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explores closer links between Ireland and GB

Barriers created by Brexit along with changes in supply chains and storage strategy are driving Irish companies to consider warehousing options on the mainland, according to a report produced by Model Logic in collaboration with the UK Warehousing Association.

This was the timely context for the UKWA Warehousing Showcase held last month in Belfast, where Irish delegates heard from Paul Johnson of Model Logistics about the benefits of holding stock closer to customers and the different options available to them.

Speaking on behalf of the Irish Exporters Association, Simon McKeever of Irish Exporters Association spoke about the increasing importance of sustainability as a strategic priority and announced the imminent launch of the Institute of Sustainable Trade, a new initiative to support Irish businesses on their journey to sustainability.

Ruth Edwards, Operations Director at Talent in Logistics shared her latest research on Employee Engagement, first presented at UKWA's National Conference in March, and the event closed with a Q&A session focusing on property issues in Ireland, with experts Nigel Healy of JLL and Frazer Hood of McConnells in the hot seat.

Commenting on the event, Clare Bottle said, "This is our first event in Ireland, and we will certainly be back again next year. It was great to hear perspectives from a different part of the UK, with everyone enjoying discussions around the different challenges and opportunities, as well as networking with industry colleagues. I'd like to thank arlath Sweeney of Fleet News for the warm welcome we received, and our expert speakers for enabling us to share their knowledge and experience, helping foster closer links with our colleagues in Ireland."

READ FULL REPORT

Cautious welcome from UKWA for latest ONS report

Clare Bottle, Chief Executive of the UK Warehousing Association (UKWA) has responded to a report from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 'The rise of the UK warehouse and the "golden logistics triangle", with a qualified welcome.

The report, published 11th April, thought to be the first from the ONS to focus on the transport, logistics and warehousing industry and its importance for the UK and local economies, considers changes over the last decade and since coronavirus (COVID-19).

Commenting on the ONS report, Clare said, "While we welcome increased interest in our industry from government, we have some concerns around the integrity of the data. For example, the definition of 'transport, logistics and warehousing' in the ONS report extends to businesses such as taxi firms and other passenger transport operations, which are not usually categorised as part of our sector.

Similarly, there are significant omissions, in that the report findings exclude retail and wholesale logistics users, which are major drivers for increased warehousing demand. Warehousing for companies like Amazon, Tesco and DHL will not have been considered in this report, so clearly the overall picture will be distorted."

However, UKWA has noted that despite anomalies in the ONS report, it chimes with the findings from a recently published report by the British Property Federation (BPF) and UKWA, which showed that the transport, storage and logistics sector is critical to the government's levelling up agenda. On this basis, Clare repeated UKWA's call for more support from government.

"Transport and storage growth is the fastest growing of any industry group, and our sector – along with e-commerce – is expected to continue to grow. Yet there is little or no government support for our sector in meeting the serious challenges of current labour shortages, planning and the transition to net zero," she said. "We look forward to raising our concerns with the ONS and working with them – and other government departments – to promote greater awareness of our role in the UK economy, more accurate insights into the sector and better understanding of the challenges we face."

UKWA Awards finalists announced...

After two years, the prestigious UKWA Awards for Excellence in the Industry are back! The winners will be announced at UKWA's flagship event on Tuesday 28th June, held this year at The Royal Lancaster Hotel, with special guest John Humphrys.

According to UKWA CEO Clare Bottle, the judging panel faced some difficult decisions. "The number and quality of entries for our Awards was fantastic," she said. "We were proud to read of the achievements and innovations of our members and choosing just three finalists proved impossible in some categories! The event will culminate in the recognition of an industry superstar, when the Chairman of UKWA makes his special award

Our thanks to all those who entered and congratulations to the finalists. **If you didn't get a chance this year, why not come along to this prestigious event and find out more – you could be on this shortlist next year!**

Best New Member
- Hi Level
- Iron Mountain
- MBA Consulting Engineers
- Tempus Novo

Technical Innovation
- Huboo
- Transmon Engineering
- Wise Robotics & A Perry

Environment Award
- ILG
- Pallite
- Woodland Group

Infrastructure Project
- Boughey Distribution
- Bullet Express
- Hatmill
- Uniserve

Customer Service Award
- Granby Marketing
- Paul Ponsonby
- Unicarriers

Logistics Service Provider of the Year
- Carlton Forest
- Granby Marketing
- ILG

Value Added Services Award
- Boughey Distribution
- ILG
- WH Malcolm & Diageo

Warehouse Manager of the Year
- Bradley Hall , Carlton Forest
- Andy Greaves, Commodity Centre UK
- John MacLeod , WH Malcolm

Young Employee of the Year
- Leanne Davies, Boughey Distribution
- Alistair Plant, Carlton Forest
- Jack Fountain, ILG
- Josh Everett, Magnus Group
- Francesca Hughes, Speedy Freight

