



THE GUILD OF MASTER CHIMNEY SWEEPS

Professional chimney sweeping into the 21st Century



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The Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps was established with the goal to improve standards within the industry by introducing professional training and assessment for sweeps.

Today, the Guild is both nationally and internationally recognised for its efforts and achievements in improving standards for both chimney sweeps and their customers.

The Guild is also a member of the 'Europäische Schornsteinfegermeister Föderation' or the European Federation of Master Chimney Sweeps (ESCHFOE). Some countries take chimney sweeping more seriously than others for example, in Germany, it is a legal requirement that chimneys are swept once a year. This has resulted in Germany having a drastically lower number of chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisonings than the UK.

For a chimney sweep to become a member of the Guild they must meet and adhere to strict criteria while also achieving a high minimum standard of training.

For chimney sweeps this means that they can provide the highest level of service to their customers while having the support and experience of a national trade organisation. Many Guild members go on to gain further qualifications within the chimney sweeping industry.

For their customers, when they seek the service of a Guild Chimney Sweep, they can have the peace of mind knowing that they will be receiving a minimum standard of service and knowledge from a professionally registered person.





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Benefits of Guild Membership

- Guild members are part of a nationally recognized trade association and brand. The Guild also represents the UK chimney sweeping industry at an international level via the UK's chair at ESCHFOE
- You are constantly advertised to consumers on the powerful Guild website
- The most comprehensive training and on-site mentoring course in the country gets new members started on the right track with good discounts for existing professional sweeps
- Online member's only forum. An ever expanding educational resource, information exchange and social hub
- Regional meetings: The opportunity to meet other members on a more local level
- Continuing educational opportunities through the refresher course, new Thatched Sweeping and CCTV Integrity Testing courses.
- Regular newsletter focusing on what's good for your business
- Technical phone and online support. Got a problem? – not any more
- Invitations to Guild meetings, exhibitions and social events
- Trade discounts for members through the Associate Members scheme
- A very committed and enthusiastic Board focused on member and consumer interests
- All this for £264 Inc. VAT annual membership* – bargain!

Many of the benefits listed above are unique to the Guild, you won't get them from anyone else. We cannot stress enough what a difference it makes to be a member of a forward thinking co-operative organization that has member and consumer interests at its heart. Being better trained, educated and informed means your customers are better served which means your business works better for you.

Great training for new and experienced members, continuing support, prominent advertising, strong leadership, innovative member services, a social and co-operative organization.

With benefits like these, we know that the customers of Guild sweeps are the safest, cleanest and happiest chimney owners in the country, more likely to recognize your value, more likely to have you back and more likely to refer your services to others.

For further information email info@guildofmasterchimneysweeps.co.uk or contact David Wooffindin on 01226 242357

* Does not include initial training.



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Training with the Guild consists of 3 Elements.

Training – this is in 2 stages

Element 1

Comprises of four intensive days theory and practical training in dedicated training centres around the UK & Ireland, after which, at the conclusion **you will sit a multiple choice paper.**

Element 2

Candidates will accompany experienced Guild Trainers as they visit their customer base. There are a minimum of 4 onsite days required to be completed, which can be made up of individual days. Once you are able to correctly and cleanly sweep various types of chimney, you will need to prove this to a Guild Assessor.

Element 3 - Assessment

You will be assessed to Guild Standards on a minimum of 4 different appliances usually at one of the excellent training centres the Guild use.

For this you are required to use your own vehicle (with a sealed bulkhead) and sweeping equipment, as this forms part of the assessment.

Next, you will undertake the written (question and answer) assessment. Provision can be made for anyone with literacy difficulties.

Please Note: the Guild has strict equipment, and insurance criteria. These must be met prior to booking for the final assessment and full membership being granted.



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The Guild training course includes the following:

Element 1

- 4 days at the training centre (lunch and refreshments included)
- Practical and written assessments
- A copy of our unique training manual Masterful sweeping
- A copy of building regulations Doc, J

Element 2

- 4 Onsite training days included (Any additional days charged @ £25.00 per day)
£1320.00 (Inc. VAT) Payable prior to course date

Element 3

Assessment & Guild starter pack including:

- One year's Guild membership (£264 inc VAT), web links and website listings
- 1 x Guild identification card
- 1 pack of Warning certificates& labels (50)
- Use of the trademarked Guild logos
- Promotional material (7 Van stickers 2 uniform badges, mouse mat and Guild cup)
£389.00 (Inc. VAT) payable 7 days prior to the final Assessment.

Discounts are now available for HETAS Registered installers and full time chimney sweeps who can supply 2 years of trading accounts. Please enquire when contacting if you are in these categories.

