

Key considerations

Choices and options to consider

Family needs and expectations

- Farmer's own future needs
- Addressing any inheritors' needs

Finances

Planning your financial exit from the farm, what is needed:

- Pension plans
- Sorting farm debt
- Savings, investments
- Other property/housing needs

Farm and economic livelihoods – steps

- Farm as a viable enterprise
- Questions of tenancies and share farming and intermediary options

Gifting – what can work?

- Is it a realistic choice to gift your land?
- Leaving your land to a Trust or charity

Questions of inheritance tax

- No inheritance tax is paid on gifting property to a charity

Changing the world one farm at a time

Since the Biodynamic Land Trust was founded in 2011, it has secured over 500 acres of UK land for community-connected farming that will be biodynamic and ecological for generations.

37 acres in Sussex, Brambletye Fields is part of Tablehurst Community Farm. Secured with community investment in 2012.

34 acres in Devon, Huxhams Cross Farm secured with community investment in 2015.

41 acres in Gloucestershire, Oakbrook Farm secured with community investment in 2015.

229 acres in Sussex, Springham Farm acquisition in 2020 with a generous benefactor.

Associate farms

30 acres in the New Forest, St Giles Farm
26 acres in Forres, Scotland, Forres Friends of Woods and Fields.

180 acres in Worcestershire, Rush Farm is part of Stockwood Community Benefit Society. Secured in partnership with the Biodynamic Land Trust with community investment in 2013.

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Farming for generations to come

What future for your farm?



Discuss options and possibilities with the Biodynamic Land Trust

When is the right time to address succession?

NOW



Questions to ask

- Do I want to retire at a specific time or hand over progressively to others?
- Is gifting the right solution for me and my farm?
- Do I want to gift the farm while still active or on retirement or at death?

As a gift to a charitable organisation, the value of the property is not included in the valuation of the estate for inheritance tax purposes.

The inheritance tax position is the same regardless of whether the property is gifted while you are still alive or transferred on death.

This means your land can be given to a charity unencumbered by taxes or other costs, except transfer of ownership solicitor fees.

Contact us for a consultation to explore your situation



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Next Steps

on your journey...

The Biodynamic Land Trust recognises your work to develop an organic/ biodynamic farm, and that you are passionate that your enterprise should continue for the benefit of future generations.

How can this be achieved?

The Trust can help identify the main issues that need to be addressed with succession planning; discuss options and the extent to which the Trust can support succession processes and the future of your farm.

Associate Farm Membership

A potential step on the way to long term arrangements with the Biodynamic Land Trust is to become an Associate Member Farm. This is a relationship of mutual support and engagement in developing the future of the farm beyond its current incumbents.

Note: Buying property with an aim to gift to a charity in the future?

If the property is being purchased with the long-term aim of transferring it to a charitable organisation, then consideration should be given to making the initial purchase through the charity as such a purchase has different tax implications.

FREE consultation ▶▶▶



More steps

What are your needs and wishes?

Discussing ideals, realities and possibilities are important to engage with as soon as questions of succession arise – giving it time to mature in our hearts and in life.

Planning and making things happen can take time, so it is never too early to start on this journey.

Writing a Will can be done at any time or a Codecil can be added. However, talking to the Trust before can be very helpful.

We look forward to hearing from you about your questions and intentions.

We hope to be able to help find a good and supportive future for your land / your farm.

A no obligation exploration in a confidential conversation – ring 07870 535912 or contact info@biodynamiclandtrust.org.uk