

Davina Fillingham

Rural Surveyor



Entry level salary: £35,000 + bonus **Average Salary:** £60,000 + bonus **Top Salary:** £80,000 + bonus

KEY SKILLS: Problem solving • Negotiation skills • Communication

Summary

As a Rural Surveyor, I manage, value, buy and sell rural properties and land, including woodlands, agriculture estate and farms. I also travel throughout the country to negotiate contracts and advise property and business owners on different opportunities to develop their properties or land.

Day in the life

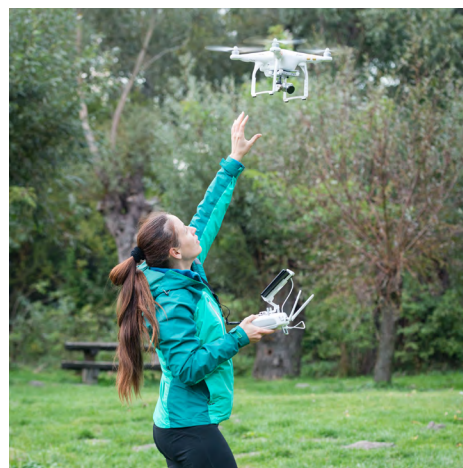
Every day is very different. I love the variation of work and the ability to interact with rural people - this is what makes my job exciting. One day I could be advising on a tenancy for traditional agriculture landed estate, and the next day I could be negotiating the lease of one of the country's largest battery storage sites. Day to day, I am involved in land and estate management, selling and buying farmland, giving advice and valuing properties.

WOW factor (why I love my job!)

From tractors driving themselves or vertical farming operations growing crops with LED lighting, technology is the future of surveying. This is the most exciting part of my job! I have seen how drones, satellite imagery, sensors and big data have provided significant advances in the way we manage land and property, and this is only the beginning.

How did you become a Rural Surveyor?

During my degree I spent my Easter and summer holidays working in a rural practice office in my home town gaining valuable experience which helped with my studies and put me ahead of other candidates when I left University.



Top tips

Gain as much experience as possible – no one is perfect, and everyone makes mistakes now and then, but you learn from those mistakes. Be conscientious - if you work hard, you will be rewarded in the end.

- Be willing to learn
- Gain work experience
- Develop your people skills

GCSEs/A Levels/
Scottish Highers
Or
Non-accredited
degree

RICS accredited degree

Surveying degree apprenticeship

Graduate Surveyor

Chartered
Surveyor