Headline Partner Profile

Knight Frank Rural

We provide rural management and consultancy services tailored to owning, investing in, and running farms and rural estates. Our specialist services are led by a deep understanding of the rural economy and practical knowledge of land and estate management.

Our rural consultants offer expertise in anything from succession planning and natural capital markets to English wine, solar farming and forestry. We work with landowners and farmers to create thriving, connected communities and sustainable estates where people can live, work, visit and stay.

Our consultancy is backed by cutting-edge technology and data-driven research as we prepare for a new era in the rural space. We work with you to find solutions to climate change, biodiversity and current challenges, to help shape a countryside for the future.

Our UK regional teams are based in various locations, so no matter where you are and what you need, we're here to help.

To learn more about our services, please contact James Farrell, james.farrell@knightfrank.co.uk or visit www.knightfrank.co.uk/rural

Partner Profiles

Financial Advice for Farmers powered by Integrity365

Our team of Independent Financial Advisers specialises in financial planning for British estates, farms, families and rural businesses.

Our experienced team understands the unique challenges and financial planning considerations that come with rural and agricultural life, and the profound impact our advice can have.

We are here to help you plan for:

- Passing on your land or business to future generations
- Inheritance Tax planning
- Selling land and investing the proceeds for the future
- Protecting your business and people
- Planning and saving for life in retirement.

We understand the deep-rooted, traditional values that resonate within rural communities, and take pride in fostering long-lasting relationships, which often span generations. We are completely independent as a business, meaning we have no ties to specific financial providers, which sets us apart. Instead, we search the whole of the market to find the right solution for each individual client.

Look out for the 'Financial Advice for Farmers powered by Integrity365' stand to speak to one of our Independent Financial Advisers today, or get in touch to arrange a no-obligation first meeting using the details below:

T: 01494 509 666
W: financialadviceforfarmers.co.uk
E: rural@integrity365.co.uk

Irwin Mitchell

Irwin Mitchell is the UK's leading full-service law firm, trusted by individuals and organisations to navigate life's most important, rewarding and challenging matters.

Land-based rural businesses face unique challenges, particularly increasing tax liabilities, unlocking diversified income and meeting the regulatory burden. Our specialist rural advisers help you to protect your assets, maximise opportunities, and plan for long-term success.

Whether you need support with property, tax, wealth structuring, planning and environmental, or family matters, we provide practical, commercial and easy-to-understand advice. We take the time to get to know you, your business, and your aspirations so you can move forward with confidence.

Discover more at www.irwinmitchell.com

Sumer Agriculture: Championing the UK's farming future

Sumer brings together rural expertise from across the UK. With over 200 specialists and more than 2,500 agricultural clients, we support farming, estate and rural businesses covering over a million acres. You'll still work with your local team, who know your land and your community. The difference is that you can call on national expertise whenever you need it.

Whether you're planning succession, exploring grants and environmental schemes, diversifying, or thinking about inheritance tax and investment, we'll give you clear, practical advice that fits around the farming calendar.

We're proud to support the CLA Rural Business Conference and the rural businesses telling their story.

Get in touch. Find your local agricultural expert at sumer.co.uk or email info@sumer.co.uk

Exhibitor Profiles

Birketts' UK agribusiness team

Our market-leading national agribusiness team comprises more than 50 lawyers, making it one of the largest and best qualified in the UK.

Many members of our agribusiness team come from farming backgrounds and are Fellows of the Agricultural Law Association, which gives them hands-on experience of the day-to-day challenges and opportunities that our clients face.

The team provides a comprehensive range of transactional, advisory and contentious legal services in the areas of agriculture, landed estates, viticulture, natural capital, renewable energy and equine. Our clients include farmers, landowners and agribusiness specialists.

Consistently ranked in the top tier of legal directories, clients value our best-in-class expertise and focus on delivering next level service:

"Birketts has a large, skilled agriculture and estates team who can be relied upon to deliver solid legal advice in a straightforward way on the most complex of issues. The range of professionals and services ensures that all of the skill sets are covered and the interaction between the teams to deliver combined advice is exceptional." Legal 500 UK 2026

www.birketts.co.uk/agribusiness

Chavereys

Farming, estates and rural business are what we do, day in and day out. Our team brings decades of experience in tax, accounts, audit, probate and succession planning, working closely with other advisers, including senior tax counsel. Our technical expertise is a given, but what really sets us apart is how we work.

No two families or estates are the same. We don't do one-size-fits-all. We take the time to get to know you, your land and your plans for the next generation.

We are old-fashioned in the best sense. We would rather sit round your kitchen table or walk the farm with you than send another email. You will have a dedicated team who know you and your business, not a department and an inbox.

Whether you are planning succession, getting to grips with the changes to Inheritance Tax reliefs, or simply want an adviser who answers the phone, we would love to chat.

Come and speak to us or get in touch: karen.blackiston@chavereys.co.uk or 01795 594495.

CLA Charitable Trust

We would be delighted to share with you the work of the CLA Charitable Trust. Do come and visit us today. The CLA Charitable Trust is dedicated to helping disadvantaged and disabled young people to benefit from and learn about the countryside. The Trust is funded by CLA members and provides grants to charities and non-profit organisations across England and Wales that share its vision.

We are privileged to be stewards of precious and beautiful countryside and this is the CLA's way of enabling disadvantaged young people to visit a farm, play in the woods, plant seeds in the soil and learn and experience the countryside. We fund excellent charities that provide opportunities for young people to access the countryside to improve their health and wellbeing, and for countryside education in England and Wales.

The CLA Charitable Trust's objectives are:

- Advancing people's physical and mental health and wellbeing, by delivering access, recreational and educational opportunities within and about the countryside.
- Promoting and encouraging education in sustainable farming, food production and rural land management by making available scholarships to future rural champions.

