



*Legal***AssistanceScheme**

30 years



- **An additional subscription**
- **Open to F&G Members only**
- **Costs just £33 + VAT p.a.**
- **Offers subscribers**
 - Professional guidance and
 - Financial support
 - For disputes relating to your F&G business
- **85% uptake**

LAS Team 2018





- **Current Live Cases – 2,889**
- **Current Pending Cases – 1,528**
- **New Cases 2016/17 - 567**



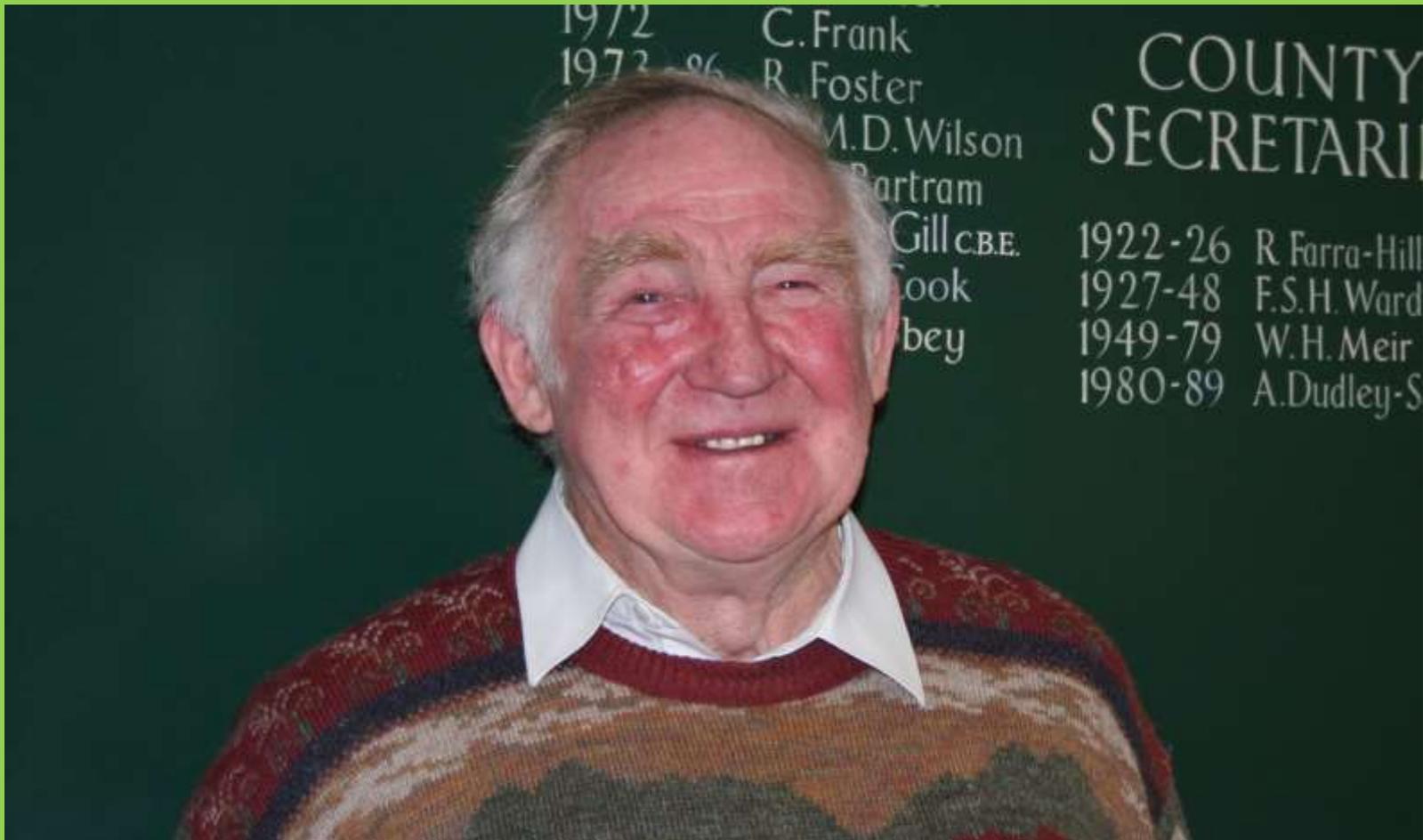
Historical National cases (examples)

- FMD
- TB Valuation tables
- Temporary Grass Set Aside
- Polytunnels
- Producer Organisations
- TB Injunction
- Approved Finishing Units
- Climate Change Levy
- Milk Contracts
- National Reserve Investors

Recent National Cases (examples)

- Flooding
- NVZ Appeals
- HS2
- Wellgrain
- Business Ratings
- Commons Rights
- Disputes with RPA
- Dispute with Natural England
- Planning Appeals – Glasshouses
- Pesticides – Syngenta & Bayer

Founder of LAS – Ron Foster MBE LAS Chairman 1987-1992 (NE region)





- Total Awards made **2007 to 31st Oct 2017** -
£16,451,761
- Total Awards made **2016/17** financial year -
£1,520,546

Jonathan Appleyard
LAS Chairman 1992-2001 (NE Region)





- Tenancy Agreement disputes - Total Awards
2007-2017 - £2,057,738
- Tenancy Agreement disputes - Total Awards
2016/2017 - £221,313

Fred Gooder

LAS Chairman 2001-2014 (NE Region)



LAS – Additional Services

Management of Legal Panel Firms

LAS

- appoint
- audit
- monitor and
- review

the Legal Panel Firms for

- quality of service, and
- SLA and MoU compliance

between the firms and the NFU.



