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## Key Financial Considerations for 2025

"How to Future-Proof Your Wealth & Financial Wellbeing"

### Introduction – Why This Matters





"Financial Planning is about adapting – not just reacting."

- Who are MDFP?
- Why Financial Planning Matters



### The Budget is a Trojan Horse





"The real focus should be on your financial plan."

- Fiscal Drag: How frozen tax thresholds erode wealth.
- **Housekeeping:** Key estate planning and wealth preservation actions.
- Cash Rates: Why current high rates are deceptive in the long term.



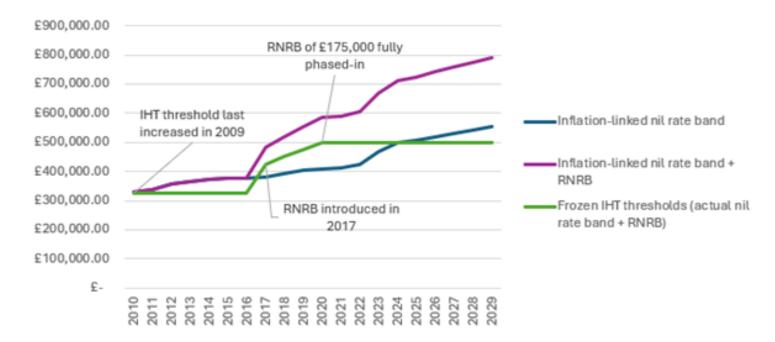
#### Fiscal Drag – The Silent Tax Increase





"Your tax liabilities are growing even if tax rates don't change."

- Personal allowances frozen.
- IHT frozen since 2009, won't be reviewed until 2030.
- CPI has risen 55% since 2009, but allowances have remained stagnant.



# Housekeeping – Protecting Your Family





"Your wealth isn't secure without proper legal and financial planning."

- Wills and LPAs must be updated.
- Expression of Wish Forms (Pensions & Death in Service).
- No IHT between spouses structure assets correctly.

Will
Lasting Powers of Attorney
Pension Beneficiaries
Death in Service Beneficiaries
IHT Planning

#### The Cash Conundrum





"Keeping too much cash long-term is losing money."

- Current high cash rates are temporary.
- Over 10 years, inflation erodes cash value.
- Balance between liquidity and long-term growth.



C - UK Consumer Price Index TR in GB [36.56%] D - Bank Of England Base Rate TR in GB [15.27%]

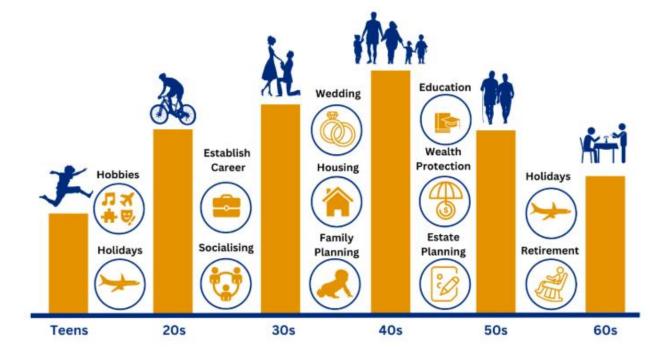
## The Core of Sensible Financial Planning





# "A structured, adaptable plan is key to long-term financial security."

- Review and stress-test your plan.
- Structure savings efficiently for education, retirement, and estate planning.
- Diversify investments to maximise tax efficiency.



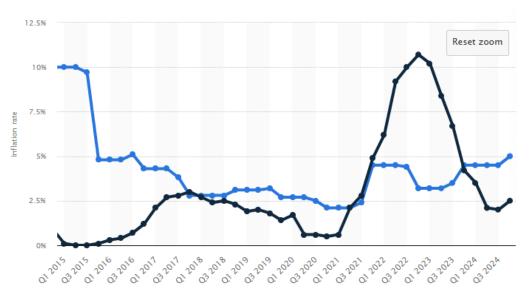
#### **Education Fee Planning**





"Private education is a long-term cost – planning is essential."