Accommodation is not included and candidates are responsible for their own arrangements. Details of nearby accommodation will be provided in your training pack upon receipt of your deposit.

If you are interested in taking the next step

Our next training course dates are:-

13th to 16th March 2017 – FULLY BOOKED,

3rd to 6th April 2017 at :-

Chimney Draught Stop Ltd, Park, Killea, Templemore, Co. Tipperary, Ireland



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15th to 18 May 2017 at:-

Kiwa Ltd, Kiwa House, Malvern View Business Park, Stella Way, Bishops Cleeve,
Cheltenham, GL52 7DQ

10th to 13th July 2017 & 4th to 7th September 2017, at:-

Surefire Training Centre, Unit E, Fairview Buildings, Heage Road Industrial Estate, Ripley,
Derbyshire, DE5 3GH.

9th to 12th October 2017 at :-

Schiedel Ltd, Crowther Road, Crowther Industrial Estate, Washington, Tyne & Wear NE38
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Bookings are on a first come first served basis. A non-refundable deposit of £120.00 will be
required to reserve your place, with the balance paid 21 days prior to the start of the course.

Paying by post

Please complete the application form in full and send, along with the deposit, to:

The Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps Ltd
Education/Training
14 Westbourne Grove
Barnsley
South Yorkshire
S75 1AE

Cheques made payable to 'The Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps Ltd'.

The Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps Ltd. is a non-profit organisation.

Paying by card

Please call 01226 242357 before 5pm

The completed application form should be emailed to guildtraining1984@gmail.com

Please refer to the separate attachment to email your application form or alternatively post to
the above address.

Please Note: Once the deposit has been paid, the balance must be received in full, **21 days
prior to the commencement of the training course.**

If paying by credit card an additional 2% will be charged.

If paying by American Express an additional 5% will be charged.



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Training Programme Application

The details provided here should be for the individual person that will be attending the course. **These details will not be published.**

| First Name | Surname | Date |
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| Training Programme date: | |
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| County | |
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| Telephone no (work): | |
| Mobile: | |
| Email address: | |
| Website address: (if applicable) | |

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| How did you hear about the Guild? | |
| Do you have any experience in the chimney sweeping industry? If yes, for how long? | |
| Are you HETAS registered? | |

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| I have read, understood and accepted the Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps Privacy Policy |
| Applicant signature |
| <u>Please advise if you have any medical conditions / learning difficulties / allergy issues :-</u> |



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Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps Privacy Policy

This privacy policy sets out how the Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps (Guild) uses and protects any information that you provide upon joining and throughout your subscription to the organisation.

The Guild is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected. Should we ask you to provide certain information by which you can be identified then you can be assured that it will only be used in accordance with this privacy statement.

The Guild may change this policy from time to time by updating the Privacy Notice page on the website. You should check this page from time to time to ensure that you are happy with any changes. This policy is effective from 15th March 2012.

What we collect

We may collect the following information:

- Individual name and company name.
- Contact information including email address, postal address and telephone numbers.
- Advertising preferences, qualifications obtained and training attended.

What we do with the information we gather

We require this information to understand your needs and provide you with a better service, and in particular for the following reasons:

- Internal record keeping.
- To promote your company and the services you offer by publishing name, address and telephone details on the website.
- We may use the information to improve our services.
- We may periodically send promotional emails about new courses, industry news or other information which we think you may find interesting using the email and postal address which you have provided.
- We may share your contact details with third parties that are relevant to the industry for example associate members whose goods or services are of interest to you.
- From time to time, we may also use your information to contact you for market research purposes. We may contact you by email, phone or mail.

Security

We are committed to ensuring that your information is secure. In order to prevent unauthorized access or disclosure, we have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect.

Links to other websites

Our website may contain links to other websites of interest. However, once you have used these links to leave our site, you should note that we do not have any control over that other website. Therefore, we cannot be responsible for the protection and privacy of any information which you provide whilst visiting such sites and such sites are not governed by this privacy statement. You should exercise caution and look at the privacy statement applicable to the website in question.

Controlling your personal information

If you have previously agreed to us using your personal information for direct marketing purposes, you may change your mind at any time by writing to or emailing us at info@guildofmasterchimneysweeps.co.uk

You may request details of personal information which we hold about you under the Data Protection Act 1998. If you would like a copy of the information held on you please write to Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps, c/o 14 Westbourne Grove, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 1AE

If you believe that any information we are holding on you is incorrect or incomplete, please write to or email us as soon as possible, at the above address. We will promptly correct any information found to be incorrect.