

DAVID HOOPER MA FRICS FAAV MCIArb



ACCREDITED MEDIATOR

David has over 30 years' experience in business and property consultancy, during which he has helped clients to deal with most of the difficulties likely to be encountered in property, business and the farming sector. Whether family disagreements, partnership problems, construction disputes or commercial conflicts, he has helped parties in dispute to find mutually beneficial or commercially workable solutions. He is an expert in negotiation skills and is able to help clients clarify and express their interests more effectively in the context of negotiations and in the forum of mediation. His clear, analytical approach helps him focus parties on the key issues in a dispute; he is an imaginative, lateral thinker, able to encourage the parties to look for new ways to settle their differences or restructure their business or personal relationships.

David specialises in dispute resolution, combining mediation with arbitration and expert witness work. His mediations take place throughout England and Wales and he mediates two or three times a month. He is ranked in the top ten mediators on the National Mediator Database

Mediation Experience

David has been involved in a wide range of mediations, including disputes about:

- Boundaries and rights of way
- Drainage
- Construction and building contracts
- Landlord and tenant: breach of terms, dilapidations
- Agricultural tenancies: Rent Review; Case D and Case E Notices; dilapidations
- Compulsory purchase and compensation
- Farm subsidy and grant schemes
- Commercial contracts
- Breach of contract
- Wills and family disputes
- Partnership disputes and dissolution

Professional Experience

As a Chartered Surveyor and Agricultural Valuer with Brown & Co, David's experience includes:

- Landlord and Tenant matters (Agricultural Holdings Act and Agricultural Tenancies Act)
- Rent Reviews and end of Tenancy negotiations
- Contract farming agreements
- Single Payment Scheme claims and investigations
- Rural planning; assessments of agricultural need; certificates of lawfulness; removal of Agricultural Occupancy Conditions; appeals; defence against enforcement notices
- Compensation claims arising from the acquisition of land, or rights in land
- Valuation of assets for bank security, taxation, estate planning, matrimonial and business disputes including expert reports
- Negotiating rights of way, easements and wayleaves for pipelines and cables
- Negotiating options and lease terms for telecommunications masts and wind farms

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Feedback

"Mr Hooper was an excellent and effective mediator. He has completely overcome my bias in favour of lawyer mediators." – *solicitor, property contract dispute.*

"David was a great help in resolving this dispute which had an imbalance of commerciality between the parties. He effectively and sensibly dealt with these issues, and managed to bring the parties to a settlement. He was then extremely helpful in ironing out issues that arose when drafting the Settlement Order. I would certainly recommend David, and would not hesitate to use him as a Mediator again." – *solicitor, commercial contract dispute.*

"David listened carefully to each party and managed to build a consensus ... After several hours of diligent work,... David managed to secure a settlement. I was extremely impressed with the way David listened to each party (one of whom was unrepresented) and managed to get them to focus on the 'bigger picture'. I would definitely use David as a mediator again, and would have no hesitation in recommending him as a mediator to others". - *solicitor, contract dispute.*

"I was somewhat pessimistic about the chances of agreeing a settlement given their differences, ... but you managed to hold it together! I was very impressed." - *solicitor, contract dispute.*

"Very fair, professional, calm, friendly" - *party, building contract dispute.*

"..a difficult matter with high expectations and emotion handled well.."- *solicitor, boundary dispute.*

"I was impressed with his grasp of the problems along with his calm manner. Although strictly neutral, I felt that he understood our worries and feelings." - *party, drainage dispute.*

"David was calm, authoritative and reassuring." - *solicitor, boundary dispute.*

"Thank you for your professionalism. I would use mediation (and, of course, your services) again." - *land agent, tenancy dispute.*

"You were sympathetic to the personalities involved and handled the whole process with great skill and sensitivity in order to reach a very satisfactory settlement for both parties." - *solicitor, disputed will.*

"It was the first time I have worked with a non-solicitor mediator and I am very impressed. I will certainly recommend you in the future" - *solicitor, boundary dispute.*

"Thank you so, so much...[we] are delighted with the result". - *party, boundary dispute.*

Qualifications

MA (History and Land Economy, Cambridge, 1980)
Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (1995)
Fellow of the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers (1996)
Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2015)
ADR Group Accredited Mediator (2008)
RICS Accredited Mediator (2009)
Advanced Professional Award in Expert Witness Evidence (2012)

Memberships

Consultant with Brown & Co www.brown-co.com
Agricultural Law Association www.ala.org.uk
Dispute Mediation Consultancy www.dispute-mediation.co.uk
ADR Net www.adrgroup.co.uk
Clerksroom www.clerksroom.com