires and the location, enhancement and recovery of footwear mark evidence. He was part of the Major Incident Team at the Chorley laboratory and a member of an on-call rota that primarily delivered this service to the police forces in the North West of England and North Wales. He still attends and examines scenes, wherever possible, as part of his current role.

He has over thirty five years' experience in the use of firearms, including shotguns, pistols and rifles, for sporting and/or target shooting purposes. He has completed training courses with Helston Forensics (Forensic Ballistic Laboratories) and has received in-house firearms training within Keith Borer Consultants from its firearms experts. He holds a Firearms Certificate, Shotgun Licence and an Air Weapons Permit. He primarily utilises this experience and expertise in the peer review of firearms reports for colleagues.

He has the following qualifications:

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

Keith Borer Consultants operates a Continuous Professional Development Scheme for all staff. Within this scheme Mr Henderson undertakes regular training and development in the various fields of forensic science he is involved in, including attending conferences and relevant training courses.

Alan Henderson has acted as trainer and mentor to many members of FSS staff in various fields of forensic science. He has also acted as a trainer on the FSS expert witness course and contributed towards the training of police officers and staff, crime scene investigators and lawyers. He has delivered talks on a range of subjects to a number of groups of legal professionals since joining Keith Borer Consultants and he regularly provides initial advice and guidance to solicitors concerning their cases.

He has attended court on many occasions to advise counsel 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.

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