



RURAL PROFESSIONALS

## **Agricultural Law Association**

### **ALA North West**

#### **Land and liability: dispelling the myths and misconceptions and Tour of Mountain and Cave Rescue Organisation's base**

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
9.30am for 10.00am start

Cave Rescue Organisation  
Clapham  
North Yorkshire  
Via Lancaster  
LA2 8HH



## **Land and liability: dispelling the myths and misconceptions – talk by Esther Stirling and tour of Mountain Rescue Team base – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The ALA is pleased to invite you to the spring meeting of its North West Group on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the depot of Cave Rescue Organisation in Clapham, North Yorkshire, LA2 8HH. It is immediately next to the New Inn in Clapham.

We will begin with a talk about the work the Cave Rescue Organisation does, followed by a tour of its depot. The Cave Rescue Organisation is a specialist mountain rescue team and provides the cave and mountain rescue service in the Three Peaks area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Its territory extends into Lancashire and Cumbria and goes as far as Malham and Gordale.

**Speaker: Esther Stirling, Partner, Harrison Clark Rickerbys**

Following this, Esther Stirling dispel the myths and misconceptions about land and liability, looking at landowners' duties and responsibilities towards lawful visitors and trespassers, claims in negligence and under the Occupiers' Liability Acts, liability for animals, prescriptive rights and disclaimers and warning notices.

Esther has acted for large London insurers, handling complex and high-value professional indemnity claims as well as representing businesses, individuals, charities and landed estates.

She has considerable experience in handling all types of *commercial litigation*, *negligence claims* and *property disputes*. Esther advises on contentious probate disputes, including challenges to *wills* and the actions of executors and trustees and has represented clients in the Court of Protection.

As a member of Harrison Clark Rickerbys' specialist *equine team*, her expertise in equine law is well-known, as is her in-depth experience of disputes involving agricultural land.

Esther is a Fellow of the ALA. She is Chairman of the ALA Inter-Professional Committee and lectures on the annual residential training course, the Starter for Ten.

Esther's practice also includes the specialist area of *fishery* and water law, advising on issues including disputed fishing rights, access and pollution incidents.

As a strong advocate of alternative dispute resolution, she resolves cases quickly and cost-effectively using mediation and expert determination wherever possible.

A horse-owner herself, Esther has a particular passion for racing. She has been actively involved in point-to-point racing for many years and is a member of the Point to Point Owners and Riders Association and Women in Racing.

There will then be an opportunity, as at all ALA meetings, for networking and discussion of matters of mutual interest over lunch following the talk.

### Meeting Point:

Cave Rescue Organisation in Clapham, North Yorkshire, LA2 8HH. Walk into double doors (next to phone box), through the building, bearing left and go up the stairs. Follow the corridor around to the kitchen.

### Itinerary:

9.30 am	Registration and tea/coffee
10.00 am	Talk about Cave and Mountain Rescue and tour of the depot
11.00 am	Talk by Esther Stirling on landowners' liabilities
12.00 pm	Lunch

ALA is authorised to accredit CPD and 2 hours will be allocated to this event.

### Cost and Payment:

The cost will be £24.00 (£20.00 + VAT) including tea/coffee and lunch.

Please complete the booking form below and send it to **Mike Holland, Agricultural Law Association, PO Box 10489, Oakham, LE15 0GL** or to **mike.holland@ala.org.uk**

For more information about ALA in the North West, please contact

**Avelina Wright** at JWK Solicitors, 7 Skipton Street, Morecambe, LA4 4AW; tel: **(01524)405847**; email: **aw@jwksolicitors.co.uk**

**Sam Johnson** at Davis & Bowring, Lane House, Kendal Road, Kirkby Lonsdale, LA6 2HH; tel: **(015242 74421)**; email: **sam.johnson@davis-bowring.co.uk**.

They will be especially pleased to hear from you with subjects for future meetings or offers of assistance.

### More information about the ALA:

The ALA was founded in 1975 to provide a forum for professionals serving agriculture (lawyers, surveyors, accountants, bankers, farm business consultants and others) to support each other in their specialism. For more information, visit **[www.ala.org.uk](http://www.ala.org.uk)**

The regional groups cater for practitioners at a local level:

- by providing a source of continuing professional development for those in rural businesses
- by encouraging the development of working relationships by inter-professional networking



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**RSVP by 18 May 2018**

Company: .....

Address: .....

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Attendee details: .....

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will be attending the ALA North West group meeting on Tuesday, 29th May 2018

If attending, please enclose a cheque made payable to **Agricultural Law Association** for £24.00 (£20.00 plus VAT) per person and send this RSVP page to **Mike Holland, Agricultural Law Association, PO Box 10489, Oakham, LE15 0GL or enquiries@ala.org.uk by 18 May 2018**

Cheque enclosed for £.....

BACS Details are available on request.

Please tick if vegetarian option is required for lunch

(please advise of any special dietary requirements)

**NB:** We will assume, unless we hear otherwise, that you are content to be contacted by the ALA with details of relevant events in the future.