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## NFU adviser Martin Newton joins Brown & Co

Having provided legal and technical advice to farmers and landowners as an NFU Callfirst adviser – on topics ranging from cross compliance to water and drainage – Martin Newton has joined the business consultancy team of Brown & Co.

Born into a Grantham farming family, Martin attended Oakham School and went on to graduate from the Royal Agricultural College with a degree in Rural Land Management. In 2006 he gained the UK Financial Services, Regulation and Ethics qualification from the Chartered Insurance Institute.

Martin joins the Grantham office of property and business consultants Brown & Co from Associa, where for the past five years he has provided legal and technical advice to NFU members on land management, environmental and agricultural issues. Topics he has handled range from tenancies to public rights of way and from Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (NVZs) to Foot and Mouth.

With strong financial sector experience, he previously worked as a market analyst for the London Stock Exchange.

“Martin’s skills and experience to-date will be invaluable in helping us deliver our new Business Link contract to provide advice and support to the region’s farmers,” says Simon Mountjoy, partner of Brown & Co. “As well as providing information on grants and funding opportunities, Martin will be part of a team helping land based businesses make the very best use of what is on offer to help them grow and develop. As part of this role, he will be helping to train existing Business Link advisers raising awareness of how they can help rural enterprises.”

Martin (33) grew up helping out with the harvest on his father’s farm at Sewstern, near Grantham.

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Married with a young family, Martin now lives in Rutland and is delighted his new role has provided an opportunity for him to return to his roots in Grantham.

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