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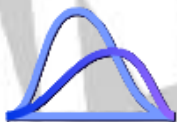
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Ian Williams, a privately-owned property services company founded in 1946, specialises in innovative painting, planned investment, and repair services. We have a proven track record of passive fire protection works for a wide range of public and private sector customers. Our directly employed teams provide a competent and accredited service, supported by a network of independent Fire Risk Assessors and rigorous, compliant audit and inspection routines. We are certified with International Fire Consultants (IFC) including fireproofing works and fire doors.



## Agenda

08:30 - 09:00	<b>Arrival and Drinks</b>
09:00 - 09:05	Welcome / Housekeeping. <i>Stephanie Lloyd-Foxe &amp; Phil Bristow</i>
09:05 - 09:45	“Relevant” Defects under the Building Safety Act. <i>Cecilia Busby, Trowers</i>
09.45 - 10.20	Changes to BS 5839 Part 1 - The Changes & what you need to know <i>Andrew Vernall, Infinity Fire</i>
10.20 - 10.45	Residential PEEPs <i>Chloe Gallagher / Stephanie Lloyd-Foxe, Magna Housing</i>
10.45 - 11.00	<b>Coffee / Tea + comfort break</b>
11:00 - 11.15	Mobility Scooters and EV Risks: What you need to know <i>Andy Frankum, National Social Housing Fire Strategy Group</i>
11.15 - 11.35	Video: EV charging infrastructure awareness <i>Graeme Warnall, EV-EXBOX</i>
11.35 - 12.15	10-Steps to help mitigate the risk of a lithium-ion battery <i>Matt Humby, Firechief Global</i>
12.15 - 12.30	Q & A - Andy Frankum & Matt Humby
12.30 - 13.25	<b>Lunch, Networking &amp; Exhibition</b>
13.25 - 14.10	Sector update <i>Andrew Burke, NHMF</i>
14.10 - 14.55	Building Safety Act - Emerging insights and practical application <i>Neil Yeomans, Customer and Building Safety Consultant</i>
14.55 - 15.10	<b>Coffee / Tea + comfort break</b>
15.10 - 16.10	Innovative Fire Safety products <i>Pete Davies, FireCo</i>
16.10 - 16.45	Smart Innovation in the Social Housing Sector <i>Ged Moore, Auro Harmony</i>
16.45 - 16.55	Closing remarks, hand in feedback and safe travels!



## Our Speakers

	<p>Cecilia Busby is an Associate at Trowers &amp; Hamlins' Exeter office and advises on a range of contentious property matters such as trespass, adverse possession, boundary disputes, rights of way and rights of light as well as on residential and commercial landlord and tenant disputes. She has particular experience in issues related to the Building Safety Act, remediation of defects, fire safety and service charge recovery.</p>
	<p>Andy Vernall is a Director at Infinity Fire Prevention, with over 20 years' experience leading fire alarm and electronic security services businesses. His career includes senior leadership roles as Managing Director of Network Fire and Security, Group Managing Director at Interserve Fire and Water Divisions, and Sales Director at Initial Facilities Fire. Specialising in the public sector and social housing, he brings deep operational expertise in delivering robust, compliant, and community-focused fire safety solutions. Known for his practical leadership and commitment to high standards. Andy works closely with clients and partners to ensure buildings and the people in them are protected through effective, sustainable fire strategies.</p>
	<p>Andy Frankum has been working in the charitable social housing sector for the last 16 years. Andy chairs the National Social Housing Fire Strategy group which represents over 226 member organisations across the social housing sector in England and Wales. Andy was named #4 global influencer in the 2021 Fire Safety Global Influencers list. Andy works closely with the social housing sector, construction and fire safety sectors and is passionate about ensuring that effective fire safety practices including competence is well understood and enhanced, whilst working strategically to monitor change, improve industry competence and promote standards and guidance. The aim is to drive consistency across the sector, which in turn will enable residents and their families to have a safe place to call home.</p>



## Our Speakers



Graeme Warnall is the director of GW Environmental Consulting Ltd and its associated EV-EXBOX business. He has 30 years' experience in the energy sector where risk management has been critical to the safe installation and operation of transport fuels including petrol, diesel, liquified natural gas (LNG), liquified petroleum gas (LPG) and hydrogen.

