

David Odgers

Date of birth: 26/10/53

Nationality: British

Marital status: Married with two children

Educational qualifications: A level in Maths, Physics and Chemistry
B.Sc.(Hons) Chemistry

Conservation Employment History:

1980 – 1981 Trainee conservator on the West Front of Wells Cathedral

1981 – 1984 Apprentice conservator working under the guidance of Professor Robert Baker. Work included conservation of statuary on West Front of Exeter Cathedral and running the conservation programme at Crowland Abbey.

1984 – 2005 Partner and then Managing Director of Nimbus Conservation. Having set up the original partnership with three colleagues, the business became a limited company in 1991. It employed some fifty craftsmen and specialists. The company specialised in stone and monument conservation and has been involved in major projects such as:

- St. Paul's Cathedral
- Guildford Castle
- Albert Memorial
- West Front and interior of Bath Abbey
- Windsor Castle
- Roman Baths in Bath
- Truro Cathedral as well as many other historic buildings and archaeological sites in the UK

Responsible for development of all areas of company activity in addition to being project director for many of the major projects including four year cleaning and conservation programme to St. Paul's Cathedral.

1998 – 2005 Nimbus Consultancy - an independent business that provided a specialist service for all conservation professionals. This included condition reports; recommendations for repair; historical and archive research; technical advice including analysis; tendering and contractual advice and assistance in the management of conservation contracts. Examples include

English Heritage - reported on various properties including Bolsover Castle

Churches Conservation Trust - condition surveys and recommendations regarding treatments

Norwich Cathedral cloisters - three year monitoring programme to establish effect of new buildings on medieval masonry

2005 - Established Odgers Conservation Consultants to provide support, advice and training for clients, architects, surveyors, local authorities and others involved in the conservation of historic structures.

June 2005 - Heritage Advisor at St. Pancras station dealing with the interface between a civil engineering project (Channel Tunnel Rail link) and a Grade 1 listed building as well as principal liaison between English Heritage and client/contractor

Other professional activities:

Consultancy Riga Dom Cathedral, Riga, Latvia – advised on repair programme

Heritage Lottery Fund Associate Monitor for conservation programme at Cardiff Castle

Stralsund Town Hall, Germany – advised on repair programme to medieval brick and stone vaulting

Conservation Forum – researched and wrote Guidelines for the Commissioning and Undertaking of Conservation work

Academic City and Guilds College of Art, Kennington - lecturer in stone conservation 1991-2000

Architectural Association School of Architecture - lecturer on Practice and Philosophy of Stone Conservation

West Dean College – contributor to stone cleaning course, part of the Building

Professional Accredited Conservator of Institute of Conservation

Elected Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts

Chairman Institute of Conservation Stone and Wall Painting group 2005

Commissioner on the Churches and Cathedrals Commission for the Church in Wales

Member of ASCHB, ICOMOS, IIC and other professional bodies

Member of Steering Group for Training in Architectural Conservation research programme

Publications Editor and main contributor to The Column (magazine of UKIC Stone Section) 1988 -1990

The Conservation of Marble (The Building Conservation Directory 1994)

Stone Conservation Problems in the Cross gallery of the Riga Dom complex (ASCHB Transactions Volume 15)

The conservation of the interior of St. Paul's Cathedral – Conservation News October 2002

Contributor to forthcoming book on the Care of Ruins (published by Butterworth-Heinemann)

The Role of the Conservator – Private Passion and Public Perception (Icon News January 2006) Masterclass series

Member of Industry Advisory panel for stone masonry and conservation course at Weymouth College

Frequent lecturer on conservation matters to various bodies (RICS, SPAB, Museum of London)

Assessor for Institute of Conservation Accreditation scheme