

# Northern Farming Conference 2019

## Sweating the Assets



**Wednesday 6 November 2019**

**Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm** (registration at 9.30)

**Hexham Auction Mart**

Further information is available at  
[northernfarmingconference.org.uk](http://northernfarmingconference.org.uk)



# Sweating the Assets

Leading farmers, landowners and industry stakeholders from across the country will examine the future opportunities available and how they plan for this, particularly in light of uncertainty over Brexit and the increased environmental focus of the current government.



## Mark Southern

Barclays' National Head of Agriculture

**After graduating from University Mark worked in industry for a short while before joining Barclays in 1986.**

Mark is Managing Director & National Head of Agriculture for Barclays Bank where he leads a team of c200 colleagues within the UK, focused entirely on Farming, Landed Estates, Agri-Tech and Energy & Environment.

Barclays Bank has been supporting the UK's agriculture sector since 1744, helping farmers and growers to thrive and grow their businesses. With over 150 Agricultural Managers across the country, they believe strongly in supporting these farmers financially whilst promoting technology and diversification on all scales.

Mark is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, a Fellow of the RSA, a Fellow of the Institute of Sales Marketing and Management, an Associate of the Royal Agricultural Society, a member of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, a member of The Farmers Club, a Council Member with the Institute of Agricultural Management, Chair of The Board of Trustees for The Farming Community Network Charity, an External Advisor with N8 – Agri-Tech an interdisciplinary research programme for Russell Group Northern Universities, a Mentor for the Lord Henry Plumb Foundation and a member of The Ceres Investment Committee (University of Cambridge and others).



## Mark Bridgeman

Deputy President of the CLA

**For the last 13 years, Mark Bridgeman has managed the Fallodon Estate on the Northumberland coast near Alnwick, which consists of an in-hand farm, let farms, woodland, biomass, tourism, let properties and housing development.**

Having spent 19 years at Schroders as a fund manager, he is now on the board of three London listed investment trusts and a venture capital fund in Newcastle.

Mark has been actively involved in the CLA for 13 years. and is due to be elected as CLA President in November. He joined the CLA Policy Committee seven years ago as the North East's representative and chaired the Legal and Parliamentary and Property Rights Committee from 2011-13, when he also chaired the Housing Working Group that produced the CLA's housing policy document.

From 2013-15 Mark chaired the Environment Committee and from 2015-2017 he chaired the National Policy Committee, and is now Chairman of the CLA Board.





## Alex Brewster

Farmer & Nuffield Scholar

**Alex Brewster farms and manages 4000Ha in highland Perthshire with a growing herd of 100 Aberdeen Angus cows, a flock of 1900 ewes and 4000 organic free range hens.**

Alex's 2016 Nuffield Scholarship focused on maximising the potential of his grassland.

The farm hosted a QMS grazing group looking into increasing the kg of live weight sold per Ha which was the catalyst and backbone for his Nuffield study.

Alex is a director of Scottish Organic Producers Association (SOPA), and he also owns Powered Pasture, which sources and sells equipment to support rotational and paddock grazing. "Over the last few years we have also played with diversity... and through that we've seen the soil biota become more alive and the micro and macro nutrients become more available. We are starting to complete the nutrient cycle."



## Lyndsay Chapman

Chief Executive: CIEL (Centre for Innovation Excellence in Livestock)

**Lyndsay is the Chief Executive of CIEL and an enthusiast and champion for the promotion of British food, farming and the wider environment.**

CIEL is one of the UK's four Agri-Tech Centres established as a key pillar of the government's Agri-Tech Strategy, working in partnership with leading livestock research institutions and a group of industry members spanning the entire Agri-Food supply chain. CIEL aims to use these collaborative partnerships to accelerate business-led livestock innovation, and to identify opportunities to develop new products, services and techniques that could benefit the entire supply chain.

Prior to joining CIEL in 2017, Lyndsay spent 25 years in the UK dairy sector, with positions including Agriculture Director at Müller and Agriculture and Communications Director for Dairy Crest. She held a variety of roles covering communications, business development and corporate responsibility and during this time worked in collaboration with farmers and supply chain partners.

Additional speakers  
to be announced later  
this month, please see  
website for further details.



# How to register



## Booking

To book your place please complete this form and return it to the address below, together with a cheque for the appropriate payment. Before 18th October 2019 the entry cost is £65 per delegate, or £40 for delegates who can provide a CPH number that is associated with their place of employment (up to a maximum of 3 delegates per CPH number). After 18th October 2019 the price increases to £70 (non-CPH) and £45 (CPH).

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other).....

Full Name.....

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Where more than one place is booked, please enclose details of all delegates on a separate piece of paper, or email details to: [northernfarmingconference@gmail.com](mailto:northernfarmingconference@gmail.com)

Please enclose any questions that you would like the Chairman to put to the speakers.

This facility will also exist on the conference website. Please send this form to:

The Northern Farming Conference, CLA North, Aske Stables, Aske, Richmond,

North Yorkshire DL10 5HG. Further information is available at:

[northernfarmingconference.org.uk](http://northernfarmingconference.org.uk) or by calling 01748 907070

