

News Bulletin

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Suckling
Transport

Join us at the Forecourt Show

THE FORECOURT SHOW
NEC BIRMINGHAM
24-26 APRIL 2017

Suckling Transport are pleased to announce they will be exhibiting it's award winning TankShare services at the Forecourt Show held at the NEC Birmingham between 24th to 26th April 2017.



This is an opportunity for us to promote our services to an ever increasing dealer market.

As well as our excellent fuel delivery service we will also be exhibiting our value added IT services. Our aim is to provide a complete logistical service to our customers.

We would love to see you there. Come and visit us on stand N130 on any of the exhibition dates.

For further enquiries or to place an order please contact our team on:

- ◆ England / Wales: 01268-419266
- ◆ Scotland: 01324-482250

New investment in Grangemouth

November saw us complete the purchase of a significant area of land in Grangemouth, which during 2017, will be developed into a parking facility for our growing operations and the housing of our Scottish regional office.



The 2.3 acre site, situated on Inchyra Road, Grangemouth is strategically placed less than 1 mile from the Grangemouth Ineos refinery.

This investment signifies our commitment to continue to grow our already established operations and both long term and short term client base.

Further details of our expanding TankShare Operation can be found on the back page.

Christmas Message

2016 has been a successful year for Suckling Transport where we have continued to develop a safe and productive team.

The company has continued to grow in order to meet business demands and in response to this we have recruited additional office staff and drivers.

Our safety and service performance has been satisfactory, where we have worked very hard to try to achieve excellence in all areas. As a company we have some areas of improvement, which we will focus on in 2017, especially risk awareness.

2016 has pinpointed some challenges which we need to address. The effects of Brexit has seen costs rising and the difficulties in passing these on to our customers. We face some big challenges in the near future as we approach the end of some contracts and the need to be competitive to retain these.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas in the company of your loved ones and a Happy New Year with a prosperous 2017 with plenty of work!

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Charitable Fundraising



Over recent months the staff at head office have taken part in various events

to raised money for worthwhile causes.

The charities to receive a donation were MacMillan Coffee morning, Jeans for Genes and Wear it Pink.

The charities received donations of £115.70, £52.00 and £34.40 respectively.

Safety Talks

Please regularly check your notice boards for the days applicable to your location for safety talks. Topics being covered during the last six months of the year are listed below, these are subject to change and/or any additional topics that deemed appropriate nearer to the date.

Each quarter will consist of previous quarter's incident review, Safety & Service Stats and local issues. Additional topics are overfills, grabs cards and:

Quarter 1:

Health, Goal Zero and Cross-overs

Quarter 2:

Crossovers, Customer Care, Spillages and LSR violations.

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If you would like any news items included in the next edition of the News Bulletin, please contact Sue Nicholas on 01268-419266.



Road Safety Week

As part of our commitment to road safety, Suckling Transport took part in road safety week during w/c 21st November 2016 in conjunction with Phillips 66 and the road safety charity BRAKE.

This year's campaign was to make the pledge with BRAKE on a number of safety related issues: Slow, Sober, Secure, Silent, Sharp and Sustainable. A special safety in numbers bulletin was produced and these were distributed to JET sites across the UK.

In addition a special delivery was carried out by Phillips 66 contract driver Darren Dedman at Hammonds, where the local school sent over 81 5-7 year olds for some safety talks on vehicle awareness, mirrors and noise. A special thank you to Darren, Mick Smith, Perry Southgate and Louise Hammond and her staff for the excellent support on the day.



Visits were also made to Cressing and Darsham and Shaun Rees Brown, Director of Operations visited sites at Grays, College and Canvey.

Our Grangemouth based staff and drivers supported throughout by displaying posters and leaflets in the office and terminals notice boards.

Thank you to everyone.



Worcester Race Day

Suckling Transport held its 13th running of the Handicap chase on Wednesday 22nd June 2016 at Worcester Race Course.



The event raised a total of £1000.00 for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Service which was the chosen charity of our Tank-Share South operating centre.



The best turned out horse and also the winner of the Suckling Transport Handicap chase was Horace Hazel.

Above & Beyond

The company would like to commend the actions of our driver Mark Collins based at our Hythe Terminal working on our contract with Shell UK Limited.

Whilst loading his vehicle, Mark noticed an inter-compartmental leak on the trailer. His actions and quick thinking prevented a larger contamination of product which could have caused more serious implications if the product had been delivered to its destination.

Well done Mark!



Drugs & Alcohol

With the festive period now upon us and the New Year celebrations in sight, please keep the drink / drug driving rules and laws in mind.

