

# In the Mood Newsletter

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## EXTENSION COMPLETE



*Paul Tweddle loading pallets in the cross-deck ready for the night trunks*

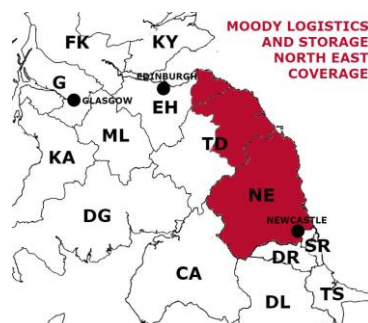
In June we opened our cross-deck facility's roller shutter doors to welcome the first night trunks in to offload as the extension sprang into action.

Moving our daily operations to the new facility meant we freed up additional warehouse space – a hefty 14,000 sq ft, which we're delighted has already been taken up by one of our long-standing and neighbouring customers, Air Filters.

In addition to this, the 3-lane function has improved operations so much so that we were recently given the opportunity to extend our postcode delivery area for Pall-Ex within North East.

Subsequently, we now cover as far up as North Berwick and west to the Allendale area.

Richard, our Operations Director said, "Additional postcodes within our area has had a really positive impact on our growth strategy, from expanding our fleet of trucks to generating new business opportunities further afield which we're excited to build on over the coming months."



Welcome to *In the Mood*.

What a summer so far. We've basked in the sunshine and been busy here finishing our extension and hosting a launch party. Get all the latest news here while it's hot hot hot!

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## TUCK SHOP FUNDS KINDLE FIRE

Every day we're faced with the dilemma of chocolate or crisps as an afternoon treat with our cuppa.

Our tuck shop is re-stocked by Hazel, our Personnel Officer, with an "honesty box" in place to take the donations.

What makes our calorie intake even more rewarding is the funds go towards making a difference in the North East community.

Our latest tuck shop donation was passed on to Monksfield, an

Action for Children project based in Hexham that functions as both a respite and residential care centre for young people aged 6-18 who have a range of physical and learning disabilities.

Alison Bruce of Monksfield said, "Thanks to a recent donation from staff at Moody's we were able to purchase a new Kindle Fire and selection of DVD's which the children and young people here will enjoy."



## SISTER COMPANY GETS FACELIFT

We've recently rebranded MCR Services, a sister company that resides within our 7-acre site.

With a new vibrant logo and modern website, we truly believe that the rebrand better matches what we have become as a business since 2011: bright, enthusiastic and dedicated to perfecting products through modification, creation or rework.

*Intrigued?* We certainly hope so! Please visit our website

[www.mcrservices.co.uk](http://www.mcrservices.co.uk)

Can we help your business get products ready for the retail environment?

We provide specialist services in the following areas;

- Product and Quality inspection
- Product rework - co packing /contract packaging
- Assembly packaging of multiple components & finishing
- Hand-finished swatch book creation
- Swatch samples pick, pack and dispatch



## Driving success with Driver Apprenticeship Scheme

We're turning towards young talent to help drive forward the future of the company following the great career progression of two recently qualified Moody Logistics apprentices.

We introduced a new driver apprenticeship opportunity to help develop the skills and knowledge of our growing workforce.

Richard Moody, Operations Director at Moody Logistics, said: "Moody Logistics is committed to finding local talent and giving young people the opportunity to develop skills and gain experience in positions which are often overlooked in apprenticeship schemes."

Two apprentices who recently completed apprenticeships as HGV Drivers with NVQ with us are Steven Hansen & Dean Dodd.

Steven said: "My apprenticeship at Moody Logistics enabled me to learn valuable skills on the job from industry professionals. After qualifying, I was delighted to be offered a full-time position with the company, as I love being part of the Moody team and visiting different locations across the North East."

Since completing their apprenticeships, both have remained in full-time employment with the company, with Dean now working as a Class 1 Driver and Steven Hansen as a Class 2 Driver.

**We're currently looking for a Driver Apprentice to join our team. Anyone interested please contact Hazel on 01670 710060.**



Richard Moody with Steven Hansen





## BABY NEWS

One of our recently qualified driver apprentices, Steven Hansen, welcomed his first child into the world on the 23rd June at 11.21pm.

Esme Alexandra Hansen,  
weighing 8lb 5oz.



## RHYS TURNS 18!

One of the youngest members of the team, our Logistics Apprentice Rhys Common, celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on 24 July.

Rhys has been with the company since November 2017 and will finish his apprenticeship in October.

Belated birthday celebrations will be taking place in Zante as he jets off with a group of lads in August!



## SUMMER BBQ A SIZZLING SUCCESS

On the evening of Saturday 7th July, we celebrated the official opening of our half a million-pound extension within our grounds in Cramlington.

In its working life the extension is set to boost productivity levels and support our business growth, but on this occasion the 12,000 sq ft warehouse-style area was considered the perfect venue to host a party.

The night was enjoyed by Moody Logistics & Storage staff, customers and suppliers, and included a

succulent BBQ, drinks, and live entertainment from local band The Illuminates who performed on one of company's trailers.

We also took the opportunity to display our restored 1950 Bedford OLBD - Peggy - which attracted much attention on the night.

Richard Moody, our Ops Director said, "It was such a fabulous night and so good to see everyone come together to mark the occasion. Moody's really do know how to throw a good party!"



L to R: Gavin Cape (Engineering Director), Richard Moody (Operations Director), Caroline Moody (Managing Director) & Alan Moody (Chairman)



## PEGGY'S BEEN SHOWING OFF

Our beloved Bedford has been in the spotlight since early June and is signed up to more vintage rally events until late September.

She's been admired in Morpeth Fair Day procession, Wooler Agricultural Show, visited Woodhorn Museum, and Druridge Bay Country Park.

There's two events left on the calendar before she rests up

over the Autumn/Winter months, so come along to see her before it's too late:

### 26<sup>th</sup> August

NECPWA Tyneside at Tynemouth Priory

### 30<sup>th</sup> September

NECPWA Tyneside – Derek Cansfield Memorial Rally Beamish Museum



## CAPTION COMPETITION WINNER

Back in May we launched a caption competition on social media in search for comedy gold and thinking outside the box – and we weren't disappointed!

As this year's official sponsor for rugby league club, Newcastle Thunder, we were able to give away four tickets for the winner to attend the eagerly anticipated Newcastle Thunder Vs Bradford Bulls home game at Kingston Park Stadium.

After much deliberation we announced John Knox from Cumbria, our winner with his clever rugby-related caption, "Hey mate this guy is one Moody rucker".

For those not in the know, "rucking" is the term given to the area surrounding a tackled player in rugby league.

If you're not already, get social with us and see what we're talking about!



We're social!



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## SPOTLIGHT ON... KAREN BROWN



### What is your role in the business?

*Production Team Leader at MCR Services*

### Length of service at MCR Services?

*7 years*

### Top of your "bucket" list?

*Travel to Jamaica*

### Describe yourself in 3 words.

*Hard-working. Enthusiastic. Dedicated.*

### What motivates you?

*Living life to the max!*

### Item you couldn't live without?

*My Fitbit*

### Your last meal would be....

*Steak cooked medium with chips*

### Who would you trade lives with for one day and why?

*Forrest Gump – to improve the step count on my Fitbit!!*