

# The National Association of Chimney Sweeps



## Chimney Sweep Training Course

*UK's Number 1 Trade Association for Professional Chimney Sweeps*

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*Thank you for your interest in the NACS Chimney Sweep Training Course, and subsequently becoming a NACS Chimney Sweep Member. You will find details below regarding the Chimney Sweep Training Course itself, and then further details regarding the National Association of Chimney Sweeps (NACS) and other courses on offer throughout.*

## **NACS Chimney Sweep Training Course Outline**

- Course Aim:** This course is aimed at both novice and experienced sweeps. It will provide delegates with knowledge and practical experience, which will enable them to confidently work as a Chimney Sweep and trade as a NACS Member.
- Course Duration:** 5 days in total (four days training at the centre, the fifth day of training and assessment will be in the area where you reside with an Area Assessment Inspector).
- Course Times:** Day 1 - 4: **8.45am on site for 9.00am Start – Finish 5.00pm to 5.30pm**
- Entry Requirement:** No chimney sweeping experience is necessary. All candidates must demonstrate a good basic understanding of literacy, numeracy and reading skills i.e. be able to complete the training certificate of chimney sweeping and warning notices etc. prior to assessment. All candidates must have a copy of the current Building Regulation Document J, or Scottish Building Regulations (SBR)
- Tasks Include:** There are practical workshop assessments i.e. sweeping of chimneys and PPE must be worn at all times. In addition, there is a written assessment paper that all candidates must complete.
- Course Location:** National Association of Chimney Sweeps, National Chimney Training Centre, Emerald Way, Stone Business Park, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0SR
- What the course will cover:**
- Flues & Ventilation/ How Chimneys Work/Smoke Testing
  - Solid Fuel Appliance Types and Safely Removing Components to Sweep Flues
  - The Chimney Sweeps Tool Kit/ Equipment and use
  - Sealing up Access Cleaning Points/Soot Doors and Inspection Points
  - Practical instruction and experience on Manual and Rotary Sweeping Methods
  - CCTV use for inspection work / Diagnosing Dangerous Faults on Chimneys
  - Identification & use of Chimney Pots/Chimney Cowls/ Flue Terminals
  - Building Regulations and British Standards
  - Health & Safety/PPE /Soot Disposal/Best Practice/Documentation
  - Question & Answer session, Summary & further training options
- What is provided:**
- NACS Training Manual (Guidance Notes)
  - Lunch & Refreshments (Special dietary requirements must be emailed in advance at least 14 days prior to the course date)
- What to bring with you:**
- PPE – to include overalls, P3 disposable dust masks, long sleeve polo shirt or sweatshirt, safety footwear & gloves. A full list will be provided with your booking confirmation email.
  - You will need to arrange your own accommodation (if required). A list of local accommodation will be provided with your training course confirmation email.
- Course Qualification & Career Progression:** Following successful completion of your assessment, you will receive the NACS qualification of Chimney Sweeping, which covers both manual chimney sweeping, rotary power sweeping methods and CCTV training. Once qualified you will be able to trade as a NACS Member\* and have the confidence to start working as a Chimney Sweep.

*\*Note – Novices may need additional training*

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## **BENEFITS OF NACS MEMBERSHIP**

- ❖ Extensive Training Programme for both experienced and novice Chimney Sweeps at the National Chimney Training Centre, which is owned and ran by the NACS
- ❖ NACS strives to gain credibility with the local authorities, government departments, and heating companies to use NACS Registered & Qualified Chimney Sweeps
- ❖ NACS Members have exclusive use of the industry recognised NACS Certificate of Chimney Sweeping
- ❖ To be listed & promoted on the NACS Website under the area you cover “Sweep Search”
- ❖ Personalised Annual NACS Member I.D Badge
- ❖ Use of the NACS Nationally recognised Logos
- ❖ Dedicated NACS Office Team with full-time staff ready to take your call
- ❖ Free Heat Your Home Safely Leaflets, which are produced by the NACS exclusively for its Members
- ❖ Use of NACS promotional items including van stickers, embroidered badges etc
- ❖ Free Technical Advice Hotline and assistance where required
- ❖ Online NACS Webshop for merchandise, tools & equipment
- ❖ Access to the NACS Members only section on the NACS Website to access up to date information, documents, easy and simple way of renewing annual membership online; no lengthy forms to fill in etc
- ❖ Annual AGM all Members Welcome
- ❖ Extensive range of Advanced Training Courses at the National Chimney Training Centre
- ❖ Regular advertising of the NACS and its Members in local and national magazines, trade publications, and online websites.
- ❖ NACS online Members Newsletters, which include regular offers for NACS Members only
- ❖ Strength and unity of the UK’s Largest National Trade Association for Chimney Sweeps
- ❖ Discounts on products and services from NACS Associate Members



