

# Life @ UNW August-October 2023

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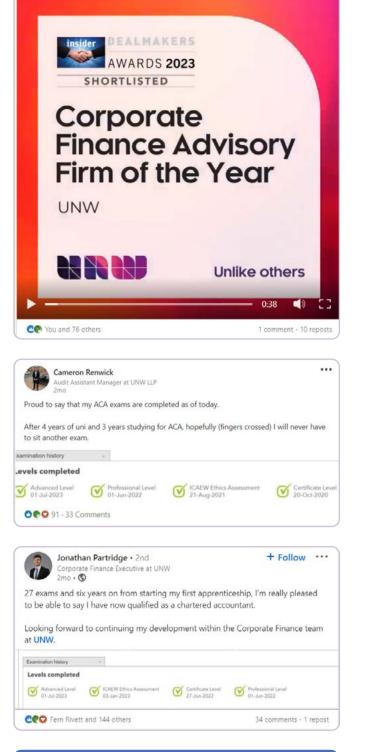
Our Corporate Finance team is celebrating this morning after receiving not one, not two, but eight nominations for this year's Insider Media North East Dealmakers Awards!

Being shortlisted in so many categories really does showcase the breadth, depth and quality of both our team and the work we do for our clients.

This year, against an unpredictable macroeconomic and geopolitical background, the Corporate Finance team at UNW has grown on every level whilst continuing to deliver significant deal volumes and excellent client service across all transactions. We have delivered deals both within the region as well as leading complex multijurisdictional transactions.

We're proud to feature so prominently in the shortlists and to be recognised amongst some of the best in the North East dealmaking community.

Chris Wilson | Paul Mankin | Nick Broadhead | Michael McCulloch | Neville Bearpark | Carole Almond | Lara Marshall | Chris Newman | Jacob Bunn | Owen Conquest | Jonathan Partridge







**Molly Finlayson** Audit & Assurance

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Our latest Charity Bulletin is available to download at the link below

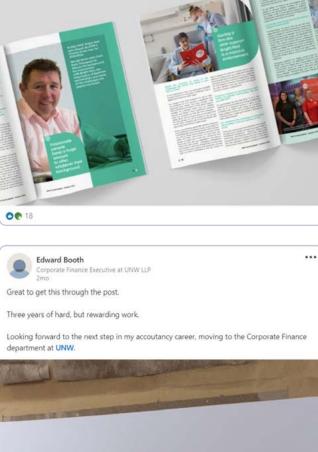
This edition contains an interview with Mark Thompson, Managing Partner of Ryder Architecture & Chair of UNW's Charity of the Year 2023, Bright Red Charity.

We discuss his background, his involvement with Bright Red, the importance of business partnerships and some of the challenges the charity has faced.

Elsewhere, Anne Hallowell reflects on changes to the Charities Act and Charles Linaker considers the current tax relief position of Gift Aid.

Full details of our next networking event at The Common Room can also be found within its pages, or you can register your place by contacting us at events@unw.co.uk or filling out the form here: https://lnkd.in/e2CGpq8a

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On Monday, 13 new starters joined our audit team and we kicked off a week filled with training and fun activities to welcome them all.

It's slightly surreal that 10 years ago this week I was heading into my own first day in audit, feeling a bit nervous, and with no idea of the experiences ahead of me, and the amazing people I would meet along the way!



Finally bringing some silverware back into the office 🙎 🙎 UNW

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Michael Morris • 1st Audit Partner @ UNW LLP | Big Four Accounting Firms 2mo • Edited • (i) Personal post but feeling very happy. Gave absolutely everything today to finish 6th place in the Ironman 70.3 triathlon World Championships, here in Lahti Finland FI. The dedication and hard work has paid off to achieve my second fastest time

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Senior Marketing Manager at UNW LLP 1mo • 🕲 11 When you're holding your summer party at a client venue which just happens to be a fantastic independent brewery, then there's only one thing to do... Loved coming up with this special edition 'Unlike others' ale to celebrate the

vibrancy of the UNW brand and everything that makes the firm so unique. Had a blast at the UNW summer party last night at Brinkburn St Brewery, Bar & Kitchen. Thanks to Lee Renforth and the team for having us and to everyone at

UNW involved in organising!

