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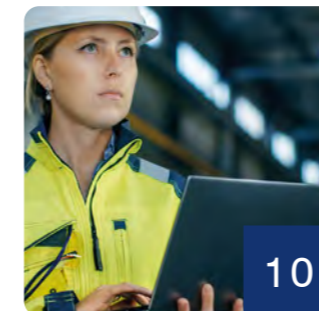
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**Tim Waples,**  
Chief Executive, UKMHA

## Summer Edition of the UKMHA Uplift Magazine

Welcome to our latest Uplift magazine, we’ve had a very busy start to this year. I have plenty of exciting news and updates to tell you about.

**First of all, as you are aware, I’ll be retiring soon, so I am very pleased to share with you that Rob Fisher will take over from me on 1st July. I would like to welcome Rob to the UKMHA team. He brings a vast amount of experience and knowledge with him which I’m sure will be invaluable to the association and put to good use as Rob leads us forward into the future. You can read more about it in this issue of Uplift.**

I’m thrilled that this autumn the UKMHA will be launching new training courses that have been designed to meet the needs of the fork lift truck industry. You can find out about these courses in the training section in this issue.

Another exciting initiative from the UKMHA is the introduction of our fork lift engineer apprenticeship scheme. We are working in partnership with the SMB College Group to deliver the scheme to tackle the issue of recruiting people with the right skill set to our industry. Young people are the future engineers, and we need to provide them with the relevant skills to join the material handling industry. We have also just published the UKMHA Guide to Apprenticeships which will give you all the information you need to know about hiring an apprentice – and we can also help you find the right person.

So many more fantastic developments to share with you, such as the Archies Awards and National Forklift Safety Day 2024 to great news about a rise in the number of operators receiving accredited training. You can find details of them all and much more in this issue of our Uplift magazine. I hope you enjoy reading it!

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making my time as the CEO of UKMHA such a fantastic experience and I wish you all the best for the future.

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## The UK Material Handling Association Appoints Rob Fisher as New CEO



The UKMHA has announced Rob Fisher as its Chief Executive Officer, effective from 1st July 2024.

Rob Fisher will succeed Tim Waples, Chief Executive UKMHA, whose retirement was announced earlier in the year, and Cameron Burnett, CEO Designate.

**Under Tim's stewardship, which dates back to 2020 when BITA and FLTA combined, UKMHA has flourished. "Tim has provided UKMHA with excellent leadership at what was a very challenging period with the combination of two major associations and not forgetting the unique circumstances that we all had to deal with during COVID." states Simon Barkworth, UKMHA Joint President. "We wish Tim a well-earned and happy retirement."**

Cameron, who joined in 2022, has been instrumental in advancing UKMHA's marketing and events strategy and departs with the association's heartfelt well wishes.

Rob Fisher steps into his new role with a mandate to drive member engagement, ensure seamless day-to-day operations, and collaborate with the board of directors to shape the association's future trajectory.

With over 19 years leading IMHX, a pivotal event jointly owned by UKMHA and Informa Markets, Rob brings a wealth of industry insight and expertise. His proven track record in business management ensures UKMHA's

continued dedication to serving its members and advancing sustainability, safety, and excellence in the material handling sector.

Joint UKMHA President, Andrew Woodward, expresses enthusiasm for Rob's appointment, highlighting his strategic acumen and industry knowledge as invaluable assets.

“We are thrilled to welcome Rob to the UKMHA family. His leadership will be crucial as we champion our dynamic industry and empower our members to thrive in an evolving landscape.”

**Andrew Woodward,**  
Joint UKMHA President

“I am honoured and excited by this unique opportunity,” says Rob. “I look forward to engaging with UKMHA members along with our Safe User Group at the earliest opportunity. With an exceptional team by my side, I am confident in our ability to drive positive change and continue to elevate the profile of our industry.”

Andrew Woodward continues: “I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Tim for ensuring a seamless transition during the merger of FLTA and BITA. His efforts, alongside Cameron's,

have been instrumental in the smooth operation of our association over the past 18 months.”

The Archies awards for honouring excellence in material handling, which will be held on September 14th, will be Rob's first UKMHA event. “The Archies is a prestigious event that recognises excellence and outstanding achievements. I'm looking forward to welcoming our finalists, sponsors and guests to what will be a true celebration of those operating at the highest echelons in our industry” finishes Rob.

