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Farms and estates are much more than businesses and at Ashton Graham we recognise that farming is actually an industry in its own right, with its own set of specific rules. To help farmers and landowners deal with ever changing laws, we pride ourselves in having a team of experts covering a range of topics and hence offering expert specialist advice in a number of agri-business areas:

- Farm acquisitions and disposals
- Single payment scheme
- Option agreements
- Diversification, planning and change of use
- Rights of way and public access
- Environmental law
- European law
- Employment, health and safety
- Tenancies and rent reviews
- Succession claims
- Gravel extraction and waste disposal
- Wind power and telecommunication masts
- Compensation
- Arbitration
- Contract farming arrangements
- Tax and inheritance planning

Agricultural issues can often be complicated but here at Ashton Graham we have the expertise and knowledge to get to the heart of the issue. We'll work closely with other parties and organisations to ensure a seamless service is offered to resolve the situation.

With an agriculture department that was established over 100 years ago, Ashton Graham not only has a great understanding of the issues faced by today's farmer and landowner but we also keep abreast of all new and anticipated changes in the law to enable us to give professional and up to date advice.

We play an active role with the Farming Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) and the Best Alternative Land Enterprise (BALE) award, which we have sponsored since its inception.

To arrange an appointment or to simply find out more, please contact one of the agriculture team members listed.

The Agriculture Team

Jonathan Long, Partner and Head of the Agriculture Team

Jonathan is involved in a number of organisations that relate to farming including the CLA, NFU, Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group and the Suffolk Agricultural Association. Jonathan acts for landowners and farmers on a range of non-contentious matters including agricultural property, leasehold and freehold, passing on the family farm/estate to the next generation, wills, trusts and partnerships, footpaths, tax planning, diversification, contract farming and similar arrangements and general landlord and tenant issues. He is the Tenant Farmers' Association Panel Solicitor for the region and a member of the Agricultural Law Association.



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Matthew Potter, Partner

Matthew specialises in employment law with extensive experience in dealing with all areas of both contentious and non-contentious work. He has a particular expertise in employment tribunal claims, frequently appearing on behalf of employers. He also advises regularly on termination packages, redundancy and the drafting of staff and employee documentation.

David Hughes, Partner

David's main area of work is in the field of tax and estate planning, trusts and more complex wills, however he is also the partner in charge of Ashton Graham's Investment Management service based in Ipswich. David is qualified in Securities and Portfolio Management.

Polly Stephenson, Solicitor

Polly specialises in dispute resolution including commercial landlord and tenant litigation, sale of goods and consumer credit disputes, boundary disputes, product liability and breach of contract claims, professional negligence, insolvency, construction litigation, trust litigation and debt recovery. She also works with our Family Law Team on cohabitation issues.

David Barnes, Partner

David specialises in company commercial work including partnerships and Limited Liability Partnerships, foreign transactions, foreign disputes and claims and insolvency work. As a fluent French speaker David acts for a number of multi-nationals. He also continues to act for a number of farming businesses on their company, partnership and commercial work.

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