**Bronze**



**Silver**



**Gold**

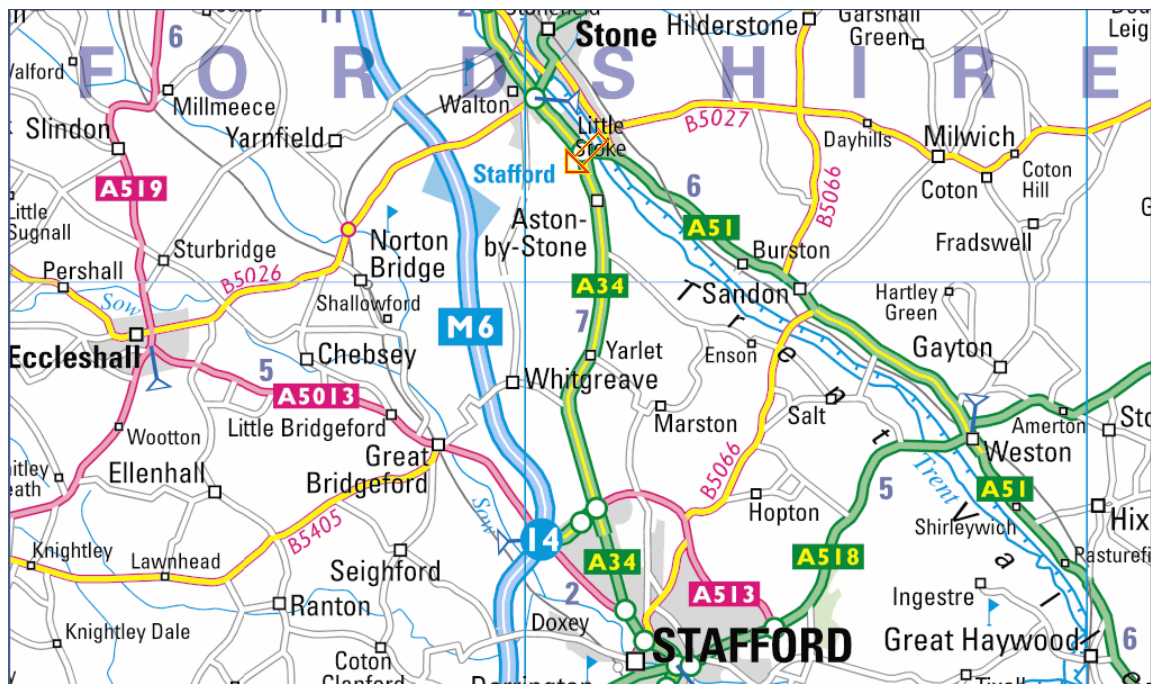
## How to book your course

You can book your place online in the training course section at [www.nacs.org.uk](http://www.nacs.org.uk) where you can find the course dates and prices. The NACS website is continuously and automatically updated therefore all course dates showing on the website have availability. All bookings are made on a first come first served basis and must be booked online by the candidate. Full payment will be required at the time of booking in order to secure your place. Payment online can be made by debit card, credit card, or BACS transfer. There are no charges for paying by any of these methods. Alternatively, you can telephone Martin P Glynn on 01785 336555 option 1 or 07507 604917 to discuss the course and any discounts that may be available or email [training@nacs.org.uk](mailto:training@nacs.org.uk)

## Accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the price of the course, and it is the responsibility of candidates to book and pay for their own accommodation and expenses. Details of local accommodation will be included in the confirmation pack, which is sent out once a course booking has been made.

## Location Map & Directions



### **From South**

Leave M6 at Junction 14 and turn right onto A34 following signs to Stone. Staying on the A34, pass through two roundabouts and continue towards Stone for approx 5 miles. At the roundabout turn left onto Brooms Road, then left again onto Emerald Way (Stone Business Park). The NACS National Chimney Training Centre is located on the left.

### **From North**

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## **About NACS**

Formed in 1982, The National Association of Chimney Sweeps (NACS) was the first ever UK Chimney Sweeping Association. The NACS was put together by Chimney Sweeps in order to promote high standards for the sweeping industry, including the inspection and maintenance of Chimneys. With nearly 700 Members, the NACS is recommended by all major fuel organisations, including the Solid Fuel Association, HETAS, and OFTEC.

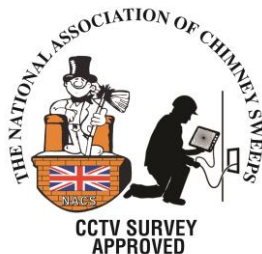
The NACS owns and runs its own Chimney Sweeping Training Centre, appropriately named the “National Chimney Training Centre” which is conveniently based in Stone, Staffordshire.

NACS Members work strictly to the NACS Code of Conduct © 1982 and the National Code of Practice for the cleaning of Chimneys. On completion of work, NACS Sweeps issue a NACS Certificate of Chimney Sweeping, and recommend when future cleaning is necessary.

## **Other Training Courses at the National Chimney Training Centre**

Other Training Courses ran at the NACS National Chimney Training Centre in Stone, Staffordshire include:-

- CCTV Inspection & Survey
- Flue Smoke Testing
- Flexible Flue Linings
- Thatch Chimney Safety



**You can book any of these training courses online in the training course section at [www.nacs.org.uk](http://www.nacs.org.uk) where you can find the course dates and prices for each course.**

If you require any further information on training courses, then please do not hesitate to contact the NACS Office where a member of the team will be more than happy to help.



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**We look forward to welcoming you to the NACS National Chimney Training Centre!**