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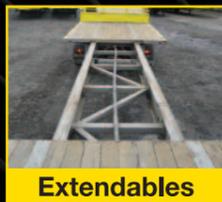


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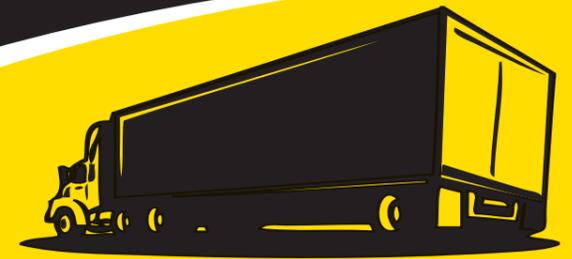
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COMPANY NEWS

Employer Support Programme



Ashcroft Trailers recently took part in the Employer Support Program with the Northern Regional College (NRC) to introduce higher level welding skills for our staff. The training in particular

helped to introduce advanced welding processes and equipment that will enable us to produce more complex products through multi-positional welding, both in MIG and TIG and a wider range of materials.



ISO 9001 Accreditation

Ashcroft Trailer Hire Limited passed our ISO 9001 audit in June with flying colours! Great effort by our Team through their commitment and contributing to our quality accreditation – we are delighted and extremely proud to maintain our ISO partnership, recognition and quality accreditation.



Facebook Competition

We recently ran a competition on our new facebook business page. Well done to the winner Darren Leonard who was the very happy owner of two new ATH T-shirts.



Another New Flat Trailer Added To Our Hire Fleet

Our commitment to invest in new vehicles continues with the addition of a new flat trailer to add to our growing rental fleet.

For more information on hiring our trailers contact Neil on T: 028 9083 2641 or E: neil@ashcrofttrailer.co.uk



Workshop Jobs Lorry Fuel Tank Repair

Recently we welded a diesel fuel tank for a customer's lorry that was leaking. If you have noticed that you are losing fuel or that you are running on empty much more often than you should be, you may find that you have a leak or hole in your diesel fuel tank.



Luckily, there are many different options in front of you that allow you to try to save the fuel tank if you would like. The cost of repairing the fuel tank is much more affordable than buying and

installing a new one. If you think that you may have a leak in your diesel fuel tank then why not let us take a look and repair it before you make the decision to replace it.

Here are just a few examples of the vehicles we work on everyday:



Tautliner Trailer PSV, Service & Repair

Artic Truck Safety Check



Sliding Skeletal Trailer PSV, Service and modify rear twist locks



Citroen Berlingo Van PSV, Service & Repair

INDUSTRY NEWS

Northern Ireland Enforcement On HGV Levy Delayed Again

Enforcement of the HGV Road User Levy in Northern Ireland looks set to be delayed for months after Northern Ireland's Environment Committee put off a crucial vote on the subordinate legislation required to enact it.

In a meeting on 3rd July, members of the committee agreed to question civil servants from the Department of the Environment (DoE) at their next meeting in September before taking any vote about the proposed legislation to allow enforcement of the levy – putting any progress on hold.

Willie Oliver, MD of Coleraine-based Oliver Transport Services and a member of the Road Haulage Association's regional council for Scotland and Northern Ireland said it could be a number of months before enforcement of the levy began.

He added that even in the event of a vote in favour of the legislation by the committee in September, an objection could be launched thereafter by Sinn Fein that would force a full debate in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

"Sinn Fein, because of its all-Ireland agenda, doesn't see why this should be enforced against Irish operators," he said. "A member of Sinn Fein is going to do their best to block this and it will end up in a full-blown debate."

Agreeing that the continuing lack of enforcement in Northern Ireland was an embarrassment for the Department for Transport (DfT), given that the HGV Road User Levy became payable by law throughout the whole of the UK on 1 April, Oliver said the RHA might consider asking it to make HMRC, rather than the DoE, the enforcing body in Northern Ireland to speed up the introduction of enforcement.



Kent Police Charge Six With Conspiracy To Steal HGVs

Kent police said it had now charged six men with conspiracy to steal HGVs and their freight following a series of raids across the country. Early-morning search warrants were conducted at 14 addresses in Dover, Merseyside, North Wales and Lancashire on 15th July following a year-long investigation.



Lee Henley Gilmore, 32 and Jeffrey Hamid, 31, from Liverpool and Graham Ascroft, 55, from Preston, have been charged with conspiracy to steal and have been remanded in custody.

They are due to appear at Maidstone Crown Court on 30th July.

Darren John Michael Price, 39, has also been charged with conspiracy to steal and has been bailed to the 30th July.

Stuart Nicholson, 47 from Dover, has been charged with the same offence and has been bailed to appear at East Kent magistrate's court on 31st July.

Two more men, aged 46 and 44, and from the Merseyside area have been arrested and bailed until 15th October pending further enquiries. Police added that they are continuing their investigations.

Rha Welcomes Speed Limit Increase

The Road Haulage Association (RHA) has welcomed news that the speed limit for heavy goods vehicles travelling on single carriageway roads in England and Wales will be raised to 50 mph by April 2015.

RHA Chief Executive Geoff Dunning said: "This evidence-based decision by ministers, to increase the limit to 50 mph will be strongly welcomed by hauliers and their drivers. The current limit is long out-of-date and the frustration it generates causes unnecessary road safety risk.

"We consider this announcement to be a real win for the RHA. We have lobbied long and hard on this issue and this positive outcome is a result of members' input and support."