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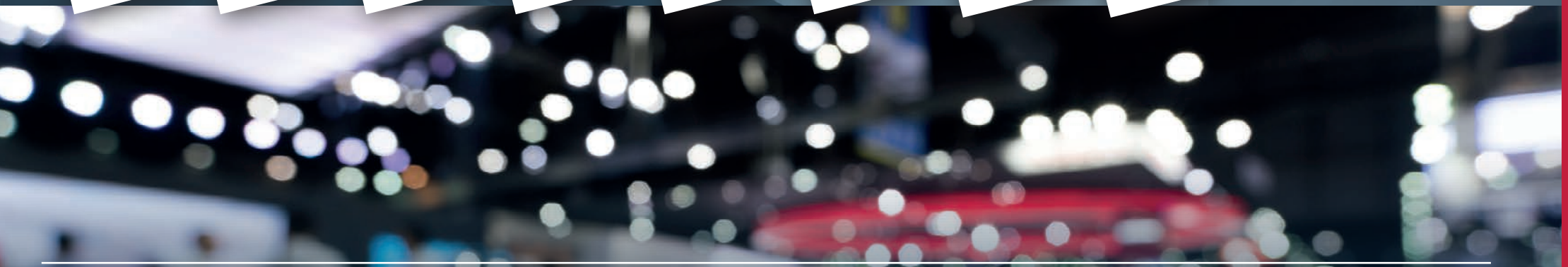

Join UKWA at MultiModal 2022, 14-16th June

This year, UKWA will once again have a major presence at the industry's Multimodal exhibition, held in the NEC, Birmingham. We will be hosting a large, branded pavilion, which will showcase members as well as providing an extensive networking area.

We will also be running a seminar session on the 'Unstoppable Rise of the Logistics Property Market', chaired by UKWA CEO Clare Bottle, who will be joined by expert speakers from Savills, Weightmans and JLL, and will be hosting tables at the Multimodal Awards dinner. UKWA has secured preferential exhibiting rates for members and associate members to take a fully furnished stand in the UKWA Pavilion, to meet customers and potential supply chain partners in a relaxed environment with a diverse audience of shippers and cargo owners, retailers, wholesalers, importers and exporters. Members who have already taken advantage of this opportunity include Fagan & Whalley, Flexi, CEN Group, Kiss Logistics, sbh, Paul Ponsonby, Trilux, BotsAndUs and Bullet Express.

There are a few opportunities still available. Stands in the Pavilion start from just over £3,000 and include a place at the awards dinner on the evening of the first day. If you would like to book a stand, or would like more information, please contact Robert Jervis at Multimodal on robert.jervis@clarionevents.com Alternatively, to attend the event, you can register for free below.

REGISTER

Clare Bottle appointed to London's Industry & Logistics Sounding Board

UKWA CEO Clare Bottle has been invited to be a member of London's Industry & Logistics Sounding Board (ILSB), having been nominated by an existing Board member, DHL.

The ILSB is an independent, cross-sector Sounding Board. It was established by the Greater London Authority (GLA) in partnership with London First in 2017 and was originally set up to provide advice to the Mayor on the preparation of new London Plan policy.

Now the purpose and remit of the Board has been broadened to include more practical and market considerations and, to help with that goal, the membership base is being widened to ensure it is genuinely cross sector and representative of London as a whole. ILSB aims to increase borough representation, central Government representation and also the range of developers, occupiers, logistics organisations and professional advisers on the Board.

Commenting on her appointment to the Board, Clare said, "I'm delighted to have been recommended by DHL and to have been unanimously voted onto the ILSB. The refreshed remit of the board certainly covers issues central to UKWA's interests, so I look forward to playing my part as a member of the Sounding Board."

Welcome new members...

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Express European Couriers Ltd	
Harbour International Freight Ltd	https://www.harbourfreight.co.uk
Hedgeflows	http://www.hedgeflows.com
Jaynic Suffolk Park Logistics Limited	https://www.jaynic.co.uk
LNH Transport Ltd	https://lnhtransport.com
Monumart Ltd	http://monumart.co.uk/
Mango Logistics Group	https://mangologisticsgroup.co.uk
Orgatex UK Ltd	https://www.orgatexuk.co.uk
RRM Warehousing Ltd	
Virginia Hayward Limited	http://www.virginiahayward.com
White Bird Logistics and Warehousing Ltd	http://www.wblw.uk

HOW TO JOIN UKWA

New UKHSA Covid Guidance
Your FREE Guide

The government recently announced its 'Living with COVID-19' plan, and as part of this the UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA) has now finally published its updated guidance for employers on managing the risk of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections to their workforce.

The new guidance, 'Reducing the spread of respiratory infections, including COVID, in the workplace,' makes it clear that while it's no longer a legal requirement to directly address COVID-19 in your risk assessments, you do still have Health & Safety obligations to consider, including respiratory health. In practice, the best way to prove that you've considered these risks, to your employees, is to have a clear policy setting out how you will continue to manage respiratory illnesses, clearly communicated to your workers. To help you navigate through the new guidance, HR, Employment Law and Health & Safety experts at UKWA Affinity Partners Citation have put together an exclusive guide, including:

- What the new guidance means for you as an employer
- How to set your stance as an employer for those feeling unsafe about working alongside someone COVID positive
- What policies need to be in place
- How to protect individuals in your workforce that are identified as vulnerable

Your UKWA member benefit

To find out more about how Citation can help with the HR and Health & Safety side of your business, call on 0345 844 1111, or fill in the call-back form on www.citation.co.uk – make sure that you quote 'UK Warehousing Association' to access your member benefit and preferential rates.