## The Prestigious Archies Awards – Honouring Excellence in Material Handling



The UKMHA members and the wider material handling industry representatives will come together on **Saturday 14th September 2024** for the prestigious Archies industry awards ceremony and dinner. This renowned occasion, at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole, celebrates the dynamism within the industry and recognises the innovative products and special people that make it what it is today.

**The winners will be announced during the highly anticipated Archies awards ceremony in September. The event will provide a wonderful evening with plenty of entertainment, a delicious three-course dinner, and a fantastic after dinner party until the early hours of the following morning.**

The compere for the evening is well-known actress, comedian and TV presenter Sally Phillips. There will be lots of opportunities for networking with hundreds of colleagues, meeting old friends and making new ones.



### Sponsoring the Archies Delivers Exceptional Exposure and Value

Companies are encouraged to take advantage of the Archies sponsorship packages. This is a proven way for a sponsoring company to boost both their profile and visibility before, during and after the event. There are many fantastic sponsorship packages available to suit all budgets, from 14 different award categories to menu, host, drinks, band and late-night refreshments.

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Book your tickets

# Safety Alert Issued by the UKMHA after a Jacking and Blocking Incident

The incident happened when the engineer jacked up a reach truck to check for free play in the steering bearing fitted to the top of the final drive gearbox. The engineer held on to the drive wheel in order to check for excessive play in the bearing.

**The truck slipped off the jack and trapped the third and fourth finger of the engineer's right hand between the wheel and the floor. The injuries to engineer's hand included cuts, crushing and fractures.**

The truck was only supported by the jack at the time of the incident. It had not been lowered onto supporting blocks, leaving the jack as the only load support for the task, which is unsuitable equipment to carry out this task.

The UKMHA safety alert identifies a number of contributory factors for this particular incident, including inappropriate equipment, inadequate training, failure to ensure a safe working area and a lack of proper job planning.

David Goss, Technical Director at UKMHA said: "No work should be carried out under any load that is

supported by a jack. Failure to ensure adequate support of the load was very hazardous, and this incident could have led to far more serious injuries."

He continued: "Our safety alert provides advice for those maintaining and servicing material handling equipment. We advise them to follow the guidelines as laid out in the safety alert and the associated jacking and blocking safety awareness video."

The UKMHA plays a vital role in promoting improved safety standards within the material handling industry in the UK. The key aim is to ensure that the safety of its members and the wider industry is of paramount importance.

The jacking and blocking safety alert and fact sheet are available to download from the UKMHA website.



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David Goss,  
Technical Director, UKMHA

Click on the buttons below to download the jacking and blocking safety alert and fact sheet, or visit our YouTube channel to watch the safety awareness video.

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### Safety Alert

Jacking and Blocking

Alert No: 0005  
Date: May 2024

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**Incident Description:**  
The engineer jacked up a reach truck to check for free play in the steering bearing fitted to the top of the final drive gearbox. The truck was not lowered onto supporting blocks, leaving the jack as the only load support for the task. The engineer held on to the drive wheel in order to check for excessive play in the bearing. The truck slipped off the jack and trapped the third and fourth finger of the engineer's right hand between the wheel and the floor. The resulting injuries included cuts, crushing and fractures.

**Contributory Factors and Root Cause:**

- **Inappropriate Equipment:** The truck was only supported by the jack at the time of the incident. It should have been sitting on supporting blocks with the jack removed.
- **Training:** The engineer failed to recognise the hazard of working on a truck only supported by a jack.
- **Safe Working Area:** The engineer's service van was parked too close to the truck, restricting access to the supporting blocks that were in the van.
- **Job Planning:** The task was being carried out after the original job had been completed and without first carrying out a point of work risk assessment.

**Conclusions:**

- Failure to safely support the load is very hazardous. On another day this incident could have led to a much more serious injury.
- Safe Systems of Work must be followed at all times, and short cuts avoided.
- Regular refresher training is required to remind engineers of approved practices.

**Actions:**

- **S - Stop**
- **T - Think**
- **O - Organize**
- **P - Proceed**
- Establish a safe working area.
- Carry out a risk assessment and check the truck service manual.
- Ensure that the required tools and equipment are available.
- Follow an established safe system of work.
- Lower the load onto suitable blocks in the approved locations.
- Remove the jack.

Do NOT work under any load that is supported by a jack.

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# UKMHA Member Audit Accreditation

By Lee Medway,  
Compliance Manager, UKMHA



In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, maintaining the highest standards of governance, risk management and compliance is paramount. One crucial aspect of this is the UKMHA member audit process, which is a systematic and periodic appraisal of a member's adherence to legislation and industry best practices.

