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# About our Firm

Leavitt Walmsley Associates Ltd (LWA) is an independent firm of Chartered Certified Accountants, ***supporting clients across the UK*** from our offices in South Manchester and Warrington.

We've been providing our director-led advice offering a total business advisory package for over 30 years, together with a range of services that go beyond standard accountancy compliance which has helped our SME, corporate, and regulated clients to exceed their goals. The success of our firm is based on our relationship focus and commitment to regular communication offered by our Directors, Les Leavitt and Steve Collings, who are supported by a fantastic team of hard-working, highly-experienced and friendly staff, all of whom are regularly encouraged to continue their professional development.

We are extremely proud to provide an exceptional service, normally expected of larger firms, but representing best value for our clients.





# Our Directors

## Les Leavitt, Managing Director

Les Leavitt has been with the firm since the early 90's and took over as Managing Director in 2001. ***Under his guidance, the firm has grown significantly***, predominantly from client recommendations - something that Les has worked hard to achieve.

As the firm continues to succeed, Les has invested in recruiting and training a dedicated team of professional staff, and regularly attends courses to maintain his own skills, to ensure ***high standards are a consistent feature*** of the firm's service. Working to the philosophy of '***Know, Like and Trust***' is of utmost importance for Les and as a result, he will offer a no-obligation, no-cost review of your existing accounting package and related services.



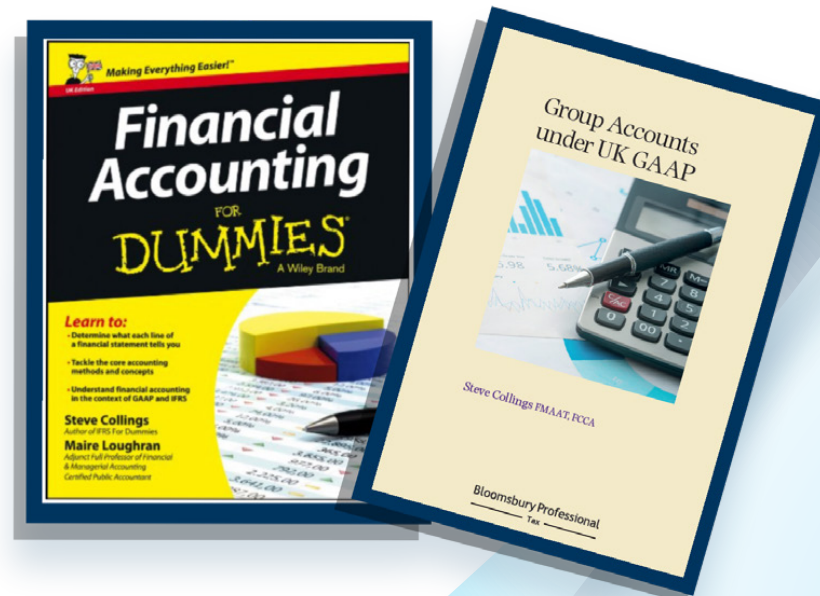


# Steve Collings, Director

Over the past 23 years, Steve Collings has become **a leading figure** in the accountancy and auditing professions. He is regularly consulted by senior authorities to assist in technical compliance issues, including being asked to lecture in the UK and overseas on his area of expertise - international financial reporting standards.

After an incredible 12 months, Steve's efforts were further recognised at the Warrington Business Awards 2022, where he was short-listed as **Businessman of the Year**. He has won a number of awards throughout his career as well as being asked to judge awards in the accounting sector.

He also writes for many international accounting blogs and websites, and has authored 31 books on accounting and auditing, including 3 books for the world-famous 'For Dummies' series.



# Core Services

## Accountancy & Auditing

LWA's service goes beyond simply adhering to statutory compliance of rules and regulations; we ensure that you avoid penalties, whilst **maximising opportunities and helping your business perform better**. We work with our clients at a personal level to undertake the following accountancy and auditing services in addition to standard requirements:

- Gaining an in-depth understanding of your business and the commercial environment in which you operate.
- Identifying areas of your business that require attention and providing constructive help to assist your business growth.
- Through our use of the latest technology and software, providing timely and accurate management accounting information and forecast projections.
- Assessing risk factors and focusing our work on those areas where we believe we can make the biggest contribution.
- Compiling our reports in accordance with both UK and international standards and regulations.





## Corporate & Personal Taxation

Our tax advice aims to help you take advantage of reliefs and allowances to which you and your business are entitled, whilst at the same time ensuring your affairs are compliant with the latest regulations.

