

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES
AGRICULTURAL VALUERS ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE 2024

Thursday 28th November

9.00am to 4.00pm (6 hours CPD)

To be held at The Holiday Inn, Crick
& Virtually



PROGRAMME

- 8.45 Registration & Coffee
- 9.00 **Welcome from Iain Nott, MRICS FAAV**
MCAVA President
- 9.05 **Dr Jonathan Scurlock FRSA**
NFU Chief Adviser on Renewable Energy and Climate Change
"Going for Green Growth"
- 9.40 **Rebecca Collins, MSc MRICS FAAV**
Technical & Policy Advisor for the CAAV
"Electricity Power Lines & Professional work"
- 10.15 **Adam Corbin, FAAV**
Barrister & Partner at Michelmores Solicitors
"Approaches to natural capital deals: is this the push we need to get away from traditional 'landlord' and 'tenant' relationships?"
- 11.00 Tea & Break
- 11.25 **Guy Webb**
Principle Farmland Asset Manager at Church Commissioners for England
"Church Commissioners for England: A collaborative approach between landlord and tenant"
- 12.05 **Robert Martin**
National Chairman of The Tenant Farmers Association
"Re-imagining landlord tenant relationships— nothing new under the sun!"
- 12.55 Lunch
- 14.00 **Toby Simpson**
Nuffield Farming Scholar
"A regenerative farming journey"
- 14.35 **Tom Vacher, MRICS**
Commercial Officer for Natural Capital Advisory
"Environmental Farmers Group—The Natural Capital Co-operative"
- 15.10 **Jeremy Moody, CAAV Secretariat**
"After the Budget—What is the New Government doing? ... and for Farmers?"
- 16.00 Close

Dr Jonathan Scurlock, FRSA

NFU Chief Advisor on Renewable Energy and Climate Change



A senior policy adviser with the NFU since 2007, Dr Jonathan Scurlock FRSA leads a small team providing analysis and advice about energy, climate change and net zero to the NFU's management, office holders and members. His background is in university and government research, covering energy and climate change policy, plant physiology, all kinds of biomass fuels, bio-based products and

other renewable energy technologies. He worked previously on renewable energy with regional and local government in North East England, as well as the US Department of Energy in Tennessee. The author of more than 50 research papers and book chapters, he was educated at Oxford and London, and is a Visiting Fellow at the Open University. His international experience encompasses more than 30 countries

Rebecca Collins, MSc MRICS FAAV

Technical & Policy Advisor for the CAAV



Rebecca is the Technical & Policy advisor for the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers specialising in compulsory purchase and compensation, agricultural, residential and commercial tenancies, residential lettings and telecoms. Rebecca sits on the Property and Valuation and Compensation Committees and assists Jeremy Moody on a wide range of other professional matters. Rebecca formerly worked as a Senior Surveyor

for Network Rail and prior to that as a Property Portfolio Manager for a private client. Rebecca is RICS qualified and a Fellow of the CAAV.

Adam Corbin, FAAV

Barrister & Partner at Michelmores Solicitors



Adam is a Fellow of the CAAV, a qualified Barrister and Partner at Michelmores. He has broad legal and practical experience, and a focus on delivering bespoke advice, strategic direction, and novel drafting. At Michelmores Adam looks after the client relationships with some landed estates and institutional landowners, including the Forestry Commission, Natural England, Ernest

Cooke Trust, Pontypool Park Estate and Bradford Estates. He enjoys working with interesting and progressive clients in a range of sectors, including agriculture, infrastructure, public service, and food and beverages. Adam still appears in Court, before Arbitrators, and the Tribunals. He particularly enjoys rent reviews, public law challenges, and cases which blend public law and private rights. Adam is ranked in Band 3 for Agriculture & Rural Affairs in Chambers UK and listed as a Next Generation Partner for Agriculture & Estates by the Legal 500.

Guy Webb, MRICS

Principle Farmland Asset Manager at Church Commissioners for England



Guy spent 6 years with Savills as a rural surveyor in Scotland and the South East before moving to the Church Commissioners for England. Guy is now part of the farmland team and assists with the management of their varied farmland portfolio.

