

Landed Estates Services



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Lodders is an established and thriving law firm that is built on providing outstanding legal advice to individuals and privately owned businesses. Based in Stratford upon Avon and with offices in Henley in Arden and Cheltenham, we combine thoughtful, intelligent advice with a highly personal service.

Owning and managing a landed estate, whether the property has been in the family for many generations or acquired more recently, presents a variety of legal and business issues. Looking after these issues requires a specialist team of lawyers, and with one of the most highly respected Agriculture and Estates departments in England and a nationally recognised Private Client department, we are uniquely placed to provide advice to landowners, trustees (including Settled Land Act trustees) and, their professional advisers.

Our team is respected nationally for our breadth of expertise and approachable, hands on manner. We offer our clients expert advice on all agricultural matters by combining the talents of our practitioners in the agricultural, private client, real estate and business departments. We give fast, and cost effective legal and business advice to farmers, landowners and trustees across England and Wales.

We have strong ties with the agricultural community and keep up to date by staying actively involved in the industry. Chambers Guide to the UK Legal Profession recognises us as one of the most highly respected agricultural teams in England.

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Many landed estate owners face difficult tax and succession issues. We can help you minimise the payment of capital taxes and advise on long term strategic estate planning to ensure the transfer of assets to the next generation.

The modern landed estate often involves far more than simply owning rural property. It may be run as a diversified commercial business with activities and concerns ranging from farming, property letting and development, sporting and commercial interests to agricultural holdings, tenancy structures, farm contract and share farming agreements, and diversification. We have the skills to advise on all these matters.



Landed estates often own heritage assets of artistic or historical importance. These may be buildings, works of art or collections of furniture or porcelain. We advise on taxation, maintenance funds, and ownerships and succession issues to help preserve heritage property for future generations.

Many of our advisers are active members of the Country Land and Business Association and we have representatives who sit on its committees. Our experience enables us to provide all the legal advice that owners and managers of landed estates require.

Our services include:

- Tax and succession planning
- Trusts and wills
- Heritage property
- Diversification
- Rural and conservation regulatory issues
- Buying and selling estates and rural property
- Agricultural, commercial and residential leases
- Powers of attorney and capacity

The handing down of landed estates through generations requires planning. It is important for the landed estate owner to spend time considering succession and inheritance tax planning, too often day-to-day farming and business decisions take precedence, and it is essential for the present owner to make a will to make sure that the person or persons intended to inherit do in fact inherit.

Failure to plan can lead to heirs who are incapable of managing the estate, and potential family conflict, leading to possibility of partition when those not involved wish to have "their" share. While the owner is alive and can discuss these matters, it is critical to address and resolve the conflicts that may arise from the three elements of the family and their expectations, ownership, and the business structures put in place to run the estate. We have the experience and expertise to assist you in this process, that may take place over a number of years.



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