

Quality of Knowledge

The firm was founded in 1950 and ever since, we have been helping clients, their families and businesses with their legal requirements in the heart of the Norfolk Broads and beyond. As a firm, we have adapted to the demands of our clients and the firm has gradually expanded.

Each of our solicitors or legal executives specialises in a particular area of law and we aim to provide a personal and friendly service not always available in larger firms.

The areas of the law with which we can assist clients are as follows:-

- Residential & Commercial Property
- Landlord & Tenant
- Business & Partnerships
- Wills & Estate Planning
- Probate & Estate Administration
- Trusts
- Powers of Attorney & Deputyship
- Matrimonial
- Family Law
- Inheritance Disputes
- Litigation

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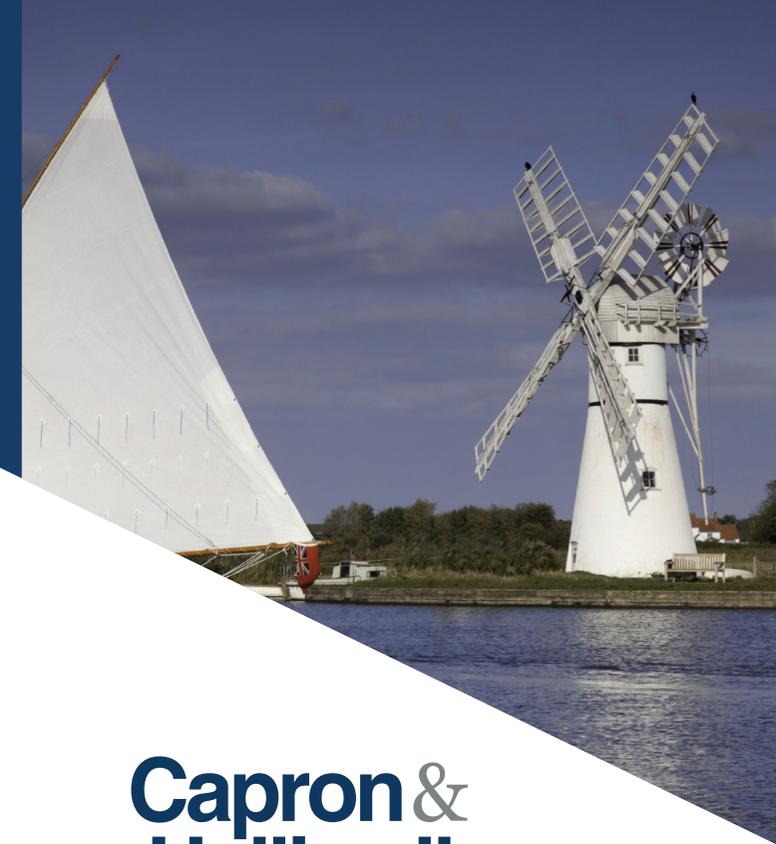
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With an ageing population many people are now confronted with a situation in which an elderly parent or relative is no longer able to manage their affairs by themselves, whether due to reasons of physical frailty or mental incapacity.

This can put children or relatives in the difficult position of having to cope with the family member's condition, but also the difficult prospect of having to take control of their financial and medical decisions.

The good news is that the process can be straightforward if steps are taken in advance. The simplest way to do this is to arrange a Power of Attorney appointing someone else to act on your behalf in these circumstances.

There are several types of Power of Attorney but only a Lasting Power of Attorney (like its predecessor, the Enduring Power of Attorney), is still effective after the donor has lost mental capacity.

There are two forms of Lasting Powers of Attorney dealing respectively with Property and Financial Affairs and Health and Welfare. These are extremely flexible documents that can be tailored to suit your specific circumstances. Both must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian before they can be used.

If a person does not take steps in advance then the consequences (both practical and financial) are daunting should mental incapacity occur.

An application has to be made to the Court of Protection who will then appoint a Deputy with a range of powers to act on behalf of a person if no valid power of attorney exists.

Not only does the Court of Protection charge fees for this supervision, but they may not have the ability to manage your affairs in the way you would want.

Capron & Helliwell can advise you on the most appropriate form of Power of Attorney and deal with the Office of the Public Guardian and the Court of Protection.

How we can help

If you wish to discuss your legal requirements and how we can help you then please call us, you will find us friendly, re-assuring and helpful.

Convenient parking is available at all of our offices and we are able to visit clients at home.*

*Additional charges apply for home visits.