

# PEACE OF MIND FOR YOUR CHARITY

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# OUR EXPERTISE

Our team of charity specialists act for over 150 clients, including community organisations, social care charities, arts and culture organisations and grant-making bodies. We are passionate about the Charity sector and making a real tangible difference to our clients.

With our extensive experience, you can expect to receive the highest level of advice and support, and we believe we can add real value to your organisation. Our offices are based across the major centres in the North of England and Scotland. This local knowledge and sector expertise ensures you benefit from working with an adviser who understands the issues that may affect your organisation.

We work alongside you, providing support across an extensive list of financial areas to help you achieve peace of mind and ensure that your organisation continues to prosper.



**“** *The Armstrong Watson team simply go above and beyond when it comes to professional services and trusted advisory.*

**Andy Forbes -**  
**Finance and Resource Director,**  
**Eureka! The National Childrens Museum**

**“** *Armstrong Watson has brought genuine independence, rigour, professionalism and wise advice to the audit of the Society's arrangements and its reporting to the Board and its membership at the AGM.*

**Douglas Thomas -**  
**Committee Member,**  
**Brampton Rural Housing Society**



**“** *The relationship we have with Armstrong Watson is incredibly important to us. We're fully confident that all compliance obligations are met and that our best interests are always front of mind. They truly are our trusted advisers and their input and guidance has proven invaluable.*

**Craig McEwen -**  
**Chief Operating Officer, The Usual Place**

# HOW WE CAN HELP

We're here to offer all the services – and then some – of a regional accountancy firm, but what you'll also take from us is real, solid sector advice, gained from our extensive local knowledge and wide-ranging expertise. Here are just a few of the areas where we can offer support...



## Audit and Independent Examination

We provide statutory audit and independent examination services, a robust review of your year-end numbers and insight into your processes and controls.



## VAT

VAT often represents a significant cost to charitable organisations. We help our clients comply with VAT rules and reduce the impacts of VAT to the fullest extent possible. Critical areas for not-for-profit organisations include partial exemption 'special methods', using the cost-sharing exemption to reduce VAT costs, the impact of new grant funding, capex, group VAT implementation and advice on VAT-effective retailing.



## Accounting Software & Management Information

Choosing the right accounting software for your charity needs is vital. Cloud accounting allows you to easily track your management information and budget effectively to help drive your organisation forward. We can produce management accounts and track key performance indicators for your organisation so you can invest time in what you do best – running your charity!



## Managing Cash Flow & Improving Performance

Identifying issues and taking the right action at the first opportunity can make a huge difference to the success and longevity of your organisation, and our team of experts can work with you to understand and overcome those challenges, helping to restore stability and improving operational and financial performance.



## Payroll and Employment Taxes

Providing services for more than 1500 employers, our qualified and dedicated payroll team fully understands the specific payroll issues faced by charities, including seasonal workers, foreign workers, live-in allowances, Auto Enrolment and the National Living Wage.

We also advise our clients to comply with employment tax and broader pay regulations fully, including off-payroll arrangements.



## Financial Planning

When it comes to managing money, trustees need to balance the need for short-term accessibility and security against optimising returns and the risks of investing. We operate both cash management and investment propositions for trustees seeking advice.

We can also support those working/volunteering within your organisation. As progressive and responsible employers, you want to ensure staff are happy and productive. We can help support this by running financial health and well-being services for employees and charity volunteers. We can also help implement more tax-efficient ways of paying employees pensions.



## Fraud and Cyber Security

The not-for-profit sector has historically been vulnerable to increasingly sophisticated fraud attempts, including cyber-attacks. Our forensic and IT teams can help you ensure your organisation is well-placed to resist these attacks.

Contact one of our charity experts today via the details below, or email [help@armstrongwatson.co.uk](mailto:help@armstrongwatson.co.uk)



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