



## **IAN PRIEST**

### **Treasurer for the Black Country Constructing Excellence Club**

I am an Estimating/Quantity Surveying background Commercial Manager currently working freelance due to the down turn in the new housing market in 2007/8.

I was educated at the then Polytechnic of Wolverhampton and have lived in Wolverhampton for most of my life so am a true "Black Country Lad". I worked for Bison Concrete after my full time studies as a trainee estimator then I worked for McLean Homes then part of the Tarmac Group through the Wimpey takeover rising to Technical Manager. I left McLean in early 2000 and went on to Jennings Homes, Prowting Homes and Henry Boot Homes (remember all those take over buyouts of house builders back then!) returning to Wimpey Homes in 2003 who I left in 2007 to be Commercial Manager of newly formed specialist finishing trades company Grimes Finishing's.

Due to the down turn in the housing market I was forced into taking a redundancy deal and working freelance. In that time I have worked for Taylor Wimpey Group, JJ Gallagher, Wates and several smaller sub contractors completing commercial and project management roles.

I am however currently looking for a long term full time employed commercial management role.

I am a CIOB Member and have been Treasurer of both Wolverhampton Centre and Staffordshire Branch and Chairman of Wolverhampton and Shropshire Centre 2005 to 2007. I have been involved with BCCEC since 2008 taking over the Treasurers role when the previous treasurer had to step down due to unfortunate illness from which she has thankfully now recovered.

My other interests include the History of the Black Country and the Industrial Revolution, Rugby Union, Classic British Cars and Motorcycles; I own a Primrose Yellow 1970 Series 2 FHC E-Type Jaguar and I would now like to restore a large saloon car of the 1950s such as a Mark 9 Jaguar or an Armstrong Siddley Star Sapphire.

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