

Panel discussion 2 November 2023 | 11.30 - 12.30

Panel discussion with Ali Capper of British Apples & Pears, fruit growers, Gullands Solicitors, Lambert & Foster and guests talking about the future of fruit growing.



Ali Capper

Ali is executive chair of British Apples & Pears Ltd, a Nuffield Scholar and a non-executive director for NFU Mutual. In partnership at Stocks Farm, Suckley, Worcestershire UK with her husband Richard and his father Mark, the Cappers specialise in growing hops and apples. They farm dessert and cider apples and hops.

Ali's former career was in advertising and marketing. Today, in addition to numerous roles at the farm and the roles above, her work includes membership of the boards of the Oxford Farming Conference, the British Hop Association, the NFU's National Horticulture & Potatoes Board and Wye Hops Ltd.



Ali Capper

Chris Rose, Chief Operating Officer The Asplins Producer Organisation Ltd



Jon Booth

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Jon grew up on a small holding in north Kent and after a stint working in the London insurance market he joined Lambert & Foster in 2014, a long established and well-known firm of Land Agents working across Kent and East Sussex.

Now a Director of both Lambert and Foster and Bloomfields, a firm of Chartered Town Planners, Jon

advises clients on a broad range rural professional matters, including Valuation, Estate Management, the Sustainable Farming Incentive and Countryside Stewardship Scheme, Rural Grants and Compulsory Purchase and Compensation.

In 2022 Jon became a co-opted Director of the Kent County Agricultural Society, a registered charity who has been supporting Kent's farming community since 1923.

Catherine Lloyd

Catherine Lloyd is a Partner at Gullands Solicitors and Under Sherriff of Kent. Catherine works in the Corporate/Commercial department of Gullands and has a wide range of experience of non-contentious commercial property work, acting for local authorities, developers, landowners, corporate landlords and commercial occupiers.

Catherine advises clients on all aspects of multi-million pound freehold acquisitions and disposals, pursuant to both conditional and unconditional contracts, often involving complex overage provisions. She also advises on complex leasehold acquisitions, 1954 Act renewal leases and all aspects of estate management, including Licences to Assign and Underlet, as well as Deeds of Variation and Easements.



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