



## Agriculture and law

Ashtons Legal knows the landscape of East Anglia well. It has been helping many of East Anglia's agricultural businesses both large and small for a long time. It is in the blood of our team's lawyers as most come from farming backgrounds.

Farms and estates are much more than businesses. They are homes and often financial centres for extended families. Understanding both the commercial and the cultural aspects of farming and the wider agricultural sector is essential background to providing an effective legal service.

Our agricultural lawyers cover all aspects of the law relating to farmers, landowners and agri-business and we aim to deliver practical, legal solutions in a professional and timely manner.

We are especially good at:

- Farm acquisitions and disposals
- Basic payment scheme
- Farm Partnerships
- Boundary questions
- Succession Planning
- Option agreements
- Diversification, planning and change of use
- Rights of way and public access
- Environmental law
- European law
- Planning for Brexit changes
- Employment, health and safety
- Tenancies and rent reviews
- Succession claims
- Gravel extraction and waste disposal
- Wind power and telecommunication masts
- Renewable energy
- Compensation
- Arbitration
- Contract farming arrangements
- Equestrian
- Dairy, cattle and sheep
- Chancel Liability
- Minerals
- Manorial Rights
- Pre-Nuptial and Divorce Settlements
- French Legal Services
- Studs and Equestrian
- Voluntary First Registration
- Parish Council Advice.

### Why Ashtons Legal?

Agricultural issues can be complicated. At Ashtons Legal we have the expertise and knowledge to get to the heart of the issue. We'll work closely with you, other parties and organisations to ensure a seamless service is offered to resolve the situation.

We help you to negotiate the minefield of European and domestic legislation, or validate ideas for diversification or regeneration. In fact, we are on hand to advise on the whole range of commercial and family issues which you know you need to deal with but would rather not have to think about. We encourage our client to pick up the phone to discuss issues without concerning themselves that the clock is ticking. Our approach to fees is one of openness and transparency, there are no unexpected surprises except possibly one of satisfaction and to that end we would be happy to put you in touch with our existing clients to hear from them how we go about our business.





**What others said in 2019:-**

“Ashtons Legal is ‘a leader in the field regionally’ and has ‘a local knowledge base without rival in the area’. Farming expert and team head Jonathan Long is a ‘reassuring adviser’ with 35 years’ experience at the firm and is ‘knowledgeable, technically sound, thorough and calm under pressure’. Veteran agricultural lawyer Jeanette Dennis is ‘commercially minded, meticulous and very astute’ whilst Simon Cunningham, who advises on land sales and alternative energy projects, and senior associate Rebecca Gatens are also recommended as ‘personable, conscientious and reliable’

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**Supporting our local farming community**

We are delighted to be sponsoring the Ian MacNicol Norfolk FWAG Farm and Wildlife Farm Award this year. The award is presented to the farmer who in the judge’s opinion has made the most significant contribution to wildlife conservation on their land.

In addition we shall also be taking an active part and supporting Norfolk FWAG’s popular farm walks. These summer events give access to the winner and runner up farms from the previous year’s award and present a great opportunity to see farm conservation in action. Further details can be found on the Norfolk FWAG website [norfolkfwag.co.uk](http://norfolkfwag.co.uk) or contact Toby Whittacker-Cook on: [Toby.Whittacker-Cook@ashtonslegal.co.uk](mailto:Toby.Whittacker-Cook@ashtonslegal.co.uk)

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