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CHARITY NEWS



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The last couple of years has been tough for everyone, not least those of you working in the Charity sector, who have continued to provide support and assistance to those who need it in very difficult times. Just when we appear to be seeing light at the end of the tunnel from the COVID 19 pandemic, we are hit by rising costs of living and war in Ukraine.

As a firm of accountants with a large charity specialism, we are able to provide a wealth of experience and knowledge to help support your charity navigate the increasing levels of regulations and finance matters you face.

We act for over 130 charities and not for profit entities, ranging from faith-based charities to large international organisations providing support in third world countries.

As well as providing accountancy, independent examinations and audit services, we also provide taxation services, gift aid reviews, and system reviews. We have also undertaken trustee training on governance issues.

Senior charity team members



Darren Harding ACA, FCCA, DChA – Director & Head of Charity Division

Darren joined RPD in 2003 from another accountancy practice. In 2006 he took over the Charity Division and in 2008 was awarded the Diploma in Charity Accounting. Darren now heads up a portfolio of more than 100 charities and not for profit organisations.



Karen Corduff ACA, FCCA, BA (Hons) – Audit Director

Karen trained and qualified with a top 50 accountancy practice. She was a manager within the audit and assurance department of a top 10 accountancy firm, working with charities, schools, pension schemes, FSA regulated businesses and large international groups of companies. Karen was promoted to Director in 2017.



Louise Waugh DChA, AAT – Senior Charities Manager

Louise has been with RPD for eighteen years. She works for the charities team and specialises in dealing with Independent Examinations. Recently, she implemented the offices procedures for carrying out independent examination work under the new regulations.



James Little – Audit Client Manager

James has been with RPD for nine years and works with Karen on charity audit and accounts assignments. He is studying to gain his ACA qualifications. James has progressed to a managerial position within the audit and accounts team and is responsible for training and developing new team members.

We're supporting the Crawley Food Bank Partnership, in 2022/23

As a firm our team chooses one local charity to support each year. We then focus our fundraising activities on them –sponsored walks, car washes, quiz evenings, the RPD Olympics, a team iron man challenge, footgolf and have even run a virtual walk from Land's End to John O'Groats. This year's charity, Crawley Food Bank Partnership, is working to tackle the growing levels of food poverty in our community.

The RPD Foundation

The RPD Foundation aims to advise and support charities and not-for-profit organisations, at any stage of their development, with financial know-how, strategy, governance and advice on controls. As an entity in its own right, the Foundation also helps with choosing suitable operating models and with business development and fundraising. The Back on Track initiative helps unemployed people pivot their mindset and redirect their skills into new and fulfilling opportunities.