- School fees continue to rise.
- Tax efficient ways to fund education:
  - ISAs, Bonds, Trusts, Grandparent Contributions
  - School Fee Planning Structures



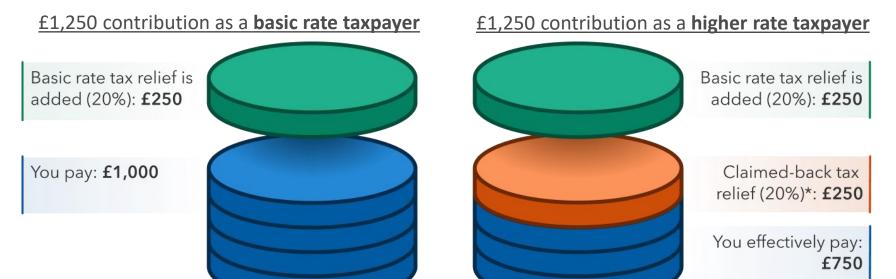
#### **Retirement & Pension Planning**





"Pensions are still one of the most tax-efficient ways to save."

- No Lifetime Allowance (LTA) restrictions more flexibility in pension planning.
- Expression of Wish Forms keeping pension wealth in the family.
- Up to £60,000 annual pension contribution allowance.
- Tax relief on contributions reduce your taxable income.



### Investment & Tax Efficiency





"Growing wealth is important – keeping it tax-efficient is essential."

- Capital Gains Tax Planning: Use exemptions wisely.
- Diversified portfolio = reduced risk & better long-term gains.
- Alternative investments for tax efficiency:

	Income Tax Relief	CGT Relief on Gains	Minimum Holding Period	IHT	Tax-Free Dividends	Max Annual Investment
ISAs	No	Yes	None	No	Yes	£20,000
Pensions	Marginal Rate	Yes	NMPA (55 or 57)	Depends	Yes, within pension	£60,000
EIS	30%	Yes	3 Years	Yes	No	£1m - £2m
SEIS	50%	Yes	3 Years	Yes	No	£200,000
VCT	30%	Yes	5 Years	No	Yes	£200,000

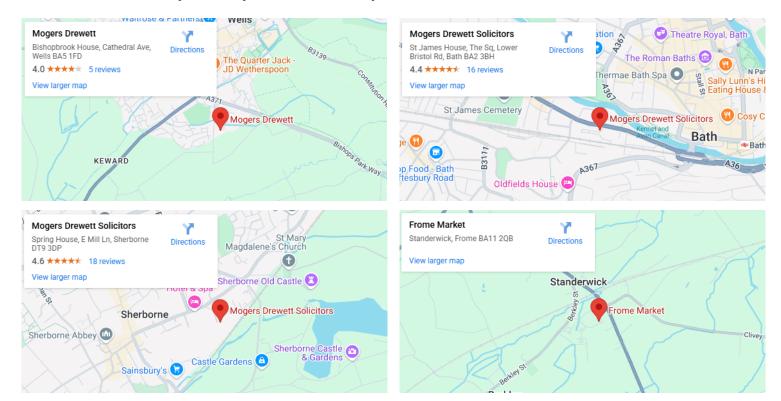
#### Legal & Financial Integration





"We're one of the only local firms combining legal and financial services."

- Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning seamlessly integrated with financial planning.
- Offices in Wells, Bath, Sherborne, and Frome.



### Summary – What You Should Do Next





"The key to financial security is action."

- **Revisit your plan** is it still relevant?
- Review your Will, LPAs & Pension Beneficiaries.
- **Don't rely too much on cash** invest smartly.
- **Stay tax-efficient** structure assets wisely.





#### Thank You for Watching.

If you're serious about future-proofing your wealth, contact us to book in a complimentary initial meeting.

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