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LAYTON

CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANTS
and

CHARTERED
TAX ADVISERS

About us

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We do not believe any other firm in the county can match the scope, depth of experience and specialist knowledge we can offer our clients.

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Robinson Reed Layton is an independent firm of accountants and registered auditors with origins dating back to the early 1920's. Our client base includes over 250 corporate clients and approximately 1,000 unincorporated businesses, not for profit organisations and private clients. This gives us a deep-rooted understanding of and involvement in the business community.

We pride ourselves on our reputation for client care and we believe this is best achieved by ensuring that each client is dealt with personally by one of our partners.

Including the partners, we have together with our sister company DCN & Co Ltd, a team of approximately 50, of whom 17 are fully qualified chartered or certified accountants, 4 are chartered tax advisers, and 12 are AAT qualified.

Our services

TAXATION

Our tax department includes four chartered tax advisers and our high-powered team offers a comprehensive range of tax services, ranging from preparing and submitting your self assessment tax return to advising on the most complex corporate structures.

Our Tax Partner James Bailey has a national reputation for his expertise in buy to let and property taxation, and his articles on these subjects and other tax matters are regularly published.

As an ex inspector of taxes, James is also able to assist you with tax investigations and any other disputes with HM Revenue and Customs.

James and his team can also help with tax planning, both to minimise current liabilities and to plan for the future in terms of inheritance tax.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

We believe the key to a successful business is to have up-to-date financial information at your fingertips, and we provide a monthly management account service, which can range from a simple profit and loss account to a detailed analysis of cost centre activities. Using our service enables you to keep up to date with advances in accounting software, and simplifies the preparation of your annual accounts.

We can also deal with the preparation of your VAT returns.

PAYROLL

We can assist you with your payroll and submit your monthly and year end returns to HMRC online on your behalf.

For those who wish to outsource their payroll function completely, we can offer a full Payroll Bureau service including the ability to make BACS payments on your behalf through our sister company DCN & Co Ltd.

ACCOUNTING & PAYROLL SOFTWARE

We are the only Cornish firm to be a fully accredited Sage Accountant Partner, which means that the members of our Sage team have completed a demanding schedule of training courses to enable them to offer top level advice and after sales service to users of Sage software.

CASH FLOW & CORPORATE FINANCE

We can assist you in preparing cash flow projections for the purposes of setting budgets and forming business plans, or for businesses wishing to start up, expand, merge or sell.

We can deal with sales or acquisitions including introductions to financiers, grant applications, investigations, compliance and due diligence.

FORENSIC ACCOUNTING

We are able to provide expert evidence to quantify losses arising from such matters as accidents, commercial or matrimonial disputes, or investigations of fraud. Our Senior Partner, Paul Reed, and Senior Manager, Terry Knight, are experienced at giving evidence in court as expert witnesses.

ACCOUNTS

We prepare annual accounts for businesses of all sizes. We aim to encourage our clients to improve their bookkeeping in order to minimise fees and enhance their own understanding of their financial results.

AUDIT

We are registered auditors and firmly believe that the process of the annual audit should not just be compliance with the legislation but an opportunity to offer sound practical advice on planning and strategy in order to help your business become more efficient and profitable.

SAGE SERVICES

Robinson Reed Layton are the only official Sage Accredited Accountant Partner in Cornwall.

At Robinson Reed Layton, we provide effective and efficient accounting technology solutions for one and all. We provide Sage technology solutions to both charities and corporate entities across the Duchy and beyond through our team of dedicated and well qualified Sage experts, all of whom stay up to date with the latest developments.

Work with us and you will receive a high quality service, backed by direct support from Sage. Selection of an appropriate accounting package for your organisation is important and you want to ensure that you are making the right decision.

We are able to supply Sage software at competitive prices. As accountants, we understand what it is you are looking for from your accounting software, and we strive to ensure that we present you with the package, implementation and support options that will meet your needs at a realistic price.

