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About Michael Martin Partnership Ltd Michael Martin Partnership Ltd MMP are Chartered Certified Accountants based in Kent. With almost 3,000 clients and with offices in Ashford, Whitstable, Tenterden and Broadstairs, we are very well placed to provide expert knowledge, friendly advice and a great service for all types of businesses and individuals. These four offices cover the whole of Kent, and we also have clients in London, the home-counties, the South West and the North of England. We fully understand that each client's needs are different, and so we take the time to listen to you and learn about your requirements. For example, we won't recommend any particular accounting software solution unless it will greatly improve your existing efficiency and is cost effective to you. We believe that if you can (and want to) handle your own day to day accounting, then we can help you to achieve that, meaning that we can do a better overall job for you, more efficiently. That's why we work with many of the UK's popular accounting packages. Unlike some other accountants, we're not rigid on the software that our clients use, and we believe that one size does not fit all. Therefore it is important that our clients use the most appropriate accounting package, not just the package that we might prefer. If you can't find your package here, get in touch with us and we'll discuss your options. SAGE 50: Sage 50 (formerly Line 50) is the most popular accounting package in the UK. Highly recommended for all business sizes and types. Previous

versions of this software are supported by MMP. Our verdict – Very good, but can be expensive.

Quickbooks: Quickbooks is a very popular and simple to use accounting package for small to medium sized businesses, with a fabulous data search facility! MMP can support some earlier versions too. You can also get Quickbooks Payroll service installed should you need to process staff payments. Our verdict – Very good, less expensive than Sage.

FreeAgent: FreeAgent is a simple to use 'cloud' web based software to manage taxes for small businesses. Access to software is granted through an inexpensive subscription service - you don't need to install any software on your own computers which means the software is always up-to-date. A payroll module is available for a small cost. Our verdict – Good, inexpensive cloud based software, good support.

Sage One: This is the subscription 'cloud based' version of Sage 50. It's tailored for the smaller business, has less reporting function compared with Sage 50 but still does almost everything the small business owner requires – it can even handle payroll if you have the subscription included. Our verdict – Good, but limited reporting might not suit many.

Quickbooks Online: Quickbooks Online - Just like QuickBooks, only on the 'cloud', eliminating the fuss of having to install the software locally and without the stress of having to maintain the data too. This software can be accessed via any internet connection, and also by mobile devices running Windows, IOS and Android operating systems, which can be most convenient. Our verdict – Good, inexpensive, and practical.

Xero: This is another 'cloud based' accounting package becoming a very popular choice with some clients. Operates completely online, data and software is securely maintained on the web. Our verdict – It's fine for some clients, and it does merge easily into our own accounting database. There are better products out there however (see above).

Microsoft Money: Microsoft Money is an easy to use (but fairly basic) accounting package for individuals and smaller entities. Still in use today though no longer as popular as it once was. Our verdict – not recommended, there are much better products out there.

We also support many other accounting packages not listed above, including bespoke Excel based bookkeeping spreadsheets and of course traditional, manual accounting records too. Michael

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