



Mark Tibbert, Tax Partner, Thomas Westcott

Top firm Thomas Westcott reports a smooth transition to Digita Corporation Tax Advanced from their former supplier.



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About

Thomas Westcott is one of the largest independent accountancy practices in the South West of England. The firm's 20 partners and 130 staff operate from 13 offices across Devon and have built a first class professional reputation throughout the county and beyond. Thomas Westcott services the accounting and tax needs of nearly 6,000 small to medium-sized enterprises in sectors, including charities, agriculture and healthcare.

Website

You can learn more about the firm and the services they offer at www.thomaswestcott.co.uk.

Mark Tibbert, partner at Thomas Westcott, says the firm historically used Thomson Reuters whitelabeled Sage Corporation Tax software, powered by ONESOURCE. However, when the agreement between Sage and Thomson Reuters ended in September 2014, the obvious choice was to switch to Digita Corporation Tax Advanced — a Thomson Reuters product also powered by ONESOURCE.

He explains: "Sage was introducing a new solution but it was very different from what we were used to and would have meant a significant investment in time in order to train all our staff, which was just not viable. Also, we didn't have total confidence in the new software offering, or of the timescales in which Sage was promising to deliver it."

Thomas Westcott was already familiar with Thomson Reuters, having used its P11D Enterprise solution for a number of years. "Thomson Reuters is local to us, easy to get hold of and easy to deal with," said Mark.



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"We already felt very comfortable with the products and the level of customer service we had always received, so moving over to Digita Corporation Tax Advanced was the obvious choice for us. Particularly as there was no re-training required."

Mark is happy to report that the process of data migration was seamless and done remotely within the agreed timescale and with very little disruption — sometimes only as little as half a day for each office. "The main benefit is that the new software forces all the offices to use the front-end tracker database. This incorporates pop-up reminders about deadlines and clients with tax liabilities, etc. It's so much easier to allocate tasks to people and they can't avoid being reminded. It's also made everything they produce more uniform and professional across the whole firm."

Digita Corporation Tax software is a well-established asset in the iXBRL-compliant Digita Professional suite and offers powerful functionality for the easy submission of returns, computations and accounts to HMRC. "If any accountancy practice has used Sage historically, I'd definitely recommend Digita Corporation Tax Advanced as an alternative," said Mark. "The transition is seamless. In fact, it's a no-brainer."



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