



## **Richard Brooks DL**

Richard Brooks, 60, was brought up on the family farm at Wistow, just a few miles south of Leicester, studied at the Royal Agricultural College, and was drawn to London in order to qualify as a Chartered Surveyor.

He worked at the Head Office of Lane Fox from 1980 until 2007, when the firm merged with Strutt & Parker creating one of the largest independent property advisors in the country. Richard continues his work there but now operates from the Market Harborough office where he focuses on the sale, purchase & valuation of Country Estates and Farms across the East Midlands.

Married to Diana for over 33 years, they have 3 children. Diana runs the award-winning Wistow Maze, which all the family have played their part in making it a great success story. The farm partnership continues to manage the diversified rural estate at Wistow, with its historic Hall, farmland and woods, rental properties and the thriving Wistow Rural Centre with café/bistro, garden centre, shops, farm shop and art gallery.

Richard is chairman of Young Leicestershire, the support organisation for member clubs across Leicester and Leicestershire, as well as being president of Market Harborough District Scouts, Church Warden, and a committee member of Historic Houses in the East Midlands.

Richard held the historic role of High Sheriff of Leicestershire in 2012-13 during which time he learnt a huge amount more about the amazing businesses and charities in the County, and was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant in 2017.

In his spare time, Richard likes to spend time with his family, attend the Curve theatre and play sport. He is a keen supporter of our local football, rugby, cricket and basketball teams!