Trevor Foss

LAS Chairman 2014-date (EM Region)



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Management of Legal Panel Firms

Currently 16 Legal Panel Firms:

**Allington Hughes
Bowcock Cuerden
Clarke Willmott
Crombie Wilkinson
Foot Anstey
Hewitsons
Jacksons
JCP Solicitors
Josiah Hincks
Knights
Lanyon Bowdler
Naphens
Shakespeare Martineau
Tees
Thrings
Wilkin Chapman**



LAS Team – 2005



LAS Team - 2005

Back row from left:

Regina Owusu – LAS Manager

**Amanda Alexander – LAS
Adviser**

**Paulette Campbell – LAS
Administrator**

Front row from left:

Kate Baker – LAS Adviser

Jane Barling – LAS Adviser

Jo Howard – LAS Adviser

**Susan Shanahan – LAS
Adviser**



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Management of Legal Panel Firms

- **12.5% discount** on fees offered to members by Panel Firms
- **Total Panel Firm discount to members 2016-17- £408,629**



LAS Team - 2007



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Susan Shanahan – LAS Adviser

Carol Bacon – LAS Adviser

Liz Hezlet - LAS Administrator

Alex Butler-Zagni – LAS Adviser

Jo Howard – LAS Adviser

Front row from left:

Mandy Kaur – LAS Administrator

Regina Owusu – LAS Manager

Reni Sharma – LAS Adviser



LAS – Additional Services

Tenants First Advice

LAS offer

- up to £600 awards to subscribers
- to obtain help from a Land Agent
- to prepare for a Rent Review



LAS Team 2008



LAS Team - 2008

From left:

Jo Howard – LAS Adviser

Reni Sharma – LAS Adviser

Susan Shanahan – LAS Adviser

Regina Owusu – LAS Manager

Kate Baker – LAS Adviser

Mandy Kaur – LAS Administrator

Carol Bacon – LAS Adviser

Kate Tandy – LAS Administrator



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Tenants First Advice

- Total Awards towards Tenants' First Advice Service **2004-2017** - **£234,333**
- Total Awards towards Tenants' First Advice Service – **2016/2017** - **£9,304**



LAS Team - 2018



LAS Team - 2018

From left:

Lisa Shaw – LAS Adviser

Karl Lawrence – LAS Adviser

Regina Owusu – LAS Manager

Carol Bacon – LAS Adviser

Reni Sharma – LAS Adviser



LAS – Additional Services

Inter Member Disputes

LAS offer awards towards the cost of

- a Mediator, or
- a Joint Barristers opinion, or
- a Joint Experts report

to help members in dispute with other members.

Business Guides



Inter-Member Disputes: What you Need to Know Business Guide Ref: 210

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Legal Board 2005



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From Left:

David Jones – Wales

Michael Holmes – East Midlands

Harry Harris – South West

Fred Gooder – North East (Chair)

Neil Dalton – West Midlands

Christopher Cooper – South East

**Jonathan Dixon-Smith – East
Anglia**

David Roston – North West



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Inter Member Disputes

- Total Awards for **IMDs** for 2016/2017 - **£9,427**

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Trevor Foss – East Midlands

Christopher Cooper – South East

Anthony Rew – South West

Simon Wadlow – West Midlands

David Jones – Wales

David Roston – North West

Front row from Left:

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**Fred Gooder – North East
(Chairman)**