Richard Turnbull + 1st



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## **Grace Long**

Accounting Services



Kay Winter PA to the Corporate Finance team

Kay joined UNW in March this year as PA to the Corporate Finance team.

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#### Martin Cross + 2nd Audit Partner

1mo • Edited • 🕤 One of the hardest but one of the best things I've ever done. Weather was brutal, really hot, then really humid. I made it round, a bit slower than I'd hoped for but

was relatively pleased in the conditions. Most importantly I want to express my appreciation for all of you who supported

me in helping such a great cause. Thanks again.

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Beth Sheldon (She/Her) • 1st dit Assistant at UNW LLP . 3

Last Friday we ended the week with our annual UNW summer party at Brinkburn St Brewery, Bar & Kitchen for the second year running.

I had so much fun planning the night, and even more fun attending! It was a great way to welcome over 20 new graduates and apprentices who started

last week.

#### Here is a video which shows some highlights of the night 🏂 🎯 ing #unlikeothers #teamb



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UNW 1mo • 🕲 10 DAYS TO GO!

On Saturday 30th September 2023, over 60 of our team will take on a brand-new route for the annual UNW charity challenge... the Northumberland 6 Peaks - a 16mile trek in under 10 hours!

They are hoping to raise vital funds for our current Charity of the Year, Bright Red Charity.

Based in the Northern Centre for Cancer Care at the Freeman Hospital, Bright Red aims to improve the lives and treatment of people with blood cancer across the north of England. Through care, research and education, the charity strives to beat illnesses such as leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma myelodysplasia and myeloproliferative diseases.

If you'd like to help us achieve our fundraising targets, please donate here:

https://lnkd.in/eDgiEVpp

Good luck to everyone taking part!



For the chance to feature in my annual photo next year, our graduate and apprentice applications will soon be opening for September 2024. If you would like a chat about UNW or the opportunities we have available please drop me a message!



Richard Turnbull • 1st 1mo · Edited · (

Table 13 definitely wasn't 'unlucky for some' last night! ..

Had an absolute blast yesterday evening at the Insider Media North East Dealmakers Awards 2023 celebrating the region's advisory community who were out in full force.

Well done to everyone up for an award and special congratulations to all the winners. A superb night was capped by UNW's very own Chris Wilson scooping Corporate Finance Advisor of the Year!

Chris has well and truly hit the ground running since arriving at UNW a little over 12 months ago, and it's fantastic to see all the hard work put in by him and the team being recognised in what has been a very successful year for our corporate finance business.

#NEDeals #Dealmakers



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We had a great time last Friday welcoming over 20 new graduates and apprentices to UNW with an afternoon of pizza making and team building at PizzaExpress 🝕

#pizza #teambuilding #unlikeothers



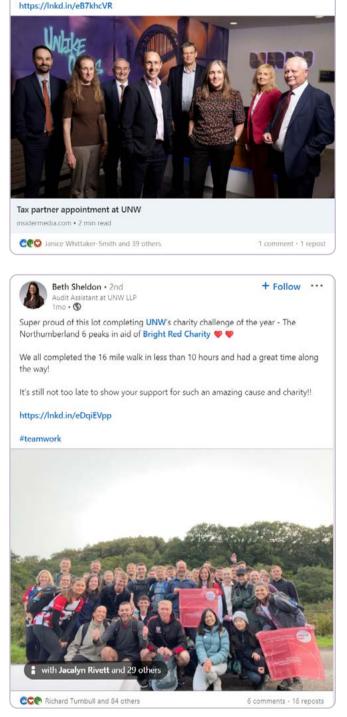


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In response to continued demand for our specialist tax services, we have added to our pool of experienced tax practitioners with the appointment of Alastair Murray as Tax Partner.

With more than two decades of experience, predominantly looking after the personal tax affairs of business owners, Alastair's arrival further enhances the firm's senior capability and its reputation as a trusted advisor to entrepreneurs and their businesses.

Welcome, Alastair!





Slow and steady wins the race.

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I would like to share that I have passed all of CPA Thailand exams!

