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WELCOME TO OUR AUTUMN 2026 ISSUE

As we move into autumn, it's a good time to make sure the important things haven't been pushed to the bottom of the list.

For businesses, that means keeping company information accurate, staying on top of changing digital tax requirements and making sure deadlines don't arrive before the right processes are in place.

For individuals and families, being prepared can be just as important, particularly when dealing with something as complex and personal as probate.

This issue once again brings together our three areas of Accounting, Taxation and Certainty, with practical guidance designed to help you understand what needs attention now and where professional support can make a difference.

From an annual filing that deserves more than a quick tick-box, to lessons from the first period of Making Tax Digital and the risks of tackling complicated probate alone, there's plenty to consider.

Our message this autumn is simple: deal with the details early.

A little preparation today can prevent unnecessary stress, delays and complications tomorrow.

At JT AccountS, we know it's often the things that seem small or easy to put off that can create the biggest headaches later.

Instagram Updates
To stay connected, please make sure you're following our current pages:

JT Accounts - @JT AccountS_UK
Pillars - @pillars_support

We'll continue sharing updates, guidance, and announcements across both channels.

Inside This Issue

JT AccountS & Pillars
Two Sisters, Two Businesses

Two sister companies, run by sisters. With complementary areas of expertise and the same commitment to approachable, trusted advice, we're here to support businesses, individuals and families through the decisions that matter.

Different expertise. One family.

Whether that's checking the information held about your company, getting your MTD records back on track or recognising when probate has become too complicated to manage alone, asking for help early can make a real difference.

Our job is to make those responsibilities feel clearer and more manageable, and to make sure you know you have someone to turn to when you need support.

— Jacqui, JT AccountS

ACCOUNTING SECTION

Confirmation Statements: More Than an Annual Return

It might feel routine — but it matters

For many limited companies, the Confirmation Statement can feel like one of those annual administrative jobs that simply needs ticking off the list.

But it serves an important purpose.

Your Confirmation Statement confirms that the information Companies House holds about your business is accurate and up to date. This includes key details about the company, its directors, shareholders, share structure and people with significant control.

Even if nothing has changed during the year, a Confirmation Statement still needs to be filed.

And importantly, filing one doesn't automatically correct information that should already have been updated separately.

What should you be checking?

Before confirming that everything is correct, take the opportunity to properly review your company information.

We recommend checking:

- Your registered office and company details
- Director information is correct and current
- Shareholder and share capital information
- People with Significant Control (PSC) details
- Any changes made during the year have been properly reported
- Your Companies House records reflect how the business operates today

Why does it matter?

Keeping your company information accurate isn't simply about completing another annual filing.

Companies House records form part of the public record of your business, so outdated or incorrect information can cause unnecessary complications.

Missing your Confirmation Statement deadline can be more serious. Continued failure to file can ultimately put the company at risk of being struck off the register.

Our role:

At JT AccountS, we help businesses stay on top of their statutory responsibilities without turning every deadline into another source of stress.

We can review your company information, identify anything that needs updating and help ensure your Confirmation Statement is filed correctly and on time.

Don't just confirm it. Check it.

A few minutes spent reviewing the details now can help prevent much bigger administrative headaches later.

UPDATE TIME!

The JT AccountS App has received a number of updates and improvements designed to make managing your information and staying connected with us even easier.

As more areas of accounting, taxation, payroll, and compliance continue to move towards digital processes, having quick and secure access to important information is becoming increasingly valuable for both businesses and individuals alike.

Recent updates have focused on improving usability, accessibility, and the overall client experience to help make everyday interactions smoother and more convenient.

If you already use the app, we recommend checking that you are running the latest version to ensure you have access to the newest features and improvements.

If you haven't explored the app yet, now is a great time to take another look and see how it can help simplify day-to-day communication and document management.

