



Profile of **Jane Bastin**

After obtaining her honours degree in law from Durham University Jane trained in Derby during which time she had the opportunity to deal with a variety of different agricultural property matters. She qualified in 1981 and thereafter worked in the legal department of The National Trust in London where she dealt with property work on some of the Trust's largest land holdings, including Kinder Scout and Cadair Idris.

On returning to Derbyshire she spent seven years as an assistant solicitor with the Derbyshire Building Society in Duffield, followed by six years running the Ashbourne branch office of a Derby based firm dealing

again with property related matters.

Jane brings to the team a wealth of experience particularly in rural property matters and now acts as a conveyancing consultant with the firm.



Profile of **Victoria Wellesley-Smith**

Having been brought up on an arable farm in East Yorkshire, Victoria has always been close to the land. She went from home to Bristol University to read archaeology and history of art before qualifying as a solicitor in 2000.

Throughout her career she has specialised in agricultural law, training and working for one of the North West's leading agricultural law practices. Over the years she has gained valuable experience in a number of areas including the buying and selling of farms, negotiating claw back and pre-emption provisions, creating and terminating farm business

tenancy agreements, dealing with landlord and tenant disputes, Single Payment Scheme issues, tenancy succession cases, problems relating to moorland, common land and sheep gates and the creation and dissolution of farming partnerships.

She believes in keeping the client properly and clearly informed by providing a practical and methodical service tailored to the individual client's needs.

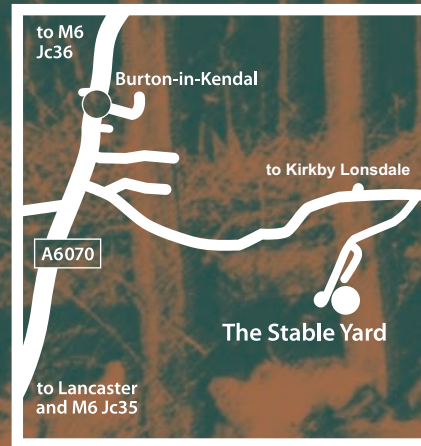


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Profile of Nigel Davis

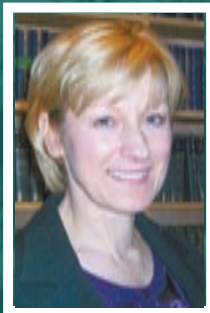
Director, Nigel is one of the UK's leading agricultural law specialists with a career spanning more than thirty years.

In recent editions of Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession, peers acknowledge that Nigel has a "unique understanding of the issues facing working farmers" is a "sound technician with a huge personality" and has "enormous experience within the field".

Nigel Davis' depth of specialist knowledge is "legendary". Clients turn to him on difficult files and "very knotty problems" on account of his "pre-eminent knowledge" of CAP reform, land tribunals, arbitrations and animal welfare issues. Peers and clients alike commend his adept handling of complex matters.

In addition to being a well respected agricultural lawyer, Nigel is involved in the agricultural industry in a number of other ways

- Lecturer and speaker at seminars and conferences for many professional and agricultural organisations, author of and a contributor to various agricultural and legal publications
- Past chairman of the Agricultural Law Association and an office holder and member of various agricultural and livestock breed societies
- A livestock panel judge and sheep farmer
- Nigel is also an accredited mediator, and a director of MADRA Ltd.



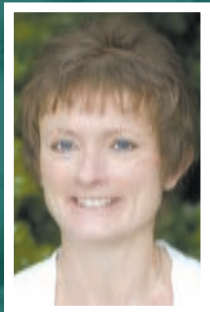
Profile of Wanda Goodhead

Wanda has been close to the land throughout her life, having graduated from Warsaw University in classical archaeology. Following a spell in her husband's family business, and part-time teaching at Keele University, she qualified as a solicitor in 1994 with a well known North Staffordshire commercial practice.

