

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES AGRICULTURAL VALUERS ASSOCIATION

150th

ANNIVERSARY

MCAVA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Thursday 7th October 2021

12.30pm to 5.30pm (5 hours CPD)

Warwick and Virtually



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 (CAAV) as one of the 29 Local Associations across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Midland Counties is one of the oldest and largest local Association and this year we are celebrating our 150th Anniversary!

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

Caroline Pullin BSc (Hons) MRICS FAAV MCAVA President

Secretary

MCAVA Honorary Secretary - Sophie Nott BSc (Hons) MRICS

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Midland Counties welcomes new members practicing in Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire and the Soke of Peterborough. Please contact:

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Travel

For those attending in person, the Conference will be held at the M40 J15 Hotel, Warwick, CV34 6RE



PROGRAMME

- 11.45 Registration & Coffee
- 12.30 **Welcome from Caroline Pullin BSc (Hons) MRICS FAAV**
MCAVA President
- 12.35 **Minette Batters, NFU President**
A Climate Friendly Future
- 13.20 Questions
- 13.30 **Alastair Martin, Keeper of The Records of The Duchy of Cornwall**
Managing a Traditional Estate into the Modern Era
- 14.15 **Charlie Thompson, Farmers Weekly Pig Farmer of the Year 2020**
Pigs Really Can Fly!
- 14.45 Questions
- 15.00 Coffee Break
- 15.15 **Marion Regan MBE, Managing Director of Hugh Lowe Farms Ltd and The Oxford Farming Conference Director**
A Sustainable and Carbon Conscious Fruit Farm
- 16.00 **Ruth Battye, Assistant Agent for Wentworth Estate and Alison Holt, Director of Natural Capital Solutions**
Applying Natural Capital Assessment to Rural Estates
- 16.45 **Jeremy Moody, Secretariat CAAV**
Professional Rural Roundup
- 17.15 Questions
- 17.30 MCAVA President's Closing Remarks

Minette Batters, NFU President



Minette runs a tenanted family farm in Wiltshire. The mixed farming business includes a 100 cow continental cross suckler herd, and a small herd of pedigree Herefords as well as sheep and arable. Diversification includes the conversion of a 17th Century tithe barn into a wedding and corporate events venue, and horse liveries.

Minette co-founded the campaigning initiatives 'Ladies in Beef' and the 'Great British Beef Week'. She has been an NFU member from grassroots through to County Chairman; she served as Wiltshire's Council delegate and also as Regional Board Chairman for the South West. Minette has also been a member of NFU Governance Board and served as NFU deputy president for four years from 2014 to 2018, before being elected as president in February 2018. Minette is also a Trustee of Farm Africa.

Alastair Martin, Keeper of The Records of The Duchy of Cornwall



Alastair joined the Duchy of Cornwall in May 2013. As Secretary, he is responsible to His Royal Highness The Duke of Cornwall and the Prince's Council for the running of the Duchy.

Alastair was previously a partner with Carter Jonas where he specialised in the management of rural property portfolios across England and Wales.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and holds various trustee appointments including to the University College of Estate Management and several private estates. Alastair is also a Fellow of the CAAV and an active member of the Western Counties Agricultural Valuers Association.

Charlie Thompson, Farmers Weekly Pig Farmer of the Year



Charlie Thompson is a vet and Director at Bridge House Farm Ltd, Long Buckby, Northamptonshire. After 8 years working in veterinary practice, and a short stint in the pharmaceutical industry he returned to his family farm. They run a high health pig breeding nucleus herd for Genesus Inc from Canada; which is where the herd was originally sourced in 2017.

Recently they have exported over 2,500 breeding pigs to China across three shipments; the biggest exports ever from the UK. The farm has employed innovative techniques in feeding, data tracking and Electronic Identification technologies to add value and improve the welfare and productivity of their business. This innovation was central to winning Pig Farmer of the Year and Indoor Producer of the Year 2020.

Marion Regan, Managing Director of Hugh Lowe Farms Ltd



Marion Regan is Managing Director of Hugh Lowe Farms Limited, one of the UK's largest and most successful berry farms which is based in Mereworth, Kent. Hugh Lowe Farms are famously known for supplying Wimbledon with their iconic strawberries and have done so for many years, as well as supplying a large number of retailers. The farm grows strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries across one third of their 700 ha holding.

There is also an arable rotation on the farm which is integrated with an extensive environmental scheme. Marion's family have been farming in Kent for five generations and she now runs the business with her husband, Jon Regan. Marion and her team pride themselves on exploring technological change, such as urban farming, precision growing or customer empowerment, as well as seeking to continuously improve sustainability and reduce their carbon outputs. Marion is the Oxford Farming Conference Director and was awarded an MBE in 2014 for her services to the fruit industry.

Ruth Battye, Assistant Agent for Wentworth Estate

Ruth Battye is Assistant Estate Administrator for the Fitzwilliam Wentworth Estate in South Yorkshire, comprising a significant lowland portfolio of agricultural, residential and commercial property, alongside upland sporting, farming and woodland interests. Wentworth village is a popular visitor destination with a wealth of heritage and leisure facilities set within an 18th-Century parkland landscape. As well as general estate management, Ruth is particularly responsible for IT processes and data management, including digital mapping and a bespoke repairs and maintenance programme used across the Fitzwilliam group. As well as the recent Natural Capital Assessment, current projects include administering a cluster group of Estate tenant farmers and involvement in a pioneering Wildfire Risk Assessment and Mitigation project seeking to protect the Peak District's moorland habitat. With a family background in agriculture and years of engagement with Young Farmers Clubs, Ruth is passionate about farming, its people and its future.

