



The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences 1959-2019

1959

A group of forensic scientists decide to set up the Forensic Science Society (FSSoc) over a pint in the pub! Inaugural meeting held at Nottingham University. First President Dr JB Firth.



April 1960

1st Symposium held titled "The Investigation of Fatal Road Accidents". Journal of the Forensic Science Society first published.



October 1972

Education sub-committee established to "investigate education and training in the Forensic Sciences in the broadest sense".



October 1976

Clarke House offices purchased in Harrogate.



March 1984

Affiliation with California Association Criminalists (CAC)



1995

First issue of interfaces published. Journal becomes Science & Justice.

2002

First website launched



July 2004

Becomes a Professional body



October 2009

Celebration of 50th anniversary in the presence of HRH Princess Anne



October 2013

Awarded a Royal Charter and becomes The Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences

July 2016

Clarke House sold and staff move into modern offices



June 2019

Celebrating 60th anniversary with the Past President's Ball in Harrogate.

1935

Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory opened at Hendon.



1972

William Bass opens first "Body Farm"



1984

Sir Alec Jeffreys discovers technique of genetic fingerprinting

1996

Police National Computer (PNC) introduced in UK



February 2008

Appointment first Forensic Science Regulator



2007

National Footwear database launched



December 2010

Closure Forensic Science Service (FSS) announced

March 2018

Forensic Science Regulator Bill introduced in the House of Commons – to establish statutory powers for the Forensic Science Regulator.