Since then, Wanda has worked in several North Staffordshire law firms, dealing with a variety of tasks from litigation to commercial and property law.

After a spell as a consultant, advising Polish and British businesses, she pursued her interest in property by joining the commercial department of a Manchester Legal 500 firm, where she spent five years specialising in commercial property work.

Wanda who has a long standing interest in the countryside and rural matters believes that a practical approach is required in relation to land and property transactions.



Profile of Pauline Drake

Having been brought up in the country Pauline qualified as a solicitor in 1984. She has practised with law firms in the West Country both as a partner and a sole practitioner dealing with a broad range of property matters.

Pauline has a sound understanding of property law and her priorities, when dealing with client's affairs, are a practical approach to law, coupled with personal service, and client care.



Profile of Matthew Elias

Director, Matthew Elias began his working life as a livestock farmer, and subsequently qualified as a solicitor, training with a leading North Staffordshire firm of solicitors.

His 'hands on experience' gives him an ability to work together with farming clients to ensure practical solutions to their problems.

Matthew specialises in the areas of wills and probate, tax planning and trusts.

In addition to his membership of the Agricultural Law Association and Society of Trust and Estate

Practitioners he is also a member of the Derby and District Law Society.

He is a former committee member of the Derbyshire Rural Helpline and the Ashbourne National Farmers Union and a former chairman of Ashbourne Young Farmers Club.



Profile of Sarah Stubbs

Sarah comes from a well-known local farming family and is a former employee of the National Farmers' Union. After making the decision to pursue a career as a Legal Executive she moved to a leading North Staffordshire legal practice and remained at that practice until joining Nigel Davis.

Specialising in wills, probate and tax planning matters her work often includes the use of Deeds of Variation of Wills and Trusts. She also has experience in Receiverships and Conveyancing.

Sarah has a keen interest in farming which gives her an invaluable insight into the legal requirements of the farming community.

Sarah is a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives and now acts as a consultant with the firm.



Nigel Davis Solicitors has achieved a top ranking in the most recent edition of Chambers UK.



Profile of Oliver Wilson

Director, Oliver Wilson was raised in a close-knit Staffordshire Moorlands farming community. Having started his working life in the drawing office of an agricultural engineering firm, he later moved abroad to Greece for some years where he worked in contract-farming. Returning to the UK in his late twenties, Oliver pursued his interest in rural law and business, obtaining a degree in law before going on to qualify as a solicitor; and then somewhat inevitably joining our firm within five years of qualification.

Oliver is head of the firm's litigation and dispute resolution department. He personally specialises in disputes concerning rural property and livestock of all varieties, but also regularly handles cases concerning inheritance, partnership, trespass, insolvency, and commercial affairs. Oliver believes that a firm and robust approach coupled with a sensible view on compromise is often the shrewdest and most economic formula for dispute resolution. Oliver is a member of the Agricultural Law Association.



Profile of Louise Corbett

A farmer's daughter, Louise, qualified as a solicitor, and came into the legal profession in 1993. She practised with two local firms, dealing with a broad range of agricultural, and other matrimonial, personal injury, criminal and civil litigation work.

Louise has extensive knowledge of matrimonial, litigation and all court systems, as well as hands-on experience of farming and agricultural matters. She brings a wealth of practical experience to the firm and acts as a matrimonial and litigation consultant.



Profile of Ian Sanderson

Raised in a South Yorkshire village, Ian has always had a keen interest in the countryside. After studying law at University in Norwich he entered the legal profession in 1992. Since then he has specialised in litigation including 5 years as Head of Litigation at a leading practice in his native area.

Ian's experience and no-nonsense approach to legal disputes combine to produce the most practical and cost effective solutions.

He is a keen shot, a qualified deer stalker and a member of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation.

Ian married into a North East Derbyshire farming family as a result of which he has a very much hands on knowledge of farming and the problems faced by the farming and rural communities.