It's been quite a journey for me since 2021 when I decided to pursue a master's in Business Analysis in the UK and then started working as an auditor after completing my degree. Moving from Thailand to Glasgow and then from Glasgow to Newcastle has not been easy, but I'm proud of myself for making the right decision to embrace this new environment and seize new opportunities by stepping out of my comfort zone without any doubt.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to my family, friends, and colleagues for their unwavering support throughout this journey. It was all worth it in the end!

I also want to extend my thanks to KPMG Thailand for providing me with valuable knowledge and experience, which have made me a stronger professional today. It's been almost 9 years since I completed my Bachelor's degree, and the time has been well spent.

Additionally, I'd like to thank UNW for giving me the chance to gain auditing experience in the UK. I can hardly believe it's been almost a year since I started there in October.

Time has flown by, but as they say, where there's a will, there's a way!





It'll soon be 2 years since we tragically lost our colleague Sam and, whilst it's still incredibly difficult for all who knew him, to see his memory living on at UNW in so many positive ways is testament to his personality and the impact he had on his family, friends, teammates, and clients.

The fundraising success, which will help If U Care Share Foundation continue its vital work, is all down to the great work done by Sam's friend Ben Toal, the team at UNW who helped to organise the tournament, and every single person who took part or came along on the day.

If U Care Share Foundation 759 followers 1mo • 🕥 + Follow

Recently our Fundraising & Events Officer Rebecca visited UWN after they held their Sam Johnson Memorial Cup raising an incredible £9,200 at the time — it's now over £10,000 💙



CC Janice Whittaker-Smith and 45 others



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Feeling so proud of our amazing team who completed the Northumberland 6 Peaks Challenge on Saturday 💜

50 colleagues set out at 7.30am on Saturday to complete the trek, all of the team finished with time to spare and have raised a whopping £8,000 for our wonderful Charity of the Year, Bright Red Charity.

A special thanks to Beth Sheldon who organised the entire day, from start to finish! Well done Beth and the rest of our UNW team.

#proud #amazingteam #fundraising





Tax senior at UNW LLP 1mo • 🕲 UNW payday tradition to treat us all to a takeout lunch!

This month The Geordie Guys came along to the office to serve burgers, wraps and loaded fries so we have a lot of happy staff members this afternoon 🚔 🍟

Link to their Facebook page for anyone interested: https://lnkd.in/eaYwWgCi



Karen Kidson • 2nd + Follow \*\*\* Tax Manager at UNW 3w • 🕲 I'm happy to share that I'm starting a new position as Tax Manager at UNW!

Starting a New Position

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Today we are at Harris & Trotter LLP's London office for our sub-regional meeting with UNW, Eximia Global, Ormsby & Rhodes and Harbinson Mulholland Chartered Accountants. A fantastic platform for sharing knowledge, brainstorming ideas, addressing industry challenges. and strengthening relationships. Thank you to Harris & Trotter LLP for hosting us! #BKRelationships #Business #KnowledgeSharing #RelationshipBuilding



Richard Turnbull • 1st

effect on wellbeing and mental health.

Senior Marketing Manager at UNW LLP 3w • Edited • 🔇 17 I've been writing this article for UNW's internal wellbeing committee, from a bit of personal experience, on how the change from Summer to Autumn can have an

I always struggle a little bit at the start of October, from loving life one minute to feeling a bit crap seemingly overnight. My mood tends to level out after two or three weeks and I start to look forward to things again and get back to my usual self, but I know some people do struggle a lot more than that.

On #WorldMentalHealthDay2023, I thought I'd share this article on LinkedIn. If you are not quite feeling yourself at the moment. it may help to explain a few things



Why you might not be feeling your usual self at this time of year... Richard Tumbull on LinkedIn • 3 min read

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## Year Anniversary

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Mike Blenkharn • 2nd Partner and Head of Dental at UNW LLP 2w • 🕥

Today was spent attending and speaking at the British Dental Association 'Preparing for Retirement' seminar at their offices on Wimpole Street. Lots to discuss and advise upon and it hopefully acted as a reminder for dentists to surround themselves with specialist advisors, particularly for such an important part of their life/career.

If you think UNW can help a dentist you know, please get in touch.





