

GIVING BACK TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Welcome Centre is our charity of the year for 2018/19, and we are always on the look out for ways to support this very worthy cause, as they provide vital services to those in the local community most at need. Most recently, we held an Easter Bake Off in our office, and raised a fantastic £52.50 in the 4 days of the competition. Our Senior Accountant Zoe, was the winner. Take a look on our website for the wonderful winning cake!

Four of the team also volunteered their time during work hours to help

out at the centre and at the warehouse, doing different roles. Read all about it on our blog pages.

On 19 May, some of our most daring staff take on the Tough Mudder course, which is very challenging. We were looking to raise about £250, but have already hit £600, which is brilliant. A big thank you to those who have donated to this. For more donations, please visit:

mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/lucysmith7

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Whether you are a new start up, keen to expand, or would like some business advice, then please do get in touch, as our team are happy to help.

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A STORY OF GROWTH

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Welcome



Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2019 issue of the Sheards Newsletter.

We have been preparing for Making Tax Digital (MTD) for months, working with both clients and the team alike, to make sure that everyone is ready.

It's here and MTD for VAT is now live. In the run up to going live, HMRC reported that over 3,000 businesses were signing up for the scheme each day. We're here to help, so if you have any questions regarding how this might affect your business, then please call us.

In this issue, we feature our client, Katrina of KC Communications, to demonstrate how planning ahead and working with your accountant can help your business flourish.

We also share our fundraising news for our Charity of the Year, The Welcome Centre, Kirklees biggest foodbank. Read on to find out more!

We hope you enjoy this issue.

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NAVIGATING CHANGE AND UNCERTAINTY

You are invited to join us for our next **Connection 19** event on 20 June. This time we partner with Natasha McCreesh, business coach and mentor of "PiP To Grow Strong", to assist our clients and other local businesses in navigating change effectively.

This talk focuses on the impact of change and uncertainty in the workplace. Natasha will highlight three timeless leadership strengths that business owners and teams can tap into, so that they can navigate change effectively and appreciate the freedom that comes with embracing uncertainty.

To book your FREE place contact lucys@sheards.co.uk



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We're delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted for the Yorkshire Accountancy Awards "Independent Firm of the Year". This is our 2nd year of being shortlisted. Keep an eye on social media for the results – 8th May 2019.

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NO LIMITS

With well established roots, our clients reach new heights



Katrina Cliffe



Accountants, at a rudimentary level, are here to make sure their clients comply with the law in terms of financial management and meeting HMRC requirements and deadlines. However, there is so much more to be gained by working closely with your accountant as an extension of your business to provide support through start up, growth, and all the ups and downs that come in between.

One client who came to us for support, is Katrina Cliffe, founder and managing director of KC Comms, a marketing consultancy in Huddersfield. Prior to working with Sheards, KC Comms had already been using a recognised digital tool for invoicing and bookkeeping, yet their accountant was still using bank statements to file VAT returns. Take a look at Katrina's journey with us.

CLEAR INSIGHT

"At the start of each financial year, we set a forecast for the upcoming year. We then measure actual business performance against that, when Sheards do my quarterly management accounts. This helps me greatly with my decision making, such as when it is the right time to recruit."

A SEAMLESS TRANSITION

"To enable us to start from a strong position, the previous years' accounts were reviewed and anomalies were addressed. Both Kevin and Zoe have been wonderful during the transition process and have helped me to understand my obligations for Making Tax Digital and auto-enrolment."

BRIGHT FUTURE

"I'm now at a point where I speak to Sheards before any major decision and I look forward to our quarterly meetings to review where we are, discuss my ideas and get sound advice from people I trust who are experts in what they do".

ONGOING SUPPORT

"I also benefit from a quarterly business support group with other Sheards clients and have access to third party training and development."

PEACE OF MIND

"My accounts are completed and filed well ahead of deadline and I am able to ensure cashflow is there when the tax bill arrives. Payroll and VAT are handled swiftly with minimal input from me."

A POSITIVE START

"I first contacted Sheards to manage my self-assessment and company requirements such as tax returns and VAT. I soon realised that they were able to provide much more than this. I had already been using accounting software. However I knew I wasn't taking full advantage of the information available."

