



GET IN TOUCH

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FARM PROPERTY & AGRICULTURAL SERVICES



Our agricultural law solicitors have close links with the farming community, so we have a good understanding of agricultural issues and the problems you might face.

We can help with:

- Advice on farm business tenancies.
- Advice about business structures and employment issues.
- Animal health & welfare.
- Utility company and telecom easements and leases.
- Capital taxes, trusts and wills.
- Contract and share farming agreements.
- Options, planning and development issues.
- Environmental law.
- EU legislation, grants and quotas.
- Farm diversification.
- Sporting rights.

Employment, environmental or other legal issues? We can help.

There are many challenges which are unique to this industry which is why we don't just offer legal advice, but also provide business advice and friendly support.

Employment law is constantly changing and can be a minefield. This is an area where a claim by an employee can cost you a lot of money.

Allowing a utility or telecom company to take an easement through your land could affect the whole of it so requires careful consideration.

The environment is a highly regulated area following concerns over the preservation of the natural environment. This has sparked a plethora of new legislation regarding land use in terms of waste management, water and air pollution.

Our agricultural team have the up-to-date knowledge of the legislation which affects you and can advise you and assist you in avoiding civil and criminal sanctions.

We can help with:

- Employment law issues in your sector, such as seasonal workers, redundancy pay or compensation.
- Agricultural wages.
- Farm workers accommodation.
- Environmental due diligence.
- Contractual arrangements concerning the Single Farm Payment Scheme (SFP).
- Assisting with planning permission for agricultural dwellings and buildings, diversification schemes and other land uses or development.
- Agreements and leases with utility & telecom companies.

At Bowcock & Pursaill we have been helping farmers and landowners with a whole range of issues relating to agricultural law and other matters which affect them since 1927.

There has never been a greater need than now for farmers and landowners to get the best specialist legal advice. The pace of change in the law is ever-increasing and the amount of new regulations affecting this sector is greater than ever.

We are members of the Agriculture Law Association and our team work with farm owners, tenant farmers, farm workers and other professionals who assist these groups.

We have a reputation for specialising in agricultural development and commercial property, tax planning, trusts, wealth management and commercial services, and can provide all the other services you would expect from a modern, progressive law firm.

With easily accessible offices in Leek, Uttoxeter and Stoke-on-Trent, our agricultural team (below) can provide you with expert legal advice that meets your needs.

Planning to sell your farm or purchase new land?

Buying and selling land or agricultural property can be a complicated affair, with various aspects of the process having to be taken into consideration.

To make sure everything is completed as quickly and easily as possible, it is important for you to seek legal advice from solicitors who have experience of working in this area.

If you are planning to sell your farm, you should contact your solicitor before starting the marketing so that together you can discuss any issues which need consideration, for example:

- Is the legal title to the farm properly in place?
- Do the boundaries on the ground equate to the boundaries as described in the title deeds?
- Do any access or service rights need to be formalised by deed?
- Have all the required consents been obtained under building regulations for works carried out to the farm?
- Are all planning permissions in place?
- Have steps been taken to terminate or otherwise deal with any tenants or licensees occupying land or buildings on the farm?

Our team will talk through the implications of a sale and guide you through the process in a quick and efficient manner.

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Protecting your family, your business and your future

We understand that family issues can be especially complicated for those involved in agriculture because, for many farmers and owners of farming businesses, life and work are inextricably mixed.

We will work closely with you to help you to provide for and to protect your family, your business and your future.

We will work to find creative, tax-effective strategies which will allow the farm or farming business to continue.

We can help with:

- Wills which are tax efficient and provide the best structure for future generations.
- Minimising tax liabilities on the death of a spouse.
- Estate/succession planning.
- Family Trusts.
- Transfer of assets.
- Partnership disputes.
- Family/matrimonial advice in the event of a relationship breakdown.

We believe that understanding your business is essential to ensure effective succession, and to safeguard the farm for the next generation.

Our priority is to understand your concerns and to offer the best legal solutions for your business or for you personally.