JT AccountS App
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TAXATION SECTION

Making Tax Digital: The First Period, What We've Learned & What Comes Next

The first period has been a learning curve

Making Tax Digital is no longer something businesses can simply prepare for in the future. For those now required to comply, the first reporting period has put new processes into practice.

And, understandably, not everyone has found the transition straightforward.

We've seen businesses caught out by record keeping, unfamiliar software and uncertainty around what needs to be recorded and when.

The important thing now is not to ignore those problems. The first period has given businesses an opportunity to identify what isn't working and put it right before falling further behind.

What should you be doing now?

If your first period wasn't as smooth as expected, now is the time to review your processes rather than waiting for the next deadline.

We recommend:

- Making sure your digital records are complete and up to date
- Checking that your software is set up correctly
- Identifying anything missing from your first period
- Creating a regular process for keeping records updated
- Avoiding a last-minute rush before submission deadlines
- Getting support now if you're already behind

The next deadline is approaching

The second period ends 5 October, with the filing deadline falling on 7 November. That means there is still time to get things back on track.

If you've been caught out during the first period, we can help bring your records up to date for both periods, address any gaps and establish a process that is easier to maintain going forward.

Importantly, HMRC has now clarified that the quarterly updates are cumulative. So if you missed out on submitting your records for the first quarter, you are not too late as the second update covers 6 April 2026 - 5 October 2026

Our role:

At JT AccountS, we don't want MTD to become another deadline businesses dread. We can help you understand what is required, get your records organised and make sure the right processes are in place for future submissions.

The first period may have highlighted some problems, but that's exactly why it's worth acting now. Caught out by MTD? Don't wait for period two to become another problem.

Two Sisters. Two Businesses. One Shared Commitment.

JT AccountS and Pillars are sister companies in more ways than one, they're also run by sisters.

While JT AccountS focuses on Accounting, Taxation and Certainty (including probate), Pillars provides dedicated support around Wills, LPAs and planning for the future.

Together, the two businesses share the same values: approachable advice, trusted relationships and helping people feel confident about the decisions that matter.

**Different expertise. One family.
Here when you need us.**

CERTAINTY SECTION

Complicated Probate: When DIY Becomes a Risk

Not every estate is straightforward

When someone passes away, families are often left to deal with probate while also navigating an incredibly difficult and emotional time.

For a simple estate, handling probate yourself may initially seem manageable. But estates can become complicated very quickly, and sometimes the complications aren't obvious until the process is already underway.

Property, investments, business interests, inheritance tax, multiple beneficiaries or missing information can all add additional layers to an estate.

When that happens, knowing what to do next isn't always straightforward.

Creating the right legal protections early can reduce uncertainty, stress, and potential conflict during already emotional situations.

What can make probate complicated?

Every estate is different, but there are certain circumstances where getting professional support can be particularly important.

These can include:

- Property or multiple properties within the estate
- Business interests, shares or complex investments
- Inheritance Tax considerations
- Missing or unclear financial records
- Multiple or difficult-to-locate beneficiaries
- Questions surrounding the Will
- Disagreements between family members or beneficiaries
- Assets that are difficult to identify or value

Even one of these can significantly change how an estate needs to be handled.

The risk of doing it yourself

Executors have important legal and financial responsibilities when administering an estate.

Mistakes can result in delays, incorrect tax calculations, assets being distributed incorrectly or beneficiaries receiving the wrong amount.

In some circumstances, executors can also find themselves personally responsible for putting mistakes right.

The biggest challenge with complicated probate is often recognising that there is a complication before decisions are made that are difficult to undo.

Our role:

Our Certainty team can help you understand the estate, identify potential complications and guide you through what needs to happen next.

Getting professional advice doesn't mean handing over control. It means having experienced support available when decisions become more complicated.

We can help make an already difficult process clearer, more manageable and less overwhelming for everyone involved.

When probate gets complicated, you don't have to DIY it.

Check out the recent Pillars newsletters via this QR code, from our sister company which focuses on the personal side of certainty.

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