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SUPPORTING CHARITIES AND SOCIAL BUSINESSES

*“able to give expert advice
and guidance”*

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Our team provides legal support to some of the most prominent charities in the country, to community-based organisations, social businesses and start-ups.

Russell-Cooke is recognised as one of the leading law firms advising charities in the UK. Our breadth of experience helps us to give advice that is practical and commercial. We make time to listen and get to know our clients, ensuring the service we provide is proportionate and tailored to your requirements.

We can help with most issues charities need advice on. If there is something you would like help with, please get in touch.

“A close-knit, smart team which is willing to work to tight deadlines”

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OUR TEAM

For governance, commercial and data protection:



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Andrew advises on governance and commercial matters, in particular mergers and collaborative arrangements between charities, dealing with regulators, contracting, fundraising, financing, solvency and restructuring issues. His clients vary from large household name charities to start-ups and local and community based organisations. Andrew is a trustee of Desta Consortium and SeeBeyondBorders UK.



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James is recognised as one of the leading charity lawyers in the country. He works mostly in the areas of governance, facilitation and delivery of mergers and re-structuring, risk management, regulatory and constitutional issues. James is chair of Reside Housing Association and vice-chair of Shelterbox, Islington Play Association and Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust.

“he always helps us find solutions to our challenges”

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“has a great oversight and is able to draw on his experience to produce workable solutions to individual issues”

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Chris specialises in providing legal and strategic advice to charities on operational and governance matters. He works with a wide range of charities, including grant-makers, prominent national charities and service providers. He has particular expertise advising clients working internationally. He is a trustee of the international development charity ACE Africa (UK) and chair of a Friends Group for an open space in London.

“he has been very good, a good listener and a thorough and competent lawyer who has put our work as high priority”

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Jane specialises in advising charities on all areas of employment law, contentious and non-contentious. She provides strategic advice on HR issues to chief executives, human resources departments and boards of trustees. Jane regularly writes about and provides training on employment law in partnership with umbrella bodies in the sector.

“very approachable, responsive and supportive”

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Our knowledgeable team can help charities and social businesses with a wide range of issues. We pride ourselves on working proportionately and flexibly to give the clear and practical advice needed to support effective decision-making.

- Governance and constitutions
- Employment and HR
- Managing property
- Data protection
- Mergers
- Trading
- Fundraising
- Setting up charities and social enterprises
- Contracts
- Joint ventures
- Dealing with the Charity Commission and other regulators
- Intellectual property
- Protecting your brand and reputation
- Resolving disputes
- Legacies
- Social investment
- Collaborations and partnerships
- International projects

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James provides advice to charities on matters with a property focus. He advises on the full range of property transactions for charities and social enterprises, including operational, administrative and investment property. He also advises on related planning, development and tax issues. James regularly delivers a programme of presentations on land transactions for charities for national professional development provider MBL Seminars.



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Andrew has spent his entire career advising charities, and other third sector bodies on their property issues and requirements, including sales, leases, management issues and developments. He has particular experience on property issues arising from charity mergers and incorporations, as well as being an expert on property issues for schools.

“excellent”

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“I have been very impressed with Russell-Cooke, and find them great to work with”

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“Advice was always tailored to our sometimes unique circumstances and was always given to timetable.”

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Keeping you up to date

We run regular free seminars and email e-updates on topics relating to the operation and governance of charities, as well as tips to ensure you are compliant.

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