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All UPN deliveries are now Carbon Neutral.

The carbon footprint of all palletised freight deliveries handled by Team UPN across our UK wide partner network is now calculated and carbon offset to become Carbon Neutral.

In a first for the Pallet Network Sector, every UPN Member has full Certification for all UPN deliveries as Carbon Neutral.

"UPN are now working with Carbon Neutral Britain to offset our company's carbon emissions by investing in carbon offsetting programmes upfront for each financial quarter so deliveries are offset in real time as a proactive measure to minimise our environmental impact," commented UPN Managing Director David Brown who signed the agreement.

Carbon Neutral Britain is providing a Carbon Emissions Report based on projected figures for 2024 to clearly, accurately, and transparently demonstrate how the carbon footprint of the UPN network has been calculated and offset via the ISO 14064 and GHG Emissions Protocol accounting standards.

These are the two largest and most recognised methods for carbon footprint calculation in the World used by the UK Government and all public agencies. The report confirms how emissions have been validated and offset via CNB, with third party assurance.

"At UPN we have a real commitment to do what we can to help protect our planet," said David Brown, "Team UPN, all our staff, all our members, all our suppliers are fully committed to help us to drive forward this very important initiative. Furthermore, UPN are hoping that by being the first network to go Carbon Neutral we will encourage others to follow so that as a sector we can all make a real difference."

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OUR SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT – MAJOR FEATURE INSIDE



SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



RHA launch "Driving for Growth"

In January the RHA has set out its vision calling for more support for the haulage sector in a new campaign manifesto to help drive economic growth. The Manifesto sets out recommendations to support the sector with its many challenges. These include:

- Relieving the tax burden to support economic growth
- An emissions-linked fuel duty rebate
- A Net Zero roadmap
- Roads investment
- Planning reform to secure more facilities
- Reforms to plug skills gap

Richard Smith, RHA Managing Director, said, "We're facing huge challenges as we tackle unsustainable cost increases, inadequate infrastructure and driver facilities, a major skills gap, and the transition to Net Zero. A recent report concluded that more than 450 haulage firms went bust last year which is twice as many as the year before, so we need to act fast. Our manifesto articulates the key issues our members and others face as cost pressures hit hard, and offers solutions to ease those burdens and drive economic growth."

https://www.rha.uk.net/Portals/0/News/RHA_Driving%20Growth%20delivering%20for%20the%20country_A4_Digital.pdf?ver=2024-01-10-110308-360×tamp=1704884593535

LOGISTICS UK

"..The Green Shoots of Recovery..." says New Report

Data indicates that the UK's electric heavy goods vehicle market is predicted to see a 70% growth by 2026, a welcome step to net zero. However, such large-scale deployment of these new-generation HGVs could prove challenging for logistics businesses unless their staff are equipped to handle ongoing maintenance and repairs.

To assist logistics businesses in upskilling their maintenance teams, Logistics UK has formed a partnership with SMB College (Stephenson, Melton and Brooksby) and Bristol College to launch a new programme of learning and development for logistics engineers.

The new courses, which last for two days, include modules on working safely on an electric/hybrid vehicle, using information to carry out the task, knowledge on carrying out repairs on high energy electrical systems and recording information and making suitable recommendations, all delivered in a highly practical way with lots of hands-on training throughout.

This will lead to an IMI Level 2/3 qualification in Electric/Hybrid Vehicle Routine Maintenance, and the inclusion on the IMI TechSafe® register.

<https://logistics.org.uk/evimiaward>



FIVE EXCELLENT NEW MEMBERS

Since the New Year, UPN have signed up five new members to further boost its already high quality network. "My Regional Director Team has worked extremely hard to get these excellent new members across the line and into our leading network", said UPN Managing Director David Brown.

"United Pallet Network are continually looking out for opportunities to strengthen the density and quality of our UK coverage", said David Brown, "We're continuously looking to improve all aspects of our business both centrally and across the UK, and we're always involving our partner members and staff along the way. I'm really pleased that we have started 2024 so strongly I am looking forward to further growth over the year."



Wrexham based - PT Williams Express Logistics, provide a wide range of UK and international services and are serving LL postcodes for UPN.



Somerset based KRL, are serving BA postcodes for UPN. For more than 25 years, KRL has been providing multi-modal and logistics services to clients importing and exporting goods across the borders of the UK and Ireland.



Davisoft Freight are an established regional haulier based in Kings Langley, Hertfordshire. They will be serving HP, and WD postcodes for UPN.

SL Transport

Since their commencement in 1991, SL Transport has built on many decades of experience within logistics and haulage. They have grown to provide a complete solution across South West England and across the UK. They are managing SN and BA postcodes for UPN.



