



Russell Gourlay

Having left what was then Sheffield Polytechnic, now Sheffield Hallam University, around 40 years ago, with a degree in Land Economics, Russell Gourlay was faced with a wide choice of career paths, all property related, but diverse in their scope.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, of which Russell became a Fellow some 25 years ago, is still one of the broadest professional bodies, although to many largely unknown. See <https://www.rics.org/uk/>

As a managing Partner in a Nottingham firm prior to retiring, Russell has had a varied career, from conducting dozens of public property auctions, advised on commercial residential and rural property for sales, tax purposes and family division, appearing as an expert witness in the High Court London in a property dispute, whilst meeting and often befriending a wide and enjoyable client base.

Prior to the early 1980's most local estate agents would be Chartered Surveyors offering not just house and commercial property sales, but also a wide spectrum of property expertise, from auctions and surveys, to land measurement and tax advice.

As with all professions the increasing complexity of the law has necessitated much more specialisation in the various aspects of property. Whilst most estate agents are now corporate owned businesses run outside of the RICS, many smaller East Midlands firms are still busy and successful qualified Surveyors.

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