Our service does not end once we implement the software. We offer support packages that help to ensure that you can make the best use of the package you have purchased. We want you to be happy with what you have implemented. We also run regular user seminars, based on requests from our clients that you will be eligible to attend.

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As well as holding Investors in People status, Robinson Reed Layton is proud to support the local community. We are a corporate supporter of Hall for Cornwall, sponsors of Redruth Rugby club and corporate members of the Cornwall Community Foundation's 100 club. We also organise various fundraising activities for local charities throughout the year.

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Our partners

GRAHAM BOULTON BSc (Hons) FCA

Graham qualified as a chartered accountant in 1989 and was appointed a partner in 2003.

He has a background in general practice with particular emphasis on delivering audit, accounting and advisory services to small and medium-sized family businesses.

He offers advisory services to start up and developing businesses as well as corporate finance services.

He also has specialist experience in the area of charities and care homes, and heads the firm's Charity Department.

He is chairman and treasurer of a local charity and a school governor.

He is interested in all sports and since retiring from playing football he is concentrating on lowering his golf handicap.

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PAUL REED MA (Oxon) FCA

Paul is a founding Partner and now Senior Partner.

Born and bred in Cornwall, Paul qualified in 1978 and became a general practice partner in 1988. Paul is the firm's audit compliance partner and specialises in dealing with family businesses and leads the firm's leisure industry expertise.

He is the firm's agriculture specialist and a recognised expert on timeshare.

Paul is Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of Truro and Penwith College and treasurer of various organisations and charities.

Paul is a keen golfer, stamp collector and avid cricket enthusiast, collecting cricket books and memorabilia, as well as being a supporter of local Rugby Union.

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RRL believe in teamwork, with our clients and within our own organisation. This has been a major point in our continued re-approval for the Investors in People Award which we have now held in excess of 10 years.

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STEPHEN GAINEY BA (Hons) FCA

Stephen qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1987 and became partner in 1996.

He has a general practice background, with particular emphasis on the small family business sector along with considerable experience of personal tax return cases.

He is the firm's VAT partner and also supervises the firm's management accounts and accounting software functions.

His interests include photography and travel as well as languages – notably French and his native Cornish – all of which are combined on his visits to Brittany. It is thanks to Stephen's love of the Cornish language that Robinson Reed Layton's website can be translated into Cornish at the click of a button! He also enjoys walking the Cornish Coastal Path.

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JAMES BAILEY MA (Cantab) CTA

James is the firm's Tax Partner. A Chartered Tax Adviser, he has a national reputation for his work on taxation issues, and regularly writes articles on tax planning for various journals as well as making TV and radio appearances.

James is a former Inland Revenue Deputy District Inspector of a large London tax district, leading tax investigations into national companies and prominent individuals. On leaving the Inland Revenue, James worked with two of the 'Big Four' accounting firms, specialising in tax planning for family companies and wealthy individuals.

As well as helping accountants and solicitors with their clients' tax affairs, James also advises family businesses and wealthy individuals on tax planning, and offers help in dealing with tax investigations.

James is very keen on shooting, and says that training his gundogs makes a welcome contrast to dealing with HM Revenue and Customs officials. Though he lacks basic kitchen skills, his game cookery has been described as "inspired".

He enjoys reading, particularly crime novels and political thrillers, and is sure that one day he will finish the Daily Telegraph crossword in under ten minutes.

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Managers and Team Leaders



TERRY KNIGHT
BA (Hons) FCA

Terry qualified in 1978 and has been Senior Manager since 1988.

Terry specialises in forensic accounting and has produced expert reports on cases involving personal injury, fatal accidents, loss of profits and professional negligence. He is a Law Society accredited expert witness. Terry has extensive experience in the retail industry both in auditing and management accounts, and is the firm's cash flow and projections specialist.

In addition to being a rugby nut, Terry is a keen gardener and enjoys a passion for the theatre, his other interests include music, reading and walking.

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PAULA BUDGE
BSc (Hons) FCCA

Paula joined the firm in 1997, and as a team manager specialises in PLC and limited company audits.