Regina Owusu – LAS Manager

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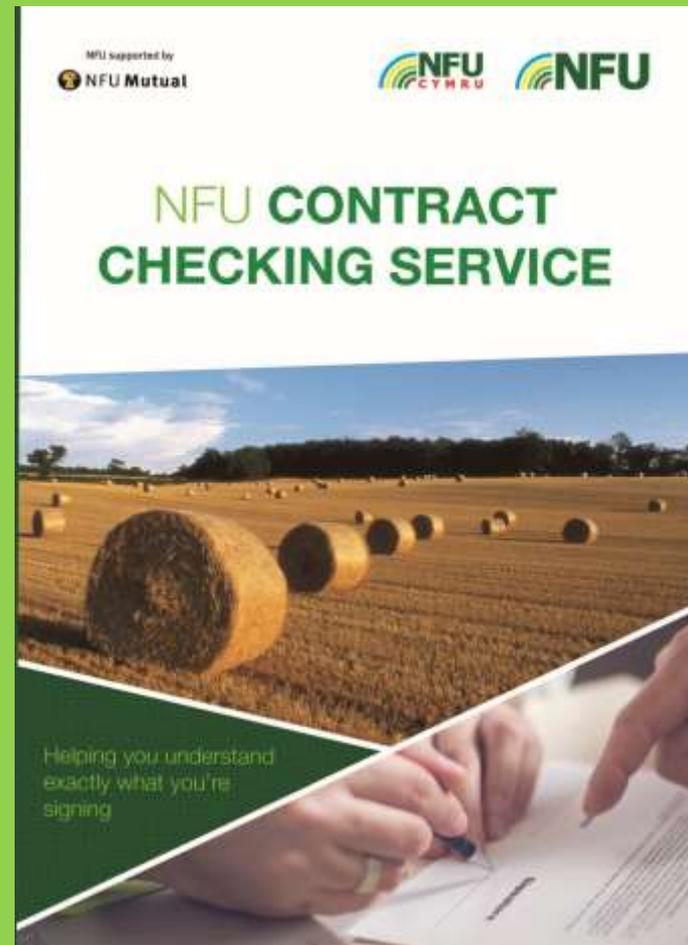
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Contract Checking Service

LAS offer awards to subscribers

- to take legal advice before signing new farm contracts

In the 30th Anniversary year, LAS have increased the award for this service to £250



Legal Board 2017 at Royal Welsh (with Terry Jones and Minette Batters)



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From Left:

Nick Hamer – West Mids

Peter Francis – Wales

Tim Sell – East Anglia

John Oulton – North East

Rob Ford – North West

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Trevor Foss – East Mids (Chairman)

**Minette Batters – NFU Deputy
President**

Anthony Rew – South West

Kevin Attwood – South East

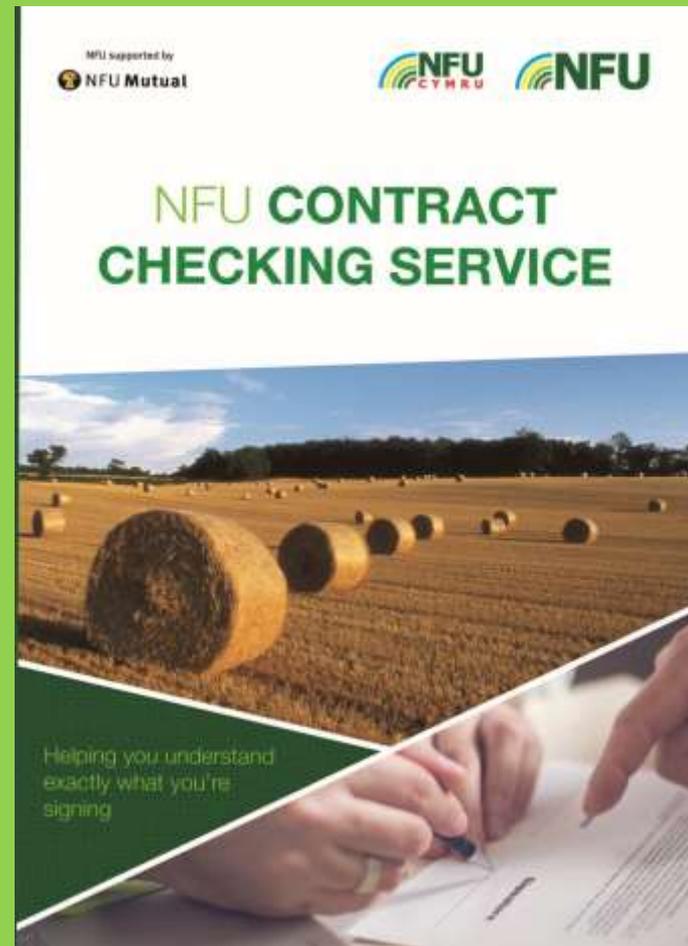
Terry Jones – NFU Director General



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Contract Checking Service

- Total Awards on **Contract Checking** cases for **2016/2017** - £5,300



LAS Team 2018 celebrate 30 years of LAS at NFU Marketplace



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Fly Grazing Service

LAS offer

- up to £280 towards bailiff costs
- To support removal of Fly Grazed horses



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Fly Grazing Service

- Total Awards on **Fly-grazing** cases for **2016/2017 - £9,375**



LAS – Additional Services

BPS Appeals

LAS offer

- up to £500 towards
 - Appeals to the Independent Agricultural Appeals Panel (England) or
 - Stage 2 Appeals (Wales)



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BPS Appeals

- Total LAS awards in **BPS Appeals** cases for **2015/2017 – £23,240**



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For more detail, or to apply for LAS Assistance

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LAS in Action



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