DOWNLOAD YOUR FREE GUIDE NOW

Looking Ahead...

Property Week's Industrial & Logistics Conference, 4-5th May 2022

The Industrial & Logistics Conference & Showcase, organised by Property Week, returns on 4-5 May 2022 at the Hilton London Syon Park as an in-person event for the first time in 2 years.

The leading forum for agents, developers, investors, occupiers, and innovators – this event continues to shine a spotlight on the fastest growing sector in commercial property.

Chaired by Mark Easton, Home Editor for BBC, the event will include a high powered line up of speakers, including UKWA CEO Clare Bottle, who will consider the impact of changing trends in the logistics workforce.

Join in person or online to hear what industry experts think is in store for the near future.

REGISTER

Internet Retailing Expo & e-Delivery Expo 2022, 11-12th May

eCommerce fulfilment has never been more important. Customers now expect quick deliveries and easy returns and the rapid rise in online shopping as well as the variety of channels has led to an increase in the complexity of retailers' and brands' operations.

Now is the time for retailers to re-examine the supply chain from warehouse to customer (and back) to ensure they are providing exceptional customer service with a cohesive, future-proofed operation.

Visit eDX 2022 to hear from fast-growing brands and retailers who have already tackled this head-on, meet suppliers with new and innovative solutions, and network with current and potential partners. UKWA CEO Clare Bottle will Chair the Fulfilment Channel on Day Two of the show conference.

REGISTER

Tomorrow's Warehouse Event, 9th June 2022

UKWA is pleased to be supporting Tomorrow's Warehouse, which puts the spotlight on unprecedented transformation in the warehouse, tracking trends and offering insights.

This one-day, free-to attend conference also highlights a range of solutions that boost warehouse performance and flexibility.

We were already in a time of unprecedented logistics transformation thanks to eCommerce. Now the coronavirus pandemic has made revitalising warehousing and logistics essential.

Attend Tomorrow's Warehouse to gain practical, actionable insights that will help you make sure operations are a match for changing commercial realities.

UKWA CEO Clare Bottle will join Andrea Ferranti, Head of Industrial and Logistics Research at Colliers to discuss soaring demand and how to make the best of your warehouse space.

REGISTER

Transaid UK Cycling Challenge, 15-18 September 2022

UKWA'S charity partner Transaid has launched its next cycle challenge – Hadrian's Cycleway. Go on an unforgettable adventure across the UK and enjoy real camaraderie with a like-minded group of people whilst riding coast to coast from Whitehaven to Tynemouth.

The 157-mile adventure will take place 15-18 September, with riders set to experience magnificent coastal views and breathtaking countryside, as well as the famous wall itself.

Transaid's cycle challenges are well known in the transport and logistics industry, with UKWA members helping raise a magnificent £44,000 from last year's 'Way of The Roses' event. Many Transaid supporters are keen to get back on their bikes for this September event and with cyclists at all levels welcome on the ride, why not take on the challenge and help transform lives through transport? Sign up now and start your preparation programme!

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New functionality, the order fulfilment of the day for high growth 3PLs

WMS technology innovator, Synergy Logistics, has enhanced its multiple billing software that already offers the highest levels of detail, accuracy and clarity, via its SnapFulfil WMS solution.

With 3PL services needing to flex their model to meet ever changing D2C e-commerce demands, adaptability is key - particularly when it comes to invoicing - to drive greater economies of scale. SnapFulfil's new pro-forma invoicing means one is generated automatically for any business where the billing period is greater than daily.

The pro-forma invoice is overwritten each time the invoice process runs but if a client has a replica database the invoice data can be extracted before being overwritten. This is especially useful for clients who want to track their invoice totals before period end.

Likewise, new minimum fee charge capability means a designated amount can be set, but if the total charges for a period are less than the minimum fee then the balance will automatically be charged.

Synergy Logistics CEO, Tony Dobson, says: "A growing numbers of 3PLs are seeking a more scalable, API friendly and robust pathway to meet the volatile challenges of B2C and D2C multichannel fulfilment. Our software is highly configurable and, after training, can be managed by in-house teams to support everything from new customer onboarding to process changes. "We've also standardised our interfaces to support easily understood and accomplished integrations and come to the table with a library of existing applications to help ease technical sales processes."

With margins ever tightening, SnapFulfil has the functionality to set and charge different rates based on quantities shipped, split and smaller pallets. The software also facilitates better data quality, resources allocation and process flow, while automating manual tasks gives greater efficiency, accuracy and transparency. Additionally, multi owner self configuration addresses complex order fulfilment challenges and enables 3PLs to drive rapid growth and value. A much more extensive customer portal also includes access to large areas of the main SnapFulfil site, but specifically filtered for the 3PL customer, so they only see their real time data.This enhanced functionality brings greater visibility, increased flexibility and a more granular approach.