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LAWYERS REINFORCE COMMITMENT TO THE LOCAL FARMING COMMUNITY

NATIONAL FARMERS UNION APPOINTS LOCAL LEGAL FIRM

LOCALLY BASED commercial, agricultural and private-client lawyers Crombie Wilkinson have been appointed as one of only two solicitors to provide legal advice and expertise to the National Farmers Union North East members.

Following the completion of a six month national review by the National Farmers Union, Crombie Wilkinson were chosen for their understanding and expert knowledge in agriculture as well as their range of specialist commercial and private-client legal services provided from their locally based offices – market towns of Selby and Malton and the city of York.

Head of the Agricultural Team and Malton office partner-in-charge Jenni Bartram, says *“We are already well known in the region for our specialist services to the agricultural sector. This appointment clearly demonstrates our ability, commitment and firm belief in supporting British Farming. We are looking forward to a successful working partnership with the National Farmers Union and providing a high quality legal service for its members.”*

Involved in many diverse and topical matters in the local community, Crombie Wilkinson’s varied legal dealings include buying and selling agricultural land, Agricultural Holdings Act Tenancies, farm business tenancies, sporting agreements, and planning and farm diversification issues as well as company, commercial and horticultural property law, commercial litigation, company and employment law, family and child law advice, mediation, residential property services, landlord and tenant matters and wills and trust planning.

Jenni went on to say, *“We place the utmost importance on providing a local, knowledgeable and accessible legal service for all our clients and this is backed up by our friendly down to earth approach. We give practical and timely advice which can frequently resolve what might otherwise develop into increasingly costly problems.”*

The panel that awarded the appointment included NFU North East Regional Director Richard Ellison and Yorkshire farmer Fred Gooder, who is also chairman of the NFU’s Legal Board.

On the appointment, Richard Ellison commented, *“The aim in appointing two firms was to provide more choice for our members. Crombie Wilkinson not only demonstrated commitment, passion and a proven track record in delivering high quality legal services but that they really understand what was going on in their community and strive to make a difference. They have a lively interest in all legal matters affecting farming and rural life and we are very pleased to have them on board.”*

Crombie Wilkinson, which has 85 staff, including 14 partners, across nine specialist departments, was founded in 1860 and is among York and North Yorkshires largest and longest-established law firms.

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