

Crouchlands Farm Lagoon 3

Our Spreading Operations

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Introduction



Who We Are

- Established specialists in organic recycling
- Over 25 years of industry experience
- Fully licensed with all required permits from the Environment Agency
- Certified in agricultural nutrient management

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Why We Are Here Today

- Present our responsible spreading operations from the lagoon
- Explain the process, benefits, and safeguards in place
- Address community questions and concerns
- Establish open communication channels with local residents

What is lagoon 3 spreading?

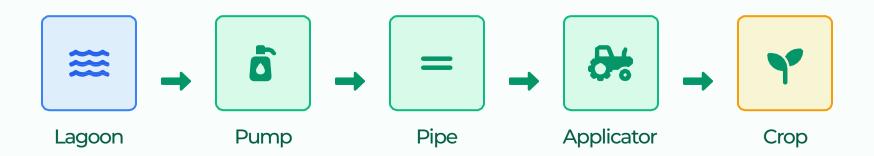
- Lagoon stores organic material (digestate/slurry) until conditions are suitable
- Storage allows proper fermentation and stabilisation of nutrients
- Material is contained within environmentally secure facilities

Benefits of an Organic Fertiliser

- Spreading recycles nutrients back to the soil as a natural fertiliser
- Reduces the need for chemical fertilisers and supports sustainable farming
- Improves soil structure and enhances biological activity
- Creates a circular economy for organic waste materials

How the Operation Works

- Pumping from the lagoon to the field via an umbilical pipe system
- Tractor and applicator distribute material evenly across fields
- Controlled application rates to match crop and soil needs



The umbilical pipe system allows efficient transfer of material with minimal soil compaction and reduced vehicle movements



Compliance & Safeguards

- Regulatory Compliance
 - Fully permitted under Environment Agency regulations
 - Environmental Management Plan in place
 - Buffer zones around watercourses and sensitive areas
- Safety Measures
 - No spreading in unsuitable weather conditions (rain/frozen/compacted ground)
 - Emergency procedures and spill response protocols
 - Regular equipment maintenance and inspection
 - Staff trained in safe handling procedures

Protecting the Community

- Noise & Odour Management
 - Minimised through the use of modern equipment and best practices
 - Regular maintenance of all machinery to reduce noise emissions
- Traffic Management
 - Tractor routes are carefully planned to avoid residential areas
 - Predetermined schedules are used to minimise the impact on local traffic
- Operation Hours
 - All activities are conducted during daylight hours only
 - No operations on weekends or public holidays
- Monitoring Systems
 - Continuous monitoring of weather and soil conditions
 - Real-time adjustments to operations based on environmental data

Benefits for the Local Area

Improved Soil Health

- Enhances soil structure and quality
- Increases organic matter content
- Leads to higher crop yields
- Promotes sustainable land management

Local Economy Support

- Strengthens local farming businesses
- Creates and maintains rural jobs
- Reduces costs for local farmers
- Supports regional food production

Reduced Chemical Dependency

- Decreases reliance on imported fertilisers
- Lowers carbon footprint from transport
- Reduces chemical runoff into waterways
- Promotes circular economy principles

& Environmental Responsibility

- Provides responsible waste management
- Completes natural nutrient cycle
- Reduces landfill waste
- Lowers greenhouse gas emissions

Addressing Concerns

Odour Management

- Short-term impact only during application
- Strategic timing of operations to minimise the effect
- Advanced application methods reduce odour intensity
- Weather conditions are monitored to prevent dispersal toward residential areas

Traffic Management

- Carefully planned transport routes, avoiding populated areas
- Clear safety signage during operational periods
- Scheduled deliveries to minimise peak traffic disruption
- Clean roads policy to prevent mud tracking

Water Protection

- Strict compliance with buffer zones around watercourses
- Regular water quality monitoring upstream and downstream
- No application during heavy rain or flood risk periods
- Immediate response protocols for any environmental incidents

Our Commitment

- Communication & Transparency
 - Open and proactive communication with the council and local residents
 - Regular updates on operational schedules and activities
 - Educational resources about nutrient recycling benefits
- Rapid Response
 - Dedicated contact point for addressing concerns during operations
 - Prompt response protocols to any issues that arise
 - Regular review of community feedback to improve processes
- Partnership Approach
 - Working together with all stakeholders for mutual benefit
 - Long-term commitment to environmental sustainability
 - Supporting the local agricultural economy through responsible practices

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Any questions or further concerns We have not addressed