Robert Martin

National Chairman of The Tenant Farmers Association



Robert Martin has been a member of the Tenant Farmers Association (TFA) for over 20 years, serving as TFA North West Chair for 12 years. In March 2024 he became TFA National Chair, having served as National Vice-Chair for 4 years. Robert's family had been tenants on the same estate near Carlisle since 1932.

He was the third generation and took on the family's main farm tenancy in 2001 where he farmed Jersey crossbred dairy cattle on a flying herd basis using an extended grazing system and produced milk for the farmer co-op Arla on a manufacturing contract. Robert still owns a number of pedigree Holstein cattle in partnership with other breeders, which are bought and bred to produce livestock and embryos for sale, both in the UK and international export. Robert recently surrendered the tenancy on the main holding but retains other tenanted land which he operates on a drystock basis. Robert believes it is very important for the tenanted sector to be well represented, not only within the landlord community, but in all aspects of future Government agricultural policy.

Toby Simpson

Nuffield Farming Scholar



Having grown up on the family farm in Northamptonshire Toby graduated from the University of Leeds with a degree in Politics. After 6 months travelling he went to Sandhurst and served a short service commission with the Grenadier Guards. On returning to the farm Toby completed a Graduate Diploma in Agriculture at the RAU.

Since then he has been learning about regenerative farming. Toby became a Nuffield Scholar in 2021 and during his Scholarship he explored the advantages and practicalities of cover cropping in a number of different counties. Toby published his study "Catch & Cover cropping opportunities in UK arable agriculture" in June 2023.

Tom Vacher, MRICS

Commercial Officer for Natural Capital Advisory



Tom is the Commercial Officer for Natural Capital Advisory. He is a Chartered Surveyor and a partner in his family's farm business. Tom oversees all commercial activity and brokering of natural capital trades on behalf of the Environmental Farmers Group (EFG) and private clients. Previously, Tom led the Natural Capital services for Carter Jonas in the South West of England and is a GWCT Somerset Committee member.

Jeremy Moody, CAAV Secretariat



Jeremy Moody has been Secretary and Adviser to the CAAV since 1995. He was closely involved with the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995, several rounds of CAP reform and now the new policies developing across the United Kingdom. He handles the many issues covered by the CAAV including agricultural tenancy and land occupation issues, taxation, valuation, planning, climate change and environmental issues, liaising with

Government at all levels and writing widely on both policy and practice. He is an Assembly member of the European Group of Valuers' Associations (TEGoVA) and Vice Chairman of the European Valuation Standards Board.

Organisation

The Conference is organised by Midland Counties Agricultural Valuers Association (MCAVA). The MCAVA includes Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and the Soke of Peterborough, and forms part of the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers as one of the 29 Local Associations across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Midland Counties is one of the oldest and largest local Associations.

A cordial welcome is extended to all MCAVA Members and Members of other CAAV Associations as well as other professionals. Guests are also welcome, so please invite colleagues who have a particular interest in agriculture.

For more information about the CAAV and the MCAVA please visit our websites at www.caav.org.uk and www.mcava.co.uk

Chair

Iain Nott, MRICS FAAV

President of the Midland Counties Agricultural Valuers Association

Secretary

MCAVA Honorary Secretary - Sophie Nott BSc (Hons) MRICS

Please contact Sophie with any questions regarding the conference.

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Midland Counties welcomes new members. Please contact:

MCAVA Membership Secretary: Laura Healy-Higson

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Travel

The Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, M1 J18, Crick, Northampton, NN6 7XR [///yard.chainsaw.jump](http://yard.chainsaw.jump)

CPD

The event offers 6 hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Tickets

To purchase your ticket to attend either **in person** or **online (via Zoom)** please follow the link :

<https://MCAVACONFERENCE2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

For those attending in person lunch is included. In person bookings close on Friday 22nd November.

You can continue to book an online (virtual seat) ticket until Tuesday 26th November.

- For those attending online please ensure you have the use of Zoom.
- After the conference the presentation slides and video recording of the conference will be issued to all delegates.
- Please note once booked we are unable to change tickets between in person and online and we are unable to provide VAT receipts.

	In Person/Online*
Probationer/Student	£65.71
MCAVA Member	£87.38
CAAV Fellow (Non MCAVA)	£98.22
Other Professional	£125.30

* includes Eventbrite fees

