



I started Pink Plumbers in August 2003 once my children were at school full time, my intention being to learn a trade to contribute towards my ex-husband and I building a house. Sadly we split up during the planning process, however, I ended up with my own business and new career path. Originally I trained as an Occupational Therapist at Oxford, where I learned woodwork and went on to develop this skill over 10 years while having a family. I built the interior of a 38ft coach with beds, cot, playpen, living room and kitchen. This turned out to be my apprenticeship, learning the use of tools, problem solving and attention to detail. I then needed to apply this to plumbing and learn the skills involved.

I trained at Aylesbury College completing the City and Guilds Technical Certificate in Plumbing. This taught me to do everything on the Hot and Cold water supply including installing bathrooms. At this point my business started with friends asking me to fix their dripping taps, and has built from there. I have since trained in Unvented Systems, Underfloor Heating and Power Flushing, though I have chosen to undertake mostly small jobs that take up to a couple of days, so I am available to serve people usually within a week. These include cylinder/tank replacements, shower installations, and of course taps, ballcocks, leaks, outside taps, etc.

Before I was a plumber I saw a need for women to be involved in the trades, as naturally I think we care more and have better people skills. This does not mean that all men do not! As a result I am creating a new plumbing business in London with another female plumber, both as Directors, which will have both men and women working in it. I will carry on plumbing here in Bucks and Herts, though, because I really enjoy helping people in such a practical way!

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