Recruitment Fair today about the opportunities on offer at UNW If you want to learn more, you can sign up to our graduate open evening through the following link

https://lnkd.in/dBx

Sarah Nixon • 2nd Audit Assistant at UNW LLP

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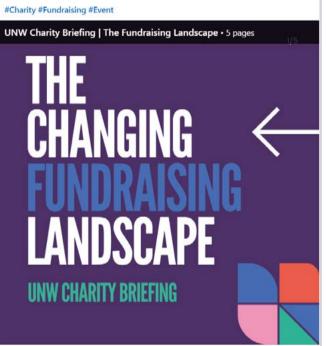
Are you a charity fundraiser involved in developing the fundraising strategy of your organisation? Or a charity leader playing an active role in fundraising efforts?

m Join us at our next Charity Briefing on Thursday 9th November in Newcastle upon Tyne as we delve into how the fundraising landscape has changed post-COVID

In a discussion, from both sides of the table, around what has changed and what funders now expect, you will hear from three guest panellists on their different points of view.

Michelle Cooper, CEO at County Durham Community Foundation, will detail her experiences from a funder's perspective, Catherine Marchant, a freelance charity consultant, will share her thoughts as an applier for funding, and David Stockton from the Great North Air Ambulance Service will give us his take as CEO of a charity that relies more or less solely on public donations/fundraising events.

Register online today: https://lnkd.in/ek\_dzVB4



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### Beth Sheldon • 2nd

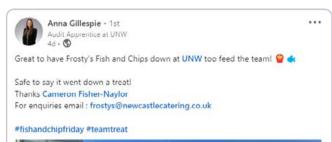
1w . 3 Lovely evening last night supporting Northumbria University's higher education without barriers fund with UNW.

Northumbria provided me with the opportunity to get my accounting degree and helped with where I am today. It was great to be back and help fundraise for future students to experience the same opportunities!

Aidan Carlin | Peter Sym | Fern Rivett | Nick Broadhead |









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**Charlotte Kirton** Audit & Assurance

> **James McGill** Audit & Assurance

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HR & Training Administrator at UNW 1d . 3 Very pleased to say I have received my Level 3 Certificate in People Practice today!

Lucy Kate Richardson (She/Her) + 1st





Thanks to all who came and shout out to Jacalyn Rivett Lucy Kate Richardson and Emma for helping in setting up!





CC Jacalyn Rivett and 27 others

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Beth Sheldon • 2nd Audit Assistant at UNW LLP 22h - 3 What a welcome this morning by Rochelle Miller 🥌 Happy Halloweenl



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+ Follow ... Beth Sheldon · 2nd Audit Assistant at UNW LLP 5d • 🕥 It was great to chat to so many aspiring students at Durham University about starting their career in finance 🗢

We have lots of graduate, placement and internships available for next year, and our application is open. https://lnkd.in/ekpbbFi7

Drop me a message if you've got an questions about life at UNW Nathaniel Scott





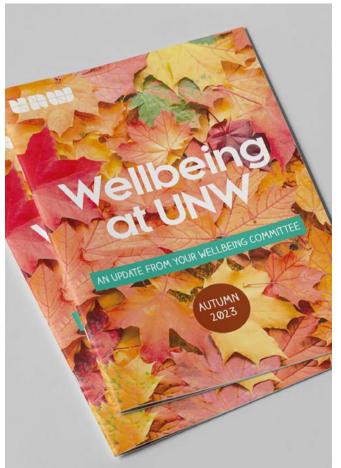
Chris Thompson • 2nd + Follow ... Audit and Assurance Assistant at UNW LLP 21h • (5) Great fun being UNW's very own Ant & Dec at the Halloween Quiz last week with Matthew Joyce!

Thanks to all who took part and helped out - an impressive £500 was raised for Bright Red Charity!



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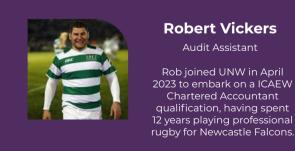


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Anne Hallowell Audit & Assurance

## & Me



**Robert Vickers** Audit Assistant Rob joined UNW in April 2023 to embark on a ICAEW

Chartered Accountant

qualification, having spent

### Tax team October social











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