



Thatch Sweeping Course

The Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps has recognized the need for specific training in the area of chimney sweeping in thatched properties. The **Thatch Sweeping Course** has been developed by Guild Technical Director Stefan Waumsley, a very experienced trainer, assessor and inspector. This unique and innovative course will help professional sweeps better understand the particular issues when working in thatched properties. In line with the Guild's commitment to improve industry standards it is open to all, regardless of association / trade affiliation. There is an attractive discount for Guild members.

Areas covered include:

- Examining and sweeping chimney systems with regard to thatch.
- The combustion of thatch.
- Building regulations and thatch.
- In-depth studies are covered as to why thatch fire occurs, what are the main causes.
- Recognize when the systems are improper due to faulty installation, wear and tear, damaged parts or incorrect operation of appliances.
- Insurance and thatch statistics.
- Identifying risks and suggesting valid corrective measures to owners in line with latest studies, HETAS information and fire service best practice advice.
- Candidates will be shown how to perform various tests / inspections on the flue / system.

Candidates receive a comprehensive manual with many detailed pictures which will prove very useful when explaining some of the issues to owners. A certificate of attendance will be issued.

The course costs **£250** inc. VAT – there is a generous discount for Guild members. Lunch and all refreshments included.

For further details / booking - please see the Training page on the Guild site or contact Guild Training Director David Woofindin on **01226 242357**