



not for profit | services for livery companies

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The 100 or so livery companies, many of them bodies incorporated by Royal Charter, face a host of special tax challenges for their trading, educational, investment and charitable activities. They need specialist advice to structure their activities in the most beneficial way to minimise their tax liabilities. They need advisers who understand the particular needs of Masters, Clerks and Courts of Assistants in protecting interests and confidentiality while garnering trust from their Livery men.

haysmacintyre, a leading firm of Chartered Accountants and tax advisers in Holborn, brings a special blend of expertise and experience – from the not for profit, education, corporate and membership organisation sectors – to Livery Companies with a senior, partner-led service that is professional and confidential yet personal, pragmatic and good value for money.

haysmacintyre is a leading adviser in the not for profit sector, with over 550 charitable and not for profit clients, which means that it has in-depth experience in the auditing, taxation, VAT and financial planning requirements of all types of charities – grant giving, fund raising and service providing. The firm is also the leading adviser in the independent schools sector where it advises over 120 schools. The firm also advises over 40 trade and membership organisations from both the commercial and not for profit sectors and over 20 of London's leading private members clubs. Yet the firm also has a strong client base amongst a variety of corporate and professional organisations across the UK – including large listed companies and small private, family operations. The combination of this experience means that haysmacintyre can offer Livery Companies unparalleled experience – and contacts – in a variety of related and relevant sectors.

Our services to Livery Companies include:

- Audit and assurance
- Taxation – structuring, compliance and advice
- VAT – We have specialists in not for profit VAT issues
- Employer support – PAYE, P11D and related services
- Outsourced book keeping and accountancy
- IT consultancy
- Financial planning (in conjunction with haysmacintyre financial planning)
- Administration and management of investment portfolios and pooling schemes
- Advice on a range of financial, commercial and management issues.

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Charities with independent branches holding investments or Charities with common trustees can create a pooling scheme whereby the separate assets are combined and managed as a single portfolio and "units" are allocated to the investing bodies. A pooling scheme enables the individual bodies to increase the spread of their investments, which should hopefully decrease the investment risk and increase the investment returns. It should also result in lower investment costs and administration costs. We are involved in two such schemes where the charities have outsourced the administration role to ourselves to achieve further cost saving and a reliable and timely service.

Many of our clients come to us especially for taxation advice – either for a general review of their operations or to seek help in dealing with a particular project or transaction. haysmacintyre operates in a flexible way enabling clients to use the appropriate adviser(s) in whatever way suits their needs.

Our partners have direct and hands on experience of the challenges faced by Livery Companies. Noble Hanlon serves as a member of Court and as treasurer for a Livery Company. The firm hosts regular lunches where Clerks and Court members are invited to participate in informal and confidential discussions about issues of mutual concern – often with high profile guests who are able to offer valuable political, economic or commercial insights to the discussions. Previous guests have included Lord Effingham, Michael Portillo and Sir Malcolm Rifkind. The firm also produces a number of technical newsletters and updates on issues affecting charitable, educational and membership organisations.

about haysmacintyre

haysmacintyre, Chartered Accountants and business advisers, works with over 550 charities and not for profit organisations in the UK and overseas. Our services include the full range of audit, tax, VAT and comprehensive advisory services. Our multi-disciplinary specialist team has extensive sector experience working for a diverse range of charities. We are based in one location which ensures an integrated and comprehensive approach to our clients' requirements.

haysmacintyre is a founding member of MSI Global Alliance (MSI), an international alliance of independent legal and accounting firms, with 250 members in 100 countries.



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