



## BIAC MEMBERS' ONLY ONLINE WORKSHOP

TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022  
9.30am – 11.15am

**Farmers grazing cattle/livestock in fields where there is a public footpath/public access – the pros and the cons??**

### BIAC Members' Only Workshop on Footpaths

Animal behaviour and the general public, What precautions a farmer should take (HSE Guidance Note and the Animals Act – Was the farmer negligent?). What actions members of the public should do and had they a duty of care for their own safety (was there any negligence on their part).

### PROGRAMME

9.30am	Introduction & Welcome <i>Tony Kernon, Kernon Countryside Consultants, BIAC Vice-Chairman</i>
9.35am	Footpaths, trespass, animals and law <i>Robert James, Partner Thrings</i>
10.00am	Animal Behaviour near walkers, children and dogs <i>Alan Bloor, Reading Agricultural Consultants</i>
10.15am	Questions
10.30am	Good practice: lessons from a well-walked farm <i>Richard Price, Tetworth Estate &amp; Vice-Chairman IAgM</i>
10.45am	Working with landowners: what the walker needs <i>Sophie Reindorp, Casework Officers (paths), The Ramblers</i>
	Questions
11.00am	Closing <i>Tony Kernon, Kernon Countryside Consultants, BIAC Vice-Chairman</i>
11.15am	Close

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£25.00 inc. VAT per member



## ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

### *TONY KERNON*

Tony was BIAC's Chairman for 2020 – 2022. He has specialised in agricultural and equestrian dwellings, buildings, all manner of rural planning work, and inputs to environmental assessments for 35 years. His work takes him across most of England and Wales and he acts for many local planning authorities as well as applicants."



### *ROBERT JAMES*



Robert is an agricultural litigation partner at Things LLP who advises on high-value and complex disputes. Robert's practice centres on a wide range of commercial disputes, land-based disputes and inheritance-type disputes with a particular focus on proprietary estoppel cases and has recently been involved in case before the Supreme Court. Robert is ranked as a leading individual in his field by both Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners respectively.

### *ALAN BLOOR*

Alan qualified with a BSc (Hons) in Animal Husbandry at Newcastle University and has a practical background in agriculture gained through working on the home dairy farm; as a farm manager on a large 800-hectare Government animal research establishment with three large dairy units, indoor pig unit and sheep flock; working with industry bodies and government departments.

He has experience across a wide range of livestock species: dairy and beef cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, poultry and horses; as well as specialist knowledge of livestock breeding, feeding, production, management, grassland management, animal behaviour and welfare programmes.

Since joining Reading Agricultural Consultants in 2001 he has been involved with a wide variety of farming clients involving farm animal housing (milking parlours, cattle races, cubicles, handling and weighing facilities, ventilation and manure handling) and producing business plans. He also carries out agricultural planning appraisals for Local Authorities and farmer clients.



He is instructed by the NFUM and Solicitors to review claims involving financial losses (quantum) in cattle, pigs, sheep and goats, and claims for accidents on farms involving livestock and breakdown in bio-security programmes.

He is instructed by Solicitors to provide Expert Reports for the Court and attendance at Court on accidents involving farm livestock and members of the public in fields where there is a public footpaths or livestock having escaped onto the public highway. In the last three years he has been involved 14 such cases.



### *RICHARD PRICE*



Richard is from a farming family in Shropshire. Having completed a YTS apprenticeship in agriculture in 1991, he progressed to a 3-year sandwich course at Warwickshire College, completing in 1995.

He worked for Jim Yarrow at the Pilkington Estate for a number of years after college. Jim was quite a task master expecting a high standard of husbandry and detail, with a mantra of 'just about isn't good enough'.

Richard had a year out to work on a harvest crew throughout the Midwest of USA, then returned to take up the position of Assistant Manager in 1999. At the age of 27, Richard started as Farm Manager at the Warwickshire College farms, managing quick growth and a restructure of all the enterprises.

In 2008, Richard moved to the Lowther Estate in Cumbria as Farms Manager. This job evolved over his 10-year tenure, winning Farmers Weekly Farm Manager of the Year in 2013 and Northern Farmer of the Year in 2014. This position developed into Director of Farming for the Lowther group.

Richard, his wife Clare and 5-year old son Mathew, are now at the Tetworth Hall Estate in Bedfordshire, where Richard is Estate Manager for the Cook family. Tetworth Hall Estate is 2500 acres, consisting of arable, grassland, residential/commercial portfolio, shoot and tenant farms. Richard is a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Society, a Chartered Environmentalist and a mentor for the Henry Plumb foundation. Richard has been a council member for the last five years for the Institute of agricultural management and supports the YFC and supporting new entrants into the industry.

### *SOPHIE REINDORP*

Sophie Reindorp is Casework Officer at the Ramblers. As an expert in public rights of way, she leads the Ramblers' public-facing advice service which educates walkers on their access rights and what to do when things go wrong."

