

Supporting Landed Estates

We've been providing support and advice for landed and rural estate owners, trustees and families across the North of England and Scotland for over 150 years. We understand the challenges that this brings and our dedicated team will help guide you through the complex array of issues, opportunities and competing priorities landowners face.

Our wide remit of clients range from large, historic family estates to more recently-acquired landed estates and family-owned rural and agricultural businesses.

Alongside our accountancy and audit services, our experienced and extensive team can work with you on the performance of your whole business, understanding every part of your operation and together working towards specific goals. This can include:



Accounts and tax compliance



Long term strategic planning including diversification strategies and succession planning



Corporate and personal tax advice including tax planning



Personal finance, wealth management and investment



Trust management and tax liabilities



Outsourced payroll



Raising finance and corporate funding



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Meet our Landed Estates Team



Andrew Robinson, Partner, Head of Agriculture & Landed Estates

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Andrew is a farmer's son born and bred on a large Hill farm in North Cumbria and still regularly works on a friend's farm to keep his hand in. This gives him a great insight into the actual issues affecting farmers in their businesses and helps him back in the workplace.

Andrew studied at Newcastle Polytechnic and after qualifying as a chartered accountant in 1996 has concentrated on looking after and advising farming businesses and landed estates. He moved to Hexham in 1998 and now looks after agricultural and landed estate businesses across the North of England and the borders from the Hexham office, using his years of experience and day to day knowledge to help his clients.



Keith Johnston, Tax Director

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Keith has worked for Armstrong Watson since 1989 and is our agricultural tax specialist. He works across all our offices providing advice on all aspects of accounts and tax issues for farmers and landowners. He has built up a detailed knowledge of Capital gains Tax, Inheritance Tax, VAT and other taxes that affect rural businesses.



Susannah French, Accounting Senior Manager

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Susannah French FCA is a landed estates specialist based in the Penrith office of Armstrong Watson. She was previously with Saffery Champness in their Bournemouth office, where she worked with significant landed estates in Hampshire and Dorset, who had a wide range of business activities, including farming, forestry, property portfolios (rural and London), tourism and sporting. In 2016 Susannah relocated to Cumbria. She is now working with landed estates in Cumbria and Northumberland. Susannah advises landowners on tax, growth and development of their estates, and succession planning.



Debbie Johnson, Senior Tax Consultant

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Debbie has over 25 years experience of dealing with the tax affairs of high net worth individuals, trusts and estates, with a particular focus on capital taxes advice and mitigation. She qualified as a Chartered Tax Advisor with the big 4 accountancy firm EY in 2000 and subsequently became a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners in 2001. She joined us from solicitors Womble Bond Dickinson where she worked closely with the Private Client and Agriculture, Farms and Estates teams to provide specialist tax advice to their clients.

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