For further details contact the Trust Administrator by phone 07557 752840, email charitabletrust@cla.org.uk or visit www.cla.org.uk/charitabletrust

To support our work, you can donate via Charities Aid Foundation https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/1372 or by scanning the QR code.

CLA Energy Services

CLA Energy Services – provided by Troo Limited – specialises in helping CLA members simplify energy for farms, rural estates and businesses.

Navigating complex energy markets requires time and expertise, but there is no one-size-fits-all solution. No two businesses are the same.

At CLA Energy Services we take time to understand individual businesses, including their current contract situation, consumption and priorities. We help CLA members make confident, informed decisions that lead to real change.

Our procurement service aims to secure the right energy contracts for your business without the hassle. We access a range of more than 20 suppliers to find a contract that suits your needs, taking care of negotiations so you don't have to.

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Our customer experience team offers ongoing support from real people at our UK-based head office whenever you need us. Chasing suppliers when things go wrong takes time you may not have. We do the busywork to resolve queries promptly and provide you with peace of mind.

We offer practical advice to improve energy efficiency and support sustainable practices. Our experts can also help identify whether renewable energy could help reduce your costs and protect against volatile markets.

Business energy is complex. It doesn't have to be. To find out more visit https://www.claenergyservices.org.uk or get in touch at energyservices@cla.org.uk or call 0808 164 6151.

CLA Finance

CLA Finance, provided by Ashbridge Partners, offers finance advice and funding solutions to members of the CLA, particularly those with farms, estates and rural businesses. Our personalised approach helps you assess your funding needs, explore available options and secure the finance necessary for sustainable growth.

We are adept at securing optimal terms for each client's specific requirements, whether or not they have an existing lender. Using deep market intelligence, extensive experience and strong lender relationships, we ensure the best possible outcomes, often achieving results that surpass those you could accomplish on your own.

As an independent service, CLA Finance offers access to the whole of the lending market. We have worked with over 150 lenders and helped clients with a wide range of projects, including property development, family succession and renewable energy ventures. This expansive reach and in-depth industry expertise has enabled us to secure diverse funding solutions.

CLA Finance specialises in negotiating borrowing requests for sums ranging from £250,000 up to tens of millions on a wide range of lending options, including:

- Land and property purchases
- Development and diversification projects
- Renewable energy ventures
- Refinancing and restructuring
- Family succession planning
- Residential and buy-to-let mortgages
- Bridging loans and working capital

Whether you manage a large estate, run a family farm or own land and are looking to realise its potential, having expert financial advice is crucial to making informed decisions and ensuring long-term success.

Contact CLA Finance today to discuss your needs:
T: 020 4568 1481
E: clafinance@cla.org.uk

CLA Healthcare

CLA Healthcare, provided in conjunction with Howden Employee Benefits, has been providing independent and impartial advice to CLA members for over a decade.

As trusted advisers, we work closely with both individual and business members to find the best healthcare insurance and wellbeing solutions that meet their unique needs and budgets. Thanks to our market insights and strong relationships with insurers, we can often create tailored packages with better prices and enhanced policy features than what members might find on their own.

For you and your family

- Private Medical Insurance (PMI)
- Income Protection
- Health cash plan
- Life Assurance
- Dental Insurance

For your business and employees

- Group Private Medical Insurance (PMI)
- Health cash plans
- Group Income Protection
- Group Life Assurance
- Dental Insurance
- Workplace pensions
- Employee wellbeing, including mental health support
- Key Person Insurance

Delivering exceptional service is at the core of everything we do, and it's something we're truly proud of. Our clients value it too - 96% choose to stay with us year after year.

Over 1,200 CLA members already trust us to guide them in selecting the right healthcare insurance. Discover how we can help you too. Speak to our expert team today.

Telephone: 01274 717361
Email: healthcare@cla.org.uk
www.clahealthcare.co.uk

CLA Insurance

CLA Insurance is a partnership between CLA and Howden and has been providing the rural community with friendly, straightforward, specialist insurance advice and access to a range of insurance products for over 20 years.

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At CLA Insurance we can help arrange insurance for a wide range of rural businesses, properties and activities, including:

- Farms and estates
- Forestry and woodland
- Rural businesses and diversification
- Homes, fine art and valuables
- Agricultural buildings and infrastructure
- Vehicles, machinery and agricultural fleets
- Liability and legal expenses
- Country pursuits

If you don't see what you're looking for here, please speak to us. Our team can discuss your requirements and help you explore the insurance options available.

Call the CLA Insurance team on 0330 165 8941 or email insurance@cla.org.uk

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Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs is responsible for improving and protecting the environment. We aim to grow a green economy and sustain thriving rural communities. We also support our world-leading food, farming and fishing industries.

Handelsbanken

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Handelsbanken is a local relationship bank, built on satisfied customers, financial strength and sustainable values. We're rooted in the local community, helping individuals and businesses with their financial needs.

At Handelsbanken you deal with people you know by name and key decisions are made by us at the branch. Our aim, quite simply, is to provide the best possible service to each of our customers.

We invest time to get to know you, your needs and aspirations – for your own finances or those of your business. You benefit from a responsive and reliable service, with a direct line to your dedicated account manager. Our focus is on building long-term customer relationships for mutual benefit, driven by the satisfaction of our customers instead of product campaigns, sales targets, or short-term incentives.

Thanks to our prudent approach to risk and a focus on long-term customer relationships, we've been rated the safest commercial bank in Europe, in Global Finance magazine's rankings of the World's Safest Banks 2025.

Visit our stand to speak to us today, alternatively please contact us on 01992 585200 or email hertford@handelsbanken.co.uk