FARRER&Co

Country houses and estates



They have wide-ranging and relevant experience to help clients and are able to respond quickly to the required challenge.

Chambers UK





Time is of the essence

Buyers and sellers of country houses need to move quickly and with confidence. At Farrers we pride ourselves on having the depth of expertise and resource to hit the ground running on receipt of instructions.

With a large team of partners and assistants dealing regularly with country house sales and purchases, we respond rapidly and deliver major transactions within tight timescales. By working in teams on a transaction we ensure that deals are not delayed by days off; there is always someone to take your call and update you on progress.

Confidence in expertise

Buying and selling country houses is not normal conveyancing; it requires specialist knowledge of:

Listed buildings and listed fixtures

Chattels and heritage exemption

Employment issues

Agricultural subsidies and stewardship schemes

Rights of way

Multi-jurisdictional tax issues

We have the necessary expertise on hand to spot potential issues in these areas and provide a solution. Commerciality is key. Our whole approach is geared to propelling transactions to exchange and completion without fuss. We do not look for problems where they do not exist.

Cost effectiveness

By combining partner-level oversight with the use of assistants who have the time to dedicate to drive transactions forward, we can provide the best quality work at the best value.

For many transactions we agree fixed fees at the outset, which provides certainty quickly, so everyone can concentrate on getting the deal through.

What we do

- Acquisition of £120m country house and estate with listed building issues and collateral warranties for extensive construction works.
- Purchase and subsequent sale of a rural estate in Yorkshire with residential, agricultural and sporting tenancies and the imposition of overage on potential development sites.
- Sale of £25m estate and village in Suffolk with employment and security of tenure issues for employees in the village.
- Sale of £6m country house in Norfolk with difficulties obtaining vacant possession of the house from family members and a major sale of historic chattels.
- Purchase of £22m estate (including a farming business) in Hampshire and simultaneous sale of half of the estate.



Enthusiastic clients are quick to praise the team, highlighting its practical advice, pro-activity and bench depth.

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