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Damp and mould need more than a sticking plaster

Damp and mould have always been a concern in housing, but with the introduction of Awaab's Law this month, social housing landlords will face new responsibilities and some significant challenges – and there's an expectation that this will be rolled out to the private rental sector in due course.

To help the sector prepare, one of our suppliers, Mapei, hosted 'Understanding Awaab's Law: Mould, Damp and Legal Duty', an event that brought together contractors, suppliers and social housing landlords to gain a deeper understanding of what's to come.

Kenwood was proud to be part of the conversation, with Business Development Manager Micheal Pierri joining experts from INCA, Property Care Association (PCA) and Mouldex Ltd, to share our insights into the latest legislation and what it means for everyone going forward.

Michael delivered an informative presentation called 'Dampness In Buildings: Surveys and Systems, Above and Below the Ground'. It was a great opportunity to highlight the importance of getting to the root cause of the problem as part of a landlord's duty to repair dangerous hazards, such as dampness and mould within

a prescribed timescale. These timescales are intended to ensure the environment within a property does not become hazardous to the physical or mental health and wellbeing of the occupants, by ensuring the repair of dangerous defects before they cause harm.

Michael also shared insight into the causes of damp and mould, how tenants can impact the conditions, the importance of ventilation, the types of damp and the treatments they need.

Damp and Mould are curable and preventable, but they can affect any building – structurally if left untreated – and have a detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of the occupants. It is essential these defects are investigated thoroughly and remedied in a timely fashion, ensuring the root cause is identified and treated in an appropriate manner.

[Read Michael's full report](#)

In this edition, we're focusing on damp and mould and condensation, the early signs and how to combat them. Read on for more



Meet Michael

Many of you will know Michael Pierri, our Business Development Manager as he is regularly out and about. He has been with Kenwood for 25 years, working his way up through the business. We felt it was time to formally introduce the faces behind our brand, and Michael is such a valuable asset to our customers and our business. He leads the way with his technical knowledge and is great at keeping his finger on pulse of the market, signposting new opportunities and methods that keep our products and services innovative and relevant. This is particularly important as we look to expand both our service offering and our geographical reach. He's a true ambassador for Kenwood and someone the whole team looks up to as he always goes the extra mile.



Welcome to Condensation Season

As the days become darker and much colder, condensation and mould can start to creep in. Condensation is one of the early warning signs of major contributors to damp and mould. Small condensation issues can often escalate into major concerns, so it's important to stay ahead of the problem and take preventative steps

What is condensation?

Condensation is caused by excess moisture building up indoors. Everyday activities such as, cooking, cleaning, drying clothes, and even breathing releases moisture into the air. Without proper ventilation, this moisture settles on cold surfaces and can lead to damp problems.

How to prevent it?

Ventilation is key to improving air quality and reducing excess moisture to create a mould-free environment to protect people and properties.

At Kenwood, we offer condensation control systems which cover everything you need – from simple extractor ventilators and single room solutions, to full positive pressure ventilation systems, which displace and dilute moisture-laden air and ensure air circulation within the property. They are designed to improve ventilation and eliminate condensation problems - whether in a single room or across an entire property. We also offer a hassle-free Health Check service where units are serviced annually and properties are inspected.

What happens if you ignore it?

If condensation is ignored, especially on windows, walls, or ceilings, it can cause:

- **Mould and mildew growth:** Moisture creates ideal conditions for mould, which can damage surfaces and pose health risks (e.g., respiratory issues).

- **Structural damage:** Over time, persistent moisture can weaken wood, plaster, and insulation.
- **Peeling paint and wallpaper:** Damp surfaces can cause finishes to deteriorate.
- **Unpleasant odours:** Musty smells often accompany mould and dampness.
- **Increased heating costs:** Damp air takes more energy to heat, making your home less efficient.

Damp and mould don't just cause damage to your property. They can cause major health issues. Whether you're a housing provider, private landlord or a homeowner with condensation issues, Kenwood can help.

Get in touch with the experts today for advice or to book a survey:

www.kenwoodplc.co.uk/condensation-control



Concerned about damp and mould – scan the code to find out more about the early warning signs you need to look out for this winter.

Check out our new vans!

We're really excited to see our new brand come to life and particularly proud of the latest additions to our fleet. Not only do they look great, but they're also enabling us to travel further to support customers from Brighton to Birmingham, and everywhere in between!



What to expect when working with us:



Submit Enquiry



Book Survey



Undertake Survey



Receive a written report



Undertake works



Issue guarantee

Accreditation update

We've been investing in our people and supporting our team to gain some professional qualifications to support them in their roles.

Congratulations to: Micheal Pierri for achieving his CSSW accreditation – he is now a Certificated Surveyor in Structural Waterproofing. Accredited by the PCA in partnership with ABBE (Awarding Body for the Built Environment). This qualification certifies expertise in structural waterproofing, particularly in diagnosing defects and specifying waterproofing systems for below-ground structures. It's essential for professionals working on basement conversions, structural waterproofing design, and damp-related issues.



Hemel Athletic Youth FC

We're really proud to be the new home kit sponsors for Hemel Athletic Youth FC. It's brilliant to be part of something that brings the community together and gives young players a chance to grow through the game. And we're really pleased to be able to support Michael Hennessy, Damp Proofing Specialist with his passion outside of work.



Where we've worked

Over the last 43 years, we've worked in all sorts of buildings – from flats to famous historic buildings in London, such as The Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, and The Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors Head Office.

We work with architects, contractors, landlords and homeowners, to cure and prevent dampness and mould issues in buildings they are designing, building or maintaining.



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