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Summary

Matt Barklem

is a professional lighting technician, best boy, and Gaffer within the British television and film industry. Based on his extensive credits, he has worked on major productions like Call the Midwife and Detectorists and many more.

Below is a Professional Summary of a

Highly experienced lighting professional with over a decade of experience in high end television (HETV) and feature films with a keen eye for detail and a Proven track record in managing lighting crews, operating generators, and ensuring electrical safety on large-scale sets. Specialised in "Best Boy" duties, coordinating equipment and personnel to support Gaffers and Cinematographers.

Please feel free to have a look on IMDB for other information of productions and shoots that may not be listed. Please see here some of my

Key Technical Film and Television Series Credits such as,

- **Call the Midwife (2020–2024)** – Best Boy / Electrician and 2nd Unit Gaffer (34 episodes)
- **Trigger point (2025)** Lighting Technician
- **Strike 2025-(2026)** Lighting Technician
- **The Capture (2025)** Lighting Technician
- **The Lady (2025)** Practical Lighting Dept.
- **Merman Hestia (2026)** Practical Lighting Dept
- **The Forsytes (Upcoming)** – Best Boy (2 episodes)
- **Detectorists (2014–2015)** – Electrician (5 episodes)
- **Grantchester Series 4 to 11–** Electrician, and 2nd unit Gaffer. Series End **(2025)**
- **Killing Eve Series 3 (2020)** Lighting Truck and Floor
- **Love Matters (2013)** – Generator Operator

Feature Films Include,

- **The Six Triple Eight (2024)** – Standby Practical Electrician (UK Unit)
- **Elsinore (2025)** Both Practical and shoot Crew Lighting Technician.
- **The Loss Adjuster (2019)** – Lighting Technician
- **Gatecrash (2019)**– Best Boy
- **Sometimes Always Never (2018)** – Best Boy Electrician.
- **Ravers (2018)** Lighting Technician.
- **Fast And Furious 6 (2013)** Gene Operator.
- **Snow white And The Huntsman (2012)** Lighting Technician Daily's.
- **Thor (2011)** Lighting Technician Daily's.
- **St George's Day (2012)** – Genny Operator / Lighting Technician, London , Amsterdam and Berlin.
- **20,000 Days On Earth** Lighting Technician.
- **WE Rigging Crew (2011.)**

Core Skills

- **Lighting Management:** Best Boy coordination and crew / Equipment supervision.
 - **Electrical Safety:** Practical lighting on set and generator operation.
 - **Temporary Electricals BS7909**
 - **HGV Lighting and Gene Truck Driver.**
 - **Production Support:** Experience in high-pressure UK and international TV units..
 - **Problem Solving and Logistics**
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Experience

Lighting Technician

Hestia Productions | London | April 2026 - Current

- Focused lighting instruments to create desired effects for shoot, enhancing visual impact in practical lighting department.

Lighting Technician

Elsinore , Sweet Prince Film Productions | London | February 2026 - March 2026

Assisted with practical lighting before transitioning to the shooting crew lighting department and collaborated with both teams during derig.

Lighting Technician

The Running Grave Ltd Productions | London | November 2025 - February 2026

Executed daily lighting setups and adjustments for shooting crew, enhancing visual quality and continuity of productions.

Lighting Technician, Charge Hand & 2nd Unit Gaffer

Kudos Productions GRANTCHESTER | London and Surrounding areas. | June 2025 - November 2025

Grantchester series 11 the final one, I took up my role as Lighting Technician, set floor charge hand and 2nd Unit Gaffer. I had worked on this show alongside other things over the years from series 4.

Lighting Technician

"THE CAPTURE" S3 HTVP Ltd. | London and Surrounding areas. | March 2025 - June 2025

- Coordinated effective lighting for the shoot crew during Series 3 of "THE CAPTURE."

Lighting Technician Shoot Crew

"TRIGGER POINT" HTM TP Ltd. | January 2025 - March 2025

- Daily Lighting Technician on shooting crew.

Skills

- Lighting control
 - Equipment maintenance
 - Risk assessment
 - Technical liaison
 - Project management
 - Safety compliance
 - Team collaboration
 - Problem resolution
 - Positive attitude
 - Customer service excellence
 - Electrical wiring
 - Time-management
 - Decision making
 - Team Leadership
 - Effective communication
 - Technical troubleshooting
 - Product knowledge
 - Project planning
 - Power distribution
 - Physically Fit
 - Strong leadership
 - Attention to Detail
 - Organised
 - Risk Management
 - Crew management
 - Physical stamina
 - Health and Safety Compliance
 - Stress tolerance
 - Self-motivation
 - Time efficiency
 - Critical-thinking
 - Stress management
 - Lighting techniques
 - Rigging expertise
 - Ethical decision making
 - Spotlight operation
 - Customer Service
 - Creative thinking
 - Active listening
 - Relationship-building
 - Strategic leadership
 - Strategic planning
 - Effective leader
 - Conflict Resolution
 - Safety standards
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Education

100 % Pass: WORKING AT HIEGHTS

E Learning | Bedford, BDF | 2026

- This course covered all the dangers of basically working at any sort of height, to help conduct ourselves in a safe way while working above the ground with a risk of falling.

100 % Pass: Risk awareness And Safety Course

FIRST OPTION TRAINING | London, ENG | 2025

- This was a course we were asked to do while working for Neal Street Productions, covering all the potential hazards of working on and around TV studios and sets in general.

100 % Pass: PTS Or Personal Track Safety

Network Rail | Romford, HAV | 2018

- For a while, I did subcontractor work on track maintenance for Network Rail
- This course involved training for work on live-running railway lines all over the country, working around the overhead electrical wires, and working near the third live electric rail on the ground south of the River Thames
- This was safety-critical work that had all the potential to be quite dangerous if we were not on the ball

CLASS 1: HGV

CTT HGV Training | Leighton Buzzard, CBF | 2003

- I ended up doing my Class 1 HGV and used that as work between any TV shoots in those early days of my career.

Class 2: HGV

Road Train HGV Training | South Mimms, HRT | 1998

- I did my HGV 2 course and had Geni Trucks in my sights even back then.

NVQ Level 3: Trained Mechanic

Waltham Forest College | London | 1997

- Trained for over three years as a car mechanic alongside working as a runner on Top of the Pops and various shows at Elstree, where I began to make my path into the TV industry.

GCSEs: TV AND FILM STUDIES

Epping Forest College | Epping, ESS | 1995

- I completed this course at college when I began to realise that the TV industry was where I wanted to head for.

Certifications

- Safety of Temporary Electricals BS7909

Hobbies and interests

- To wind down of a weekend I spend my time driving steam locomotives and sometimes work as a loco fitter on the maintenance side of things.
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Driving licence

- Full Clean Diving Licence
- HGV Class 1
- Full Motorbike