Established for over ninety years Bacton Transport Services provides logistics, warehousing, and transport services nationwide to and from the Eastern Region.



INTRODUCING “UPN SMARTFREIGHT” – EVEN MORE PALLET SIZE OPTIONS

In April UPN launched - “SmartFREIGHT” – what it believes is now the most extensive range of pallet size options available within the sector.

New in to the SmartFREIGHT “family”, and targeting a clear market niche is the “Quarter Plus Pallet” with a maximum base of 1.2 metres by 1.2 metres, a height limit of 1.1 metres, and a weight cap of 400 kilos.

“UPN SmartFREIGHT is a leap forward in convenience, flexibility, and excellence for service users,” said UPN MD David Brown, “At UPN, we understand that the right size and fit matters, whether it’s

small freight or oversized cargo. That’s why, for 2024, we’ve expanded our pallet freight shipping options to now offer six Pallet footprint choices together with a range of OOG (Out of Gauge) and XL options.”



FARSLEY GO ELECTRIC

Farsley Transport highly valued founder member have given a big boost to the “UPN Sustainability Commitment”. The leading Leeds based haulier are the first company in Yorkshire to go electric.



“We’re really proud to be the first company in Yorkshire to have an articulated Volvo EV on a fleet”, said Neil Chappelow – Farsley Transport Founder Owner

“The primary reason we’ve introduced it is to show that we’re going green, and are actively looking at ways to reduce our carbon footprint including having an electric truck on the road. But it’s

and greener future for our industry. We are very proud to be leading the way to reduce our carbon footprint and this is just the first milestone in our sustainability journey. The future is Green, the future is Farsley!”

also about building awareness. It’s not only about us contributing to the climate change challenge but encouraging others to do so too.”

“It’s not an easy task in our industry but we’re taking positive steps. It will lower our emissions. If it can work for us then it can work for other hauliers too.”

The new Volvo Electric FM is driven by three electric motors, with a continuous overall output of 490kW (666hp). This goes through a 12-speed I-Shift automated gearbox to a 12-tonne drive axle. It carries a total of 540kWh of power in six batteries, three of which are mounted on each side of the 3,900mm chassis, giving a total range of up to 300km.

“Our new Volvo Electric FM seals our commitment to supporting a more sustainable



UPN "ROCKS" ANNUAL AWARDS

"UPN Rocks" was the theme for the night as once again Nottingham welcomed UPN for its Annual Awards Celebration which this time certainly hit a chord – or several!



It was a really special night of celebration and surprises for everyone who attended. UPN was celebrating another excellent year in which the established Pallet Network further strengthened its membership and reputation in the sector as - The Quality Pallet Network.

"This event is a unique night in our Team UPN calendar," said UPN Managing Director - David Brown, "Our Awards are celebration of our Network. They are all about Team UPN, the special people that make our network so special right across the UK and Ireland. It's a fantastic opportunity for our members to reengage with old friends, to meet new, and above all have a fabulous evening"

Gold and Platinum Awards were presented to a record number of members highlighting that UPN membership is delivering a consistent level of service and compliance, right across its network. UPN - Regional Recognition Awards and National Recognition Awards were presented to the elite star performers for 2023.

The event kicked on into the night with the unique and special experience that is Bogan Bingo! Bingo, BUT definitely not as you know it! The night turned up a gear again when the RPJ Band probably the UK's most outstanding Party Rock transformed the Awards Hall into a high energy Rock Arena - the full dance floor and empty bar area said it all - UPN Rocked! -

What a night!!



AT MORGAN GO VIRAL AT OSPREYS RUFC

When leading Rugby Union Club, Ospreys, faced Cardiff on New Year's Day, the Swansea-based club set up a branded trailer pitch side, sponsored by valued UPN member, AT Morgan and Son. The trailer was set up to stage a live band before the match, together with a mini-museum of Ospreys jerseys from years gone by.

During the game, which was played in atrocious weather conditions, fans leapt for cover and climbed into the trailer for shelter. This spontaneous use of the trailer by Ospreys fans as a spectator facility, then gained viral publicity which the club are fully maximising.

Former Scotland Rugby International John Barclay wasn't a huge fan of this use of the trailer. He posted to X, "This was at Ospreys v Cardiff. It makes a mockery of the league."

Ospreys responded saying: "A massive thank you to A.T.

Morgan and Son for providing trucks at the Dunraven Brewery Field yesterday for our Musician and the Shirt Museum." The post was accompanied with photos of the museum and musician.

In celebration of this high profile viral exchange the Ospreys "Barclay Lounge" has been born, a unique new match hospitality package. Writing on X, Ospreys detailed a new competition for a chance to win a place on the newly named "Barclay Lounge". Great publicity for Ospreys, and for AT Morgan and Son.



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