



# Update

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- Property & construction
- Public sector
- Schools & education

## Moore Stephens and Hooks merge

Accountancy firms Moore Stephens and Hooks merged on 1 October 2007

The merger creates the Island's largest accountancy firm providing an even greater depth and breadth of expertise for clients, from the partners, associate and 20 staff within the expanded Island-based team. Moore Stephens (South) LLP has offices in Southampton, Salisbury, Chichester and Rustington in addition to their offices in Newport. This latest move follows the merger, one year ago, of Casson Beckman with Moore Stephens.

Sue Lucas Moore Stephens Senior Partner, comments, "We have enjoyed a long-established professional relationship with Hooks and are delighted about this merger. It allows us to provide our clients with an even greater level of service and specialist expertise across the Island UK and Internationally. We are positioned to support small businesses and larger companies as well as those happily retired on the Island."

Moore Stephens (South) LLP is a member of Moore Stephens UK, the 11th largest accountancy and business advisory firm nationally, with over 30 offices and 1,500 partners and staff.

Peter Warren, Managing Director of Hooks, adds, "We have always endeavoured to provide our clients with a more proactive service. This move further reflects just part of that commitment, something that will develop further with the support now available to all our clients from our colleagues within the Moore Stephens network. I look forward to continue working closely with all our clients as well as introducing them to the new team."

Another shared value is the importance placed on client relationships. "We place high emphasis on understanding our clients through strong, long-term relationships", says Mike Scott, Chairman. "This will not change. All clients will be serviced by the same team - the only difference will be the additional support they can expect from the rest of the network."

The Moore Stephens office in Newport has undergone several incarnations since it was originally founded in



Left to right: Peter Warren, Esme Shakeshaft, Sue Lucas and Kevin Cooper

the mid 1980's as Halpern & Woolf, moving to it's present location in 1989. In the 1990's the firm became known as Casson Beckman before joining the national and international network of Moore Stephens in 2006.

Hooks and its predecessors have been part of the Isle of Wight business community for more than 80 years, during which time the company enjoyed regular growth. Much of this success derived from the recommendations of existing clients and business contacts.

The Newport offices are currently undergoing expansion and refurbishment, almost doubling in size to accommodate the expanded team in a modern open-plan environment, in addition to enhancing client facilities with new reception area, boardroom and client meeting rooms.

**To find out more about Moore Stephens (South) LLP, give your nearest office a call or log on to [www.moorestephens.co.uk](http://www.moorestephens.co.uk).**

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Clients have access to a range of core services, including audit, accounting, financial support, tax, business support, risk and systems assurance, corporate finance, corporate recovery, financial services, wealth management and litigation support.

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By combining local expertise and experience with the breadth of our UK and worldwide networks, clients can be confident that, whatever their requirement, Moore Stephens will provide the right solution to their local, national and international needs.

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