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Helping charities prosper

UHY ranked No.1 for overall service levels for the second consecutive year in the latest Charity Finance Audit Survey.

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UHY is the top-rated charity auditor for overall service levels in the UK

We were extremely proud to be named the top-rated charity auditor for overall service levels in Charity Finance magazine's 2025 Audit Survey, retaining the top spot from 2024. UHY have placed in the top three since 2023, reflecting our consistently high level of service to the sector.

UHY was also one of the few firms to receive no fee-related complaints, despite fee concerns being the most common issue across the sector.

97% of our clients who participated awarded UHY full marks for service levels. This outstanding feedback secured us the top ranking for overall service in the larger firm category and a first-place position in Charity Finance's 'Charity Auditor Awards 2025' shortlist – a testament to the close relationships, sector expertise and tailored support we provide to charities and not-for-profits across the UK.

Our purpose – **helping you prosper** – drives everything we do for our clients and we place great importance on building strong relationships and providing the highest quality service. Whether advising on governance, compliance strategy or financial reporting, we understand the unique challenges charities face, and we're with you every step of the way.

A client case study: Helping Nottingham Forest Community Trust Prosper

Empowering communities through sport

Nottingham Forest Community Trust, the official charity of Nottingham Forest Football Club, delivers programmes that transform lives across Nottinghamshire. Their initiatives span mental health support, education, employability and physical activity, all guided by values of accessibility, commitment and progressiveness.

The Trust's mission is to help communities thrive through the power of sport. Delivering that impact demands robust governance, financial clarity and a partner who understands the unique pressures of the not-for-profit sporting world. This is where UHY plays a vital part.

A decade of trusted partnership

For nearly ten years, UHY has supported the Trust with external audit, tax compliance, payroll and advisory services. During this time, we have developed a deep understanding of the Trust's activity, funding cycles and accounting patterns, as well as their organisational values and strategic goals.

Adding value beyond compliance

From navigating complex funding arrangements to meeting stakeholder expectations, our UHY team aims to give the Trust confidence in its financial systems so it can focus on delivering impact. Our audits are therefore designed not only to confirm compliance, but to evaluate whether systems and controls are operating effectively - helping the Trust stay agile and ready to respond to new funding opportunities or regulatory change.

Shared values and lasting impact

Our partnership is rooted in shared values of integrity and community impact. By leveraging sector insights, our experts help the Trust demonstrate accountability to funders and make informed decisions. As CEO Calum Osborne notes, "UHY's expertise and support in navigating the unique challenges of sport community trusts has been invaluable. Their deep understanding of the sports sector, including its regulatory framework and funding arrangements, enables them to provide expert guidance that strengthens our strategic planning and evolving plans".

You can read the full case study on our website at: https://www.uhy-uk.com/helping-nottingham-forest-community-trust-prosper

But don't just take our word for it...

All of us at the Barratt Foundation have been impressed with UHY's professionalism and support through two audits. Our audit team have been personable, thorough and reasonable - and made the process of juggling the busy day job of running a charity and the audit manageable.

Andy Button-Stephens, Chief Executive
Barratt Foundation

UHY Hacker Young's team is responsive and has a good understanding of our organisation. At all levels of the audit team they have been friendly and have worked hard to maintain continuity and build a good relationship with us.

Philippa Charles, Former Director
Garfield Weston Foundation

Right from the initial tender presentation, the team at UHY have provided a quality and professional service which has been appropriate for us as both a sporting NGB and a Charity. They communicate well and are proactive in offering advice and assistance to us. We have also benefited from specialist VAT advice, including assistance communicating with HMRC and with specific queries from our member clubs. UHY oversaw and managed a seamless and smooth audit process last year and we expect nothing different this year.

Chris Conway,
Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby

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Charlotte Cole, Chief Executive
The Warrior Programme

The team have provided excellent professional VAT advice to the Fund for a number of years. We value the collaborative nature of the engagement, particularly the contribution to developing the knowledge of our own staff whilst providing the service. UHY have always considered the community benefit nature of our organisation and have ensured value for money across all assignments. Through their technical expertise and professionalism, the Fund was able to gain HMRC approval for specific VAT arrangements which maximise monies available for distribution to communities. We would highly recommend UHY for VAT-related engagements.

Emma Kavanagh, Deputy Finance Director
The National Lottery Community Fund

UHY provide audit services to us and I would highly recommend them. Our audit was professionally prepared and the process was smooth and timely. We particularly appreciated the technical advice that was readily available to us as we went through the process of compiling our statements, and of the accounting guidance and debate applied. This contributed to a robust set of accounts that the Trustees had confidence in. The team were supportive, and the experience was one of collaboration and partnership.

Kristin Parkin, CFO
Royal Airforces Association

Burton Upon Trent YMCA have been working with UHY Hacker Young for over 10 years. They carry out a full audit for the YMCA on an annual basis. They meet all the deadlines agreed, share good practice and learning with the charity. They deliver their audit findings and presentations to the senior management team, Chief Executive, treasurer and board of trustees. They have exceptional knowledge of the charity sector, particularly how our federation structure works, a deep understanding of complex funding arrangements, funders requirements and the need to satisfy a number of regulatory authorities. I have no hesitation in recommending UHY to any charity that is seeking a top quality professional service and good value for money.

Paul Laffey, Chief Executive Officer
YMCA Burton Upon Trent

UHY's collaborative approach and high-quality advice made the entire audit process seamless and extremely efficient. They are an excellent partner, going beyond our audit requirements to provide additional services such as supporting us through changing our accounting systems and advising on improving our investment and asset tracking processes. The team's responsiveness and ability to deliver clear, insightful answers to our queries have significantly enhanced our financial systems. UHY's ongoing availability and support beyond the typical audit touchpoints have been invaluable to us.

Jenny Couper, Director of Finance and Resources
Cripplegate Foundation

We have worked with UHY for nearly a decade, and they have supported and added value to various financial aspects to the Trust. The audit process is always meticulously planned and seamlessly managed, with clear, proactive communication from the UHY team. Their commitment to staff continuity ensures a smooth experience year after year, fostering a strong and trusted working relationship. UHY consistently meets deadlines, shares valuable sector insights, and provides best-practice recommendations that enhance our financial operations.

Calum Osborne, Chief Executive Officer
Nottingham Forest in the Community

Are you ready to experience the best level of client service?

We already support over 300 charities and not-for-profits across the UK, from local charities of varying sizes to major national bodies – and we'd love to support yours too.

To find out how we can help your charity prosper, please get in touch at **charities@uhy-uk.com** or vist our website: **uhy-uk.com/sectors/charity-and-not-profit**

Combining national expertise with a tailored local service

Our UHY Hacker Young experts across our 22 offices nationwide provide the best advice because we understand both local needs and the national picture.

Read more about us on our website at uhy-uk.com

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