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A founder member of the Farm Consultancy Group, Kevin is also Director of his own farming business and also the Farm Consultancy Group's Software Solutions farm accounts business. SFEDI accredited, he has over 20 years experience as a farm business consultant providing financial and technical advice to dairy and arable clients in the Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire areas. Kevin has developed strong links with both the WDA and Business Link to provide their agricultural consultancy services.

With over 50 farming clients, Kevin provides the full and varied range of consultancy services including business appraisals and restructuring, financial planning and accounts (including business diversification, rent tenders and contract farming opportunities), budgeting and costing, planning appraisals and appeals and all aspects of the Single Payment and Environmental grant scheme applications. Kevin also manages the FCG Buying Group supplying feed, fertiliser and grass seed to a number of clients in the area.

Kevin's recent work includes expert witness statements of agriculture and accountancy. In addition to this, he has prepared quantum economic figures for three separate businesses regarding the impact on their herd of Johnes Disease, and subsequent claims for losses. These claims were successful with the full awards being paid.

Kevin is ably assisted in the office by Karen Freeman in administration and June Peachey in farm accounts and environmental scheme work. He employs one full time Agricultural Business Consultant.

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Phil graduated in 1996 from the University of London Wye College with a BSc (Hons) in Agricultural Business Management and joined FCG in November 1998 having previously worked as an Organic Specialist for Promar (Genus).

Based in Gloucester and covering Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Wales, Phil has over eleven years experience as a farm management consultant. SFEDI accredited, he currently has a client base of over 50 mixed farming clients, delivering business appraisals; financial planning advice including expansion, diversification and rent tenders for new holdings; agricultural planning appraisals for farm dwellings; together with all available grants and Single Payment Scheme advice and applications.

Phil enjoys a close working relationship with several large banks and lending companies, Business Link, and the WDA, for whom he delivers a wide range of consultancy services, on their behalf. He is also the key financial consultant for the RSPB in North Wales and also undertakes Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) work on behalf of developers.

He is currently working alongside Kevin Edwards and a number of local producers to establish a food co-operative in the area to sell a range of locally produced products direct to consumers.