Paula is the firm's CCH Viztopia accounts guru, and also specialises in Sage Line 50 management accounts.

Paula is a horse owner and keen rider, and enjoys keeping fit by attending dance classes, gym, cycling and walking. She also enjoys weekend breaks, especially shopping sprees!

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MIKAELA RICHARDS
BA (Hons) FCCA

Mikaela joined the firm in 1999 and became qualified as a Chartered Certified accountant in 2003. She became a team manager in 2008.

Mikaela specialises in limited company audits and company, sole trader and partnership accounts and has a particular interest in business start-ups and growing companies.

The majority of Mikaela's spare time is taken up chasing and clearing up after her young son - and husband! - but in her rare free time she enjoys walking, going to the cinema, reading and trying to cook!

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RICHARD ROBINSON
FCA DChA

Richard retired as a partner from Robinson Reed Layton on 31 May 2009, after 41 years in the accountancy profession.

Richard became a general practice partner with KPMG in 1984 and was a founding partner of Robinson Reed Layton in 1995.

Over the past 15 -20 years he built up the firm's expertise in acting for charities and not for profit organisations which is now headed by Graham Boulton as partner and Mark Williams as manager.

He is trustee of several charities the largest of which are the Duchy Health Charity Limited and Cornwall International Male Voice Choral Festival. He is also the treasurer of St Andrew's Church, Redruth.

Richard holds the Diploma in Charity Accounting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. This award is held by less than 700 accountants in the UK.

Richard is a consultant with the firm and will be available to provide guidance and assistance to clients on charity issues.

Richard is a keen gardener and traveller and enjoys listening to classical music.

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LYNN TAYLOR
BSc (Hons) FCA

Lynn is the firm's Assurance Manager, and has been with the firm since 1992.

Lynn specialises in large company audits, pension scheme audits, client money audits, groups of companies, company and sole trader and partnership accounts.

Lynn enjoys kayaking.

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MARK WILLIAMS
BA (Hons) ACA DChA

Mark joined the firm in 1999 and was promoted to the management team in 2005.

Mark has recently attained the prestigious Diploma in Charity Accounting issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales in recognition of his work with charity and public sector audits.

Mark specialises in the charity and not for profit sector, including audits, accounts and grant claims, and is noted for his work with care homes in both the private and charity sector. From a farming background himself, he also works with farmers and landed estates.

Mark is the firm's training manager, mentoring students and overseeing professional development, and is a keen tennis player and walker.

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Chartered Tax Advisers



POLLY TREGASKES
BEng (Hons) ACA CTA

Polly joined the firm as a Chartered Accountant trainee in July 2001 having achieved a first class degree in Mineral Engineering. She qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 2004 and went on to specialise in taxation.

Polly qualified as a Chartered Tax Adviser in 2005 and is now a key member of the firm's tax team. She has a general knowledge of both personal and corporate taxation and is responsible for managing the firm's trust clients.

Polly is a keen sailor in her spare time and regularly takes part in local racing.

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JO LAWLESS
BEng (Hons) ACA CTA

Jo joined the firm in 2003. After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant, Jo qualified as a Chartered Tax Adviser in 2008.

Jo specialises in large and family company audits, as well as working on personal and corporate tax compliance and capital gains tax matters.

Jo is a marathon runner, swimmer and dog walker, and likes nothing better than being up to her ears in mud at a music festival.

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NICK SKERRATT
BA (Hons) ACA CTA

Nick is a proud Cornishman and was a member of the only cricket team from the county (St Just U15s) to be crowned National Champions.

Nick, having qualified as a Chartered Accountant, qualified as a Chartered Tax Adviser in 2008, boosting an already impressive RRL tax team. Nick specialises in personal tax, inheritance tax and corporation tax as well as limited company accounts.

As well as cricket, Nick plays football, and enjoys watching most sports and relaxing with friends in his local pub.


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Robinson Reed Layton have roots in Cornwall going back to the early 1920's, and provide top quality advice to a broad range of clients from their modern offices on the banks of the river in Truro.

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