Alison Holt, Director of Natural Capital Solutions



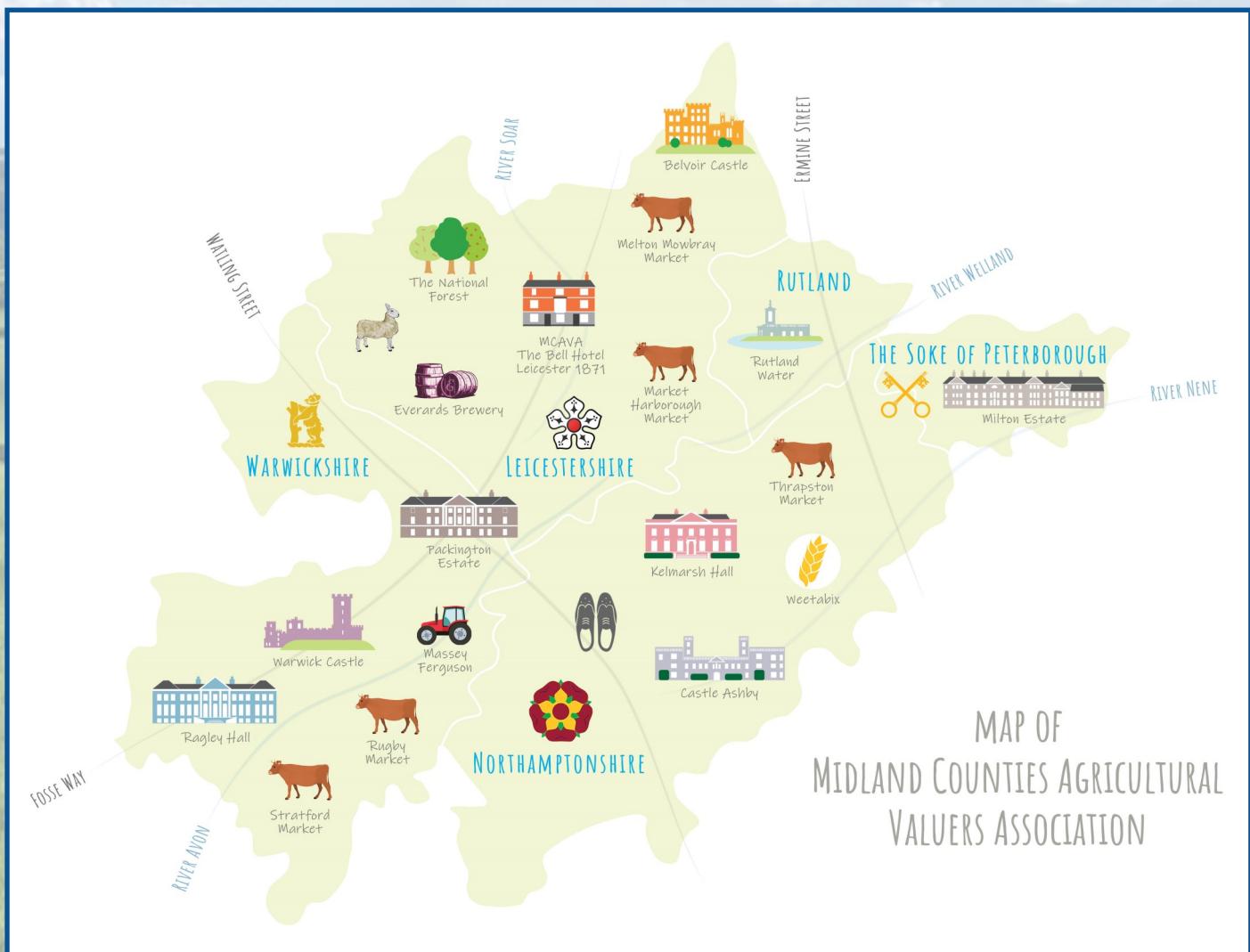
Alison is a Director and co-founder of Natural Capital Solutions. She is an ecologist and interdisciplinary scientist specialising in natural capital and ecosystem services assessment approaches, e.g. natural capital asset and ecosystem services mapping, valuation of ecosystem services and natural capital accounting, biodiversity and

natural capital net gain. She is particularly interested in how these approaches can help inform decisions around nature recovery network strategies, net zero carbon targets, and the new ELM scheme. Alison works for a range of clients from the public, third and private sectors, across planning and development, conservation and agricultural interests. She is developing and applying the natural capital approach in multiple contexts, at a variety of scales and with a range of stakeholders. Prior to setting up Natural Capital Solutions, Alison was an Independent Research and NERC Knowledge Exchange Fellow in the Animal and Plant Sciences at the University of Sheffield. She is also a board member of the South Yorkshire Local Nature Partnership.

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 Brexit process. He handles the many issues covered by the CAAV across the United Kingdom including agricultural tenancy and land occupation issues, taxation, valuation and telecommunications, 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.



Convenors

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Tickets

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Cost	Early Bird	Standard
	In Person/Online	In Person/Online
Probationer/Student	£50	£55
MCAVA Member	£60	£65
CAAV Fellow (Non MCAVA)	£70	£75
Other Professional	£95	£100

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