



Q&A with **SARAH HEALEY**

Capstone Financial/
Altrincham Business Task Force



Tell us a little bit about your business?

Capstone Financial are local financial advisers, working with families and business owners to protect and grow their wealth. Our main aim is to be trusted advisers to our clients in the long term and make sure their financial goals are achieved, such as retiring early, passing wealth down to loved ones in the right way, putting children through school / university or building a business that gives them financial security.

What are you doing to keep the business at the forefront of the community's mind during lockdown?

Right now, we are mainly using LinkedIn as our social media platform to communicate to the community, but we are also about to set up a Facebook page. It is important for us to get as much advice out to people as possible during this stressful time when people are worried about their jobs, businesses, paying bills and the uncertainty of the long-term financial impact on their lives. To help we have started offering local businesses free Financial Wellbeing Workshops online for employees.

Can you share what help you've applied for in terms of grants and funding?

We have applied for the business rates relief grant and waiting to see if that comes in soon. Out of our 27 people, we have also had to furlough 4 at present, which is awful, but they completely understand whilst we try to ensure our business comes out of this as strong as we went in. Our aim is to ensure we don't make anyone redundant.

Where are you up to with putting plans in place for our High Street reopening when it's safe to do so?

Currently everyone is home working since we all have laptops. However, everyone is missing each other and the interaction of being in an office (Microsoft Teams helps but it's not quite the same) so as soon as we can return to the office we will. We also recently purchased our office in Altrincham and work was about to start on the Ashley Road front entrance (opposite Sardus Cucina) prior to lockdown. It will be nice to get that work underway again.

How can other business owners contact you, if they want to know a bit more about what you've been doing?

We are happy to speak to any business owners right now to discuss their own financial plans or do online Financial Wellbeing workshops for employees.

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