LWA's service provides the assurance you need so that ***you, your business and your family*** will not be faced with unwelcome tax surprises. Our corporate and personal tax services include:

- Consideration of the interrelation with other taxes, such as Capital Gains Tax (CGT) and Inheritance Tax (IHT).
- Succession planning, for example family members, or introducing key employees by way of share ownership and incentive schemes.
- Personal taxation and self-assessment support to ensure accurate incorporation of pension provisions, savings accounts and other sources of income.
- Strategies that provide you with financial protection both now and into the future.

We also offer all necessary support in relation to Company Secretarial services including limited liability - from helping you to understand the particulars of each option, to conducting the formation of your company and filing annual paperwork, as well as acting as your Registered Office.



## Payroll Services

At LWA, we have a dedicated team that provide payroll services to our clients wishing to outsource the administrative and legal aspects of paying employees.

Our service helps you keep your administrative ***payroll costs to a minimum whilst ensuring your payroll runs smoothly*** by:

- Ensuring your employees are paid the correct amount on time every time including producing and emailing their payslips, using a secure email portal.
- Providing information to ensure your payroll liabilities owed to HM Revenue and Customs are accurate
- Supporting you with the requirements for auto-enrolment pension payments.
- Keeping you updated with regulatory pay and national minimum wage information.



# Business Support & Networked Services

Running a successful business often results in owners or directors juggling the functional responsibilities of sales, marketing and HR, as well as the general management of the company. That's difficult for anyone at the best of times and in today's highly-regulated environment, almost impossible.

LWA are ideally placed to offer objective and strategic advice, drawing on our knowledge and understanding we already have about your business goals, complemented by the accumulated expertise of our staff.

***Our advice helps you take the optimum route to achieving your aims***, be they preparing your business for sale, assisting in the acquisition of existing companies, planning for growth or simply reviewing your business cost structure.

Furthermore, LWA has a strong network of extended professional services whenever you need that additional support. These include:

- Business Funding
- Commercial Brokerage
- Consulting
- General Insurance
- Pension Advisory
- Valuation



# Specialist Services

## Non-Executive Finance Director Solution

For businesses experiencing rapid growth, LWA offer a Non-Executive Finance Director service working alongside owners or Managing Directors. We will help to outline, implement and ensure the ***achievement of your financial goals*** as part of the overall business strategy by:

- Determining both the financial objectives and departmental budgets and projecting their effects.
- Analysing and presenting regular reports on factors such as financial trends, competitor activity, market opportunities and how these might affect the business.
- Working alongside board members and the senior management team to ensure everyone understands how the business can ***achieve its potential***.





# Regulated Firms & Charities

Through the qualifications and experience of our Director, Steve Collings, ***LWA provides services to regulated clients, including solicitors and charities.*** Such regulated businesses have a significant responsibility in ensuring compliance with technical accounting and sector-specific legislation. Non-compliance can have major consequences for the business.

Law firms have a duty to comply with the Solicitors Accounts Rules which are issued by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA). Many law firms are obliged to have an SRA Accountant's Report prepared each year, which is a service provided by LWA. We can identify any breaches of the SRA Accounts Rules and provide advice to the law firm in preventing further breaches.

Charities also have strict reporting requirements and we work with a number of charities to provide independent examination and audit services to ensure the charity's trustees are fulfilling their obligations properly. Our services can identify weaknesses in the charity's systems which can be discussed with the trustees with a view to strengthening those weaknesses and creating efficiencies.



# Why Choose LWA?

LWA are honoured, as a small firm, to boast the skills, experience and achievements held by our management team and staff. Our team have trained to become experts in leading accounting software and having achieved the highest levels of partnerships, ***our clients have benefitted hugely*** for example with unrivalled turnaround times for their financial reports, as well as excelled growth achieved through forecasting and business and market prediction insights.



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# Corporate Social Responsibility

Supporting our local communities is highly important to the LWA team, and this includes taking part in sponsorship events that raise money for charities and those in need, across Cheshire and beyond.

We have been Business Patrons with the Warrington Wolves Charitable Foundation for over 5 years, as well as supporting Manchester Storm ice hockey club with continuous sponsorship.

Over recent years, we are proud to have supported both Stefan Ratchford and Ben Currie, respectfully, in their testimonial seasons with the Warrington Wolves, in addition to our sponsorship of the pitch barriers at the Halliwell Jones Stadium, which feature on Super League match days and also in the recent Rugby League World Cup.





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