Since 2018 Graeme has been collaborating worldwide with many industry experts to help them understand the risks that repurposing of existing buildings and structures with EV charging infrastructure brings. He has a wealth of experience and knowledge in undertaking a vast number of EV charging infrastructure risk assessments for local authorities, energy companies, airports, public transport companies, EV chargepoint installers and operators.

Graeme has shared his knowledge and experience by delivering safety talks to the London Fire Brigade hazardous materials (HAZMAT) teams, the Association of Petroleum and Explosives Administration (APEA) and the Centre of Excellence for Low Carbon and Fuel Cell Technologies (CENEX).



Matt Humby is a Senior Technical Consultant at Firechief Global, Public Speaker, Podcaster, CPD Fully Accredited Course Provider, offering help and advice for your Fire Safety needs, Lithium-ion battery risks, Electric Vehicles.



Andrew Burke is the NHMF Deputy Secretary and Advisor who developed and maintains the NHMF's best practice website to help social landlords maintain good quality, warm, safe and healthy homes. Registered architect who worked in central Government, managing construction research and writing building regulations and practical guidance relating to ventilation, energy efficiency and access.

He developed the Government's energy efficiency and fuel poverty policy during the 1980s. Subsequently led the National Housing Federation's work on the design, construction and maintenance of good quality, sustainable housing association homes.



## Our Speakers



Neil Yeomans CEnvH, MIFSM is a leading authority in fire and building safety governance, leveraging over two decades of experience to shape national policy, drive sector transformation, and champion best practice across government, regulators, and industry. As CEO of Lodestone Assurance and former Chair of the NHF Building Safety Group, he combines strategic vision with operational mastery to elevate safety culture in housing and the built environment.

Neil Yeomans continues to shape the future of building and fire safety, combining principled governance with innovative strategies to protect communities and elevate industry standards.



Pete Davies has been with Fireco for 13yrs and has helped a vast array of customers with their unruly fire doors, evacuation strategies and obligations to British Standards and Acts of Parliament. Having spent years working with local authorities, housing associations, universities and NHS trusts on large scale projects, he brings a wealth of experience on how building users struggle to engage with fire safety requirements and the reasons behind this.

As well as being the company's lead CPD writer and Business Development Manager, Pete also sits on the FIA's Services Council and the Door Control Task Group. Pete will do most things for cake.



Ged Moore is an experienced leader in construction, property and public sector innovation. As Managing Director of **Auro**, he drives the delivery of cutting-edge compliance technology, including the world's first self-testing IoT fire door. With a background spanning major construction projects, risk management and digital compliance solutions, Ged has a proven track record of bridging traditional built-environment expertise with modern, data-driven innovation to enhance safety and efficiency across housing and public infrastructure.



## About Fire Safety in Housing

### Our aim

To represent the social housing sector of England and Wales on matters pertaining to fire safety and compliance within the current legislative framework.

To influence national policy and practice with the express aim of achieving acceptable standards of fire safety within social housing properties on a pragmatic, risk-based approach.

Support individual social housing providers with the interpretation, implementation and application of legislation, guidance and good practice.

### How we achieve this

We will establish regional working groups across England and Wales.

Whilst we will remain independent, we will collaborate with other groups where a collective voice is needed such as:

- National Housing Federation
- Chartered Institute of Housing
- Local Authority Building Control
- National Fire Chiefs Council
- Health and Safety Executive
- Fire and Rescue Authorities
- Other Relevant Parties

We will establish standard protocols based on pragmatic best practice and will support the housing sector of England and Wales within the current legal framework.

Participate in and contribute to public consultations as required.



Raise awareness of practical advice and guidance as required.

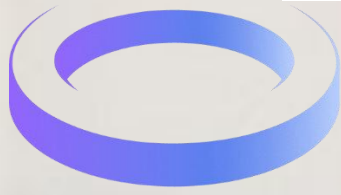
Establish work streams across the group that focuses on significant issues and produces protocols that are fully supported by our members and seek to establish those protocols nationally across the sector.