Whilst everyone wants to enjoy the festive period with family and friends, caution should be taken especially if you are working.

Drink / drug driving limits are there for a reason and should be adhered to at all times. Even when you think you may not be over the legal limit there could still be a chance of traces.

Please remember the company's drink / drugs policy is 'zero tolerance'.

Road Conditions

Extreme weather conditions can make a difference in your normal driving; which mostly affects your ability to see. This is more limited in adverse weather conditions such as rain, fog, ice, snow, and dust.

Among all weather conditions, fog is probably the most dangerous, so if you are driving in foggy weather, lower your speed and turn on your low-beam headlights. If the fog becomes so thick that you can barely see, pull safely and completely off the road.

You should also slow down at the first sign of rain, drizzle, or snow on the road. This is when many road surfaces are most slippery because moisture mixes with oil and dust that has not been washed away. The slippery roads can reduce traction and you're at risk to lose control of your vehicle.



New Employees

Since the last edition of the news bulletin three new member of staff has joined the Suckling team. Leo Caiazza HS&E Co-ordinator, and Paul Miles TankShare Transport Manager (England & Wales) based head at Office. Also Les Christie (Admin Assistant) based in our Grangemouth Office (below).



In addition several new drivers have also joined the company, a warm welcome to:

Darrell Charlton, Jonathon Hotchkiss, Steve Kimberley at Bedworth. George Donnelly, Iain Ferguson, Andrew Fleming, Glynn Haddow, Peter Howden, Darren Hamilton, Cameron Maison and Colin Reid at Grangemouth. Graham Charles, Kieron Shanley at Hythe. Paul Anderson, Peter Brooks and Simon Hardy at Tees-side. Artur Domanski, Bartek Gradonski and Adam Martin at Thurrock and finally Anthony Cox and Jason Sheeley at West-erleigh.



Congratulations to our HSE Co-ordinator, Sarah O'Sullivan and her husband Joe who recently became parents for the second time.

Sebastian Anthony O'Sullivan arrived safely on Tuesday 29th November 2017 weighing 7lb 10oz. He joins his big sister Ava.

TOP TEN

My Top Ten

Paul Miles, TankShare Transport Manager (England & Wales) based at head office took the top ten interview this time round.



Record

Robin S – Show Me Love

TV Programme

Match of the Day

Book

The Sun newspaper

Film

Back to the Future 2

TV Personality

James Corden

Holiday Resort

Benidorm

Restaurant

TGI Fridays

Suckling Employee

Jamie Doyle

Sports Person

David Beckham

Motto, slogan or quote

Lovin it! Lovin it! Lovin It!

If you want to take part in the top ten interview, please contact Sue Nicholas at: sue.nicholas@sucklingtransport.co.uk

TankShare continues to grow....



As part of our ongoing strategy in the UK we have expanded our TankShare fleet to include Teesside from this summer. We currently operate several vehicles from this location and are extremely pleased with the service that has commenced which has been warmly welcomed by our existing customers.

This year we have reinforced our Tankshare operations department with highly skilled managers to achieve this strategic objective. We have also invested in additional trucks and trailers with the latest technology available in order to fulfil customers expectations.



Grangemouth based TankShare vehicle

We expect to expand our operations shortly in the Ellesmere Port area and into the Humber area during 2017.



Teesside based TankShare vehicle



ISO 9001:2008 Certified
Quality Management System

ISO Standards Treble Q,HS&E

For the past year the Company has been in the process of giving their ISO System a complete overhaul to meet the needs and demands of the ever changing industry we work in. This was successfully completed in September 2016.



For many years our Integrated Management System has not only covered the Quality elements of the ISO standards

but also Health, Safety and Environmental.

It was therefore agreed as part of the overhaul to officially apply for OHSAS 18001 (Occupational Health and Safety Management) and ISO 14001 (Environmental Management Systems) as we have been operating to these standards for some time.

We are pleased to advise that this was successfully achieved last month.

Employee Liaison Team Meeting

Suckling Transport held its last Employee Liaison Team (ELT) meeting of the year on the 18/19th October 2016. On this occasion the meeting was based in Barcelona (at no additional cost to holding the meeting in the UK).

The ELT meeting brings together representatives from all parts of our business, debating ideas and introducing new policies.

The meeting was very productive with discussions about the impact of the new apprentice levy and attracting new drivers to the industry, Improving communications, fuel efficiency, and the introduction of a

new mental health policy. Minutes of the meeting will be available over the next few weeks, where you representative will share these with you.



The next ELT meeting is expected to take place in March 2017. If you would like any items added to the agenda for discussion please contact your local representative.

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