

Tax and accounts tend to be something most business owners endure rather than enjoy. The team at FS Accountants, however, offer a friendly, jargon-free approach that will make you and your balance sheet smile, writes *Catherine Mallord*.

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**D**amian Farragher and Sarah Sharples set up FS Accountants in 2010 after seeing an opportunity in the local market to deliver a quality, professional service in a friendly, approachable way.

Damian said: “We are genuinely passionate about helping small businesses and individuals reap the benefits of keeping effective accounts and utilising smart tax planning.

“In the midst of the recession we decided it would be the perfect opportunity to make our passion a reality and set up our own practice to do things a little differently.”

And it certainly proved a shrewd move as four years on the pair have built up the firm, which has doubled in size year on year, outgrown several premises and been recognised as finalists in the British Accountancy Awards for three consecutive years.

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The practice is situated on York Street right in the heart of Clitheroe and services clients from all sectors.

Sarah added: “We find it really helps that we live and work in the Ribble Valley, our clients know they can ask us about anything at any time and we are always here to help.

“We bump into many of them regularly networking or even just out for lunch in town – we make sure we keep in touch so we really know what’s going on with them and their businesses rather than just cropping up once a year at tax return or year-end time.

“We also work closely with a network of local professionals including solicitors and financial advisers so we can offer a full business advisory service.”



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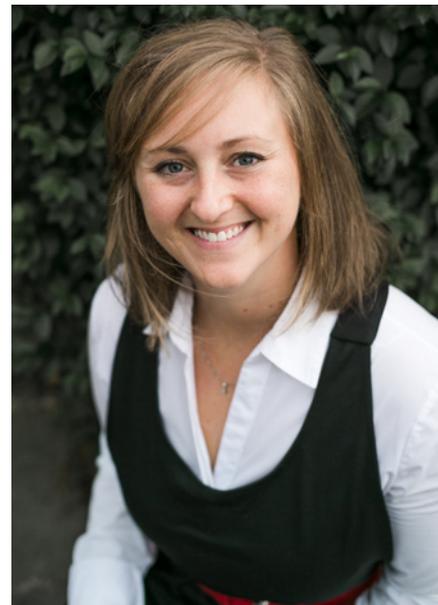
The team of eight accountants, business advisors, tax specialists, management accountants and payroll clerks are dedicated to getting the best for their clients, who are a range of small and medium business based in the Ribble Valley, Lancashire and beyond – even down to Cornwall

Both Damian and Sarah have over 10 years ACCA experience and gained a great reputation in their previous roles as shareholders at a larger accountancy firm.

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From payroll to accounts preparation, succession planning, corporation tax and everything in between the team at FS Accountants offer expert advice in a friendly and digestible way that makes sense to you and your business.

Damian added: “We want to encourage business owners to talk to us about the full picture for them and their businesses, that way we can give all encompassing advice and take actions now that will mitigate liability and costs in the future.” ■



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