

As the festive period is fast approaching, I'd like to share my gratefulness for all of those who have made our success possible as without your support, we would not be where we are today. We've achieved a lot in 2022 which I know will carry on in the new year as we'll continue to Unlock our Power to adapt.

Busy season is on the horizon, and as the Official Supporter of Accountants we are doing as much as we can to support you and your practices. We know how difficult it can be, so we've put together a variety of [tools](#) that can help you through this busy season.

Do you want to learn, network, and grow? If the answer is yes, then join [Accountants Club](#). Become part of a private community that provides you with exclusive content, free access to like-minded peers and a platform for networking and interaction. [Sign up for the club here](#).

I hope you have a joyous Christmas and I wish you all the best for the new year ahead – one that will be full of exciting things at IRIS.

As always, thank you for reading and please get in touch on [LinkedIn](#) or follow me on [Twitter](#), I'd love to hear from you.

Jim Scott,
MD of Accountancy

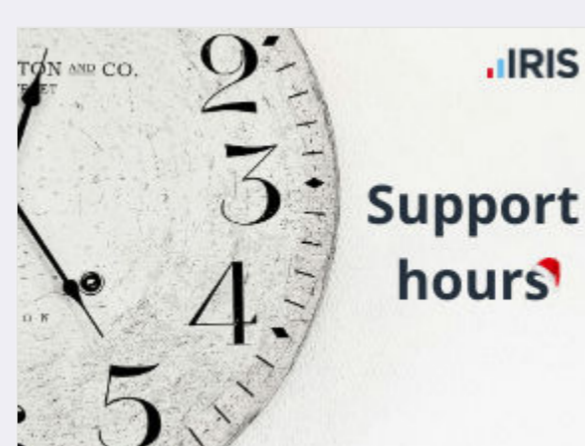


Busy season: understanding the challenges

Last year, accountants faced increased stress due to Covid. Alas, the typical difficulties and strains associated with busy season are again intensified this year due to new external factors: the talent shortage and cost of living crisis. What's the key to coping? Understanding.

Our new article explores the various difficulties you may face, helping you create an effective strategy.

[Read the blog](#)



Support opening hours over Christmas and January

Our expert technical support team will be on hand for longer hours than usual over the Christmas period and through January to help you with any problems that may arise. Click the link below to find out when we are available to help you during the festive period.

[Support hours](#)



Expand your knowledge with our IRIS webinars

Don't worry if you missed out on some of our intuitive webinars last month, because you can catch up on demand and watch them whenever you like. All our free webinars are ready for you to watch right now, and we can assure you'll gain some knowledge with the wide range of topics covered, including helpful tips and tricks for busy season.

[Watch here](#)



Customer Busy Season guide

As the Official Supporter of Accountants, we know how challenging busy season can be which is why we're here to help. Check out our customer busy season guide to find out how we can assist you throughout January with our extended hours.

[Read the guide](#)



Busy season with IRIS OpenSpace

Think of the best of both worlds for your busy season, a place for secure document exchange and approvals with your clients all rolled into one. IRIS OpenSpace is a customisable, secure, online client portal that helps accountants to exchange documents, obtain approval, request tax information, and collect payments from clients, easily and efficiently. What's more its fully integrated with IRIS Accountancy Suite, IRIS Payroll & IRIS Docs. With electronic approvals within OpenSpace starting as low as 20p each, its more cost effective to use and quicker than the post, find out more today!

[IRIS OpenSpace](#)



The Accounted For podcast: creating a digital practice

The accountancy sector has seen a wave of new, tech-savvy, market entrants that are threatening the bread and butter of more established practices.

In this episode, [Steve](#) and [Jim](#) explore this phenomenon and delve into how practices can evolve, adapt and embrace change to compete in the changing landscape.

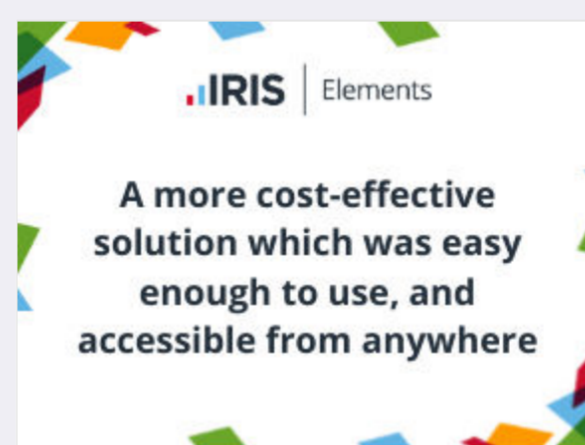
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Practice Audit – did you hear how helpful it is?

"We thought the practice audit was beneficial, as although we knew how to use IRIS relatively well, there were some parts we weren't using correctly, or at all, which we can now implement which will ensure we are using the software more effectively in future." – Amy CTA – Tax manager, Milne Craig Chartered Accountants

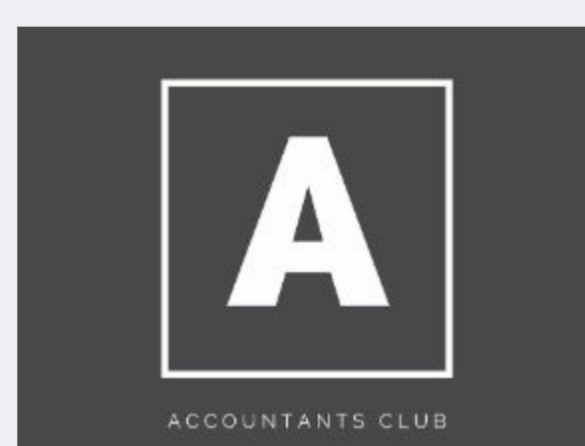
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Elements case study

"I'm not someone who likes to change, and I often choose to stick to what I know, but with rising costs I knew I needed to at least consider what other software was out there and I saw some really great things being said online and in forums about IRIS Elements. With it being a new product, I really didn't know anything about it, but I knew IRIS and I trusted what was being said by other accountants, so I decided to go for it." – Paul Younger, Director of PY Accountants Ltd

[View case study](#)



Accountants Club

Want to join [Accountants Club](#) today for free? The Club is part of our vision to engage, enable and empower accountants and their practices. This month Bev Flanagan, Mike Dean and Jen Badger discussed why now is a better time than ever for accountants to take control of the delivery of R&D tax services in one of our insightful webinars which is available on demand for you to watch at your own leisure.

[Accountancy club webinar](#)



The Suitability of Model Articles of Association for Single Director Companies

A recent High Court judgement has cast doubt over the effectiveness of the generally accepted and widely used Model Articles of Association for single director companies.

The general understanding has been that Model Article 7(2) overrode Model Article 11(2). In the case of Hashmi v Lorimer-Wing, the High Court found that this is not the case and that under the Model Articles, a company requires a minimum of two directors to correctly function.

It would be prudent, therefore, for single director companies to review their Articles and take action where necessary.

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