## The HAMMAR SW Team

Chair – Stephanie Lloyd-Foxe	Treasurer – Phil Bristow
	
<p>Stephanie started her career with main contractor Kier, where she gained invaluable technical and commercial experience, before moving into the housing sector. She has held several senior positions in repairs and asset management and is currently Head of Building Safety and Compliance at Magna Housing where she has established a new team, systems and processes to respond to the challenges of the new building safety regime, championing a safety culture.</p> <p>Stephanie is passionate about customer safety, ensuring that contractors are held to account for historic deficiencies, and for driving up standards in construction, as well as promoting best practice across the sector and working with young people. She holds an MSc in Construction Law and Dispute Resolution, and an MBA. In 2023 Stephanie was awarded the Fire Safety Manager of the Year Award.</p> <p>Stephanie is chair of the NHMF Group responsible for delivering on the NHMF's new vision and key objectives, as well as being a committee member of HAMMAR SW, an enterprise advisor within Dorset Careers and Enterprise Network advising on skills for future employment, a member of the PropTech Innovation Network (PIN) advisory board and is an advocate for innovation and the adoption of new technologies in the sector.</p>	<p>Phil has spent a lot of his career in the private sector in Telecommunications, software development and Global networking. This ranged from Contract management, Systems administration/design, Process engineering and architecture, Business analysis and finally Product ownership in software development. After wanting a career change and to focus his energies to more practical contributions to society, he decided to change industries/sectors and re-train in compliance.</p> <p>Phil currently holds the role of Head of Landlord Safety in Abri - overseeing the assurance of over 42,000 properties and growing across all the regulatory compliance areas. This is a unique position where he can apply his technical and business knowledge to provide solutions that strive for exemplary implementations for the management of compliance for Asbestos, Electrical, Fire, Heating, Lifting, Water, building safety as well as other areas to ensure the safety of our customers.</p> <p>Phil has a thirst for Data, Technology, &amp; knowledge to ensure he can apply this back into his job.</p> <p>Phil has obtained Technical status with IOSH and Member with the Institute of Fire Safety Managers and is continuously looking for new opportunities for learning. More recently taking on the role of Treasurer for HAMMAR SW.</p>

Committee member - Julian Ransom	Committee member - Steve Coles
	
<p>Julian has specialised in asbestos compliance consultancy for 15+ years, a chartered building surveyor for approaching 40 years, Julian is now the longest serving NHMF management committee member. Following 10 years at Ridge, and 8 years Director with Savills, Julian has extensive Public and Private Sector experience.</p> <p>One of the first to complete the National Individual Asbestos Certification Scheme (NIACS) proficiency training, Julian is now director with iON-Consultants undertaking asbestos compliance audits for Social Housing and other public and commercial portfolio managers / DSOs. Follow-on assistance includes a range of practical compliance solutions, on-going independent compliance auditing, training, and management of high-profile asbestos exposure/remediation cases.</p> <p>Julian's consultancy experience includes permanent and interim asset management roles, decent homes contract delivery, and regulator audit preparation/ representation (including 3-star KLOE awards). Direct procurement experience includes contract mobilisation/ management, process mapping workshops, and wide responsibility for resident involvement.</p> <p>Julian regularly speaks at conferences, often with the HSE, regarding strategic asbestos management, interpreting guidance, register databases and specialist procurement.</p> <p>Julian represents the NHMF upon the Transforming Homes Project Steering Group, together with The University of Cardiff, Bath, Exeter and Bristol.</p>	<p>Steven is Head of Fire Safety at the Abri Group currently leading teams managing fire safety across circa 2,460 buildings.</p> <p>After graduating with a degree in Rural Estate Management, he completed a further Diploma in Building Surveying whilst working in a private practice of surveyors &amp; architectural consultants.</p> <p>Steven is a Chartered Building Engineer and has over 25 years social housing experience having previously worked for Westcountry Housing Association followed by 19 years with the Guinness Partnership in different roles including Head of Asset Management and Head of Contract Management for Asbestos, Water and Fire.</p> <p>Steve has a reputation for building highly engaged teams, performance driven with embedded policies and procedures.</p> <p>Steven has been a regular attendee of HAMMAR SW events over the years and a committee member for the past 3 years.</p>



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