The audit process has been specifically designed for dealer members, its purpose is to help identify a company's potential vulnerabilities, and is a requirement of UKMHA membership. While some may view audit accreditation as a routine task, its benefits extend far beyond mere compliance. This article explores the multifaceted advantages of UKMHA member audit accreditation and how it contributes to organisational excellence.



## Sustaining Regulatory Compliance

The regulatory environment is continually changing, with laws and standards being updated to address emerging challenges. UKMHA audit accreditation ensures that a member is compliant with the latest regulatory requirements. By regularly reviewing and updating control measures, processes and policies, members can mitigate against legal repercussions, financial penalties and reputational damage.

UKMHA member audit accreditation is not merely a membership requirement for dealer members, but a strategic imperative for businesses aiming for sustained success.

## Risk Mitigation

Audit accreditation is an essential tool for identifying and mitigating risks, it helps members stay ahead of potential vulnerabilities. Through a thorough onsite examination of controls measures and operational procedures, UKMHA audit accreditation enhances the ability to detect anomalies and mitigate risk, therefore safeguarding the integrity of the member's business.

## Enhanced Operational Efficiency

UKMHA audit accreditation involves a comprehensive evaluation of a member's operational processes. This scrutiny often leads to the identification of inefficiencies, redundancies and bottlenecks. By addressing these issues, members can streamline their operations, reduce costs, and enhance overall efficiency. This not only positively impacts the bottom line, but also improves the members ability to adapt to changing market dynamics.

## Continuous Improvement

Audit accreditation is not just about meeting the minimum standards; it's an opportunity for continuous improvement. By fostering a culture of ongoing assessment and enhancement, members can strive for excellence in their operations. Regular audits encourage employees to adhere to best practices and contribute to a culture of continuous improvement, resulting in better processes and services.

## Stakeholder Confidence

A company's stakeholders, including investors, customers and partners, place immense value on transparency and reliability. UKMHA member audit accreditation provides an external validation of a member's commitment to integrity and compliance with standards. This, in turn, builds trust among stakeholders, assuring them that the member is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of governance and compliance.

## Strategic Decision-Making

Well informed decision making is critical for the success of any business. Through UKMHA audit accreditation, management gain valuable insights into the company's strengths and vulnerabilities. This knowledge enables them to make strategic decisions based on a comprehensive understanding of the businesses operational landscape, fostering long-term sustainability and growth.

In conclusion, UKMHA member audit accreditation is not merely a membership requirement for dealer members, but a strategic imperative for businesses aiming for sustained success. By ensuring compliance, mitigating risks, improving efficiency and building stakeholder confidence, audit accreditation contributes significantly to businesses excellence. Embracing a proactive approach to audit accreditation is an investment in the future, fortifying members against challenges and positioning them for long-term success in an ever-evolving business environment.

# Latest Member Audits



## On3 Rentals

Established in 2003, On3 Rentals is an independent supplier of material handling equipment and pallet storage systems based near Gloucester. They sell, hire, lease, refurbish, maintain and repair all makes of material handling equipment both at their workshops and via their field service team.

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## BJB Lift Trucks

Established in 1982, BJB Lift Trucks has a material handling equipment fleet of 450 vehicles across diesel, LPG and electric variants. Based in Grimsby, the company sells new and used equipment and provides forklift hire, training and maintenance.

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For more information on A.T. Best Handlers Ltd visit [www.atbesthandlers.co.uk](http://www.atbesthandlers.co.uk)

## The UKMHA Takes Important Steps to Address Talent Shortage in the Material Handling Industry

The UKMHA team has been working hard to tackle the issue of attracting talent into the material handling industry. The association has been acutely aware of the challenge across the industry to reduce the skills gap and to help provide skills for young people to join at the same time as attracting people with valuable skills into the industry.

**The reasons behind this are an ever-decreasing talent pool to choose from due to an ageing workforce and a limited college provision to provide the relevant skills for young people to join our industry.**

That's why we are excited to have teamed up with SMB College Group to deliver our brand-new apprenticeship scheme and technical training courses that are tailored to the material handling industry's needs.



## The UKMHA Launches Material Handling Apprenticeship Scheme to Help Members Develop Their Own Future Talent

The UKMHA is thrilled to announce that the first UKMHA apprenticeship scheme has been created in partnership with the SMB College Group. Having the right people for the job is of paramount importance and that's why hiring an apprentice is a brilliantly effective way for you to recruit, train and retain future talent.

**We recognise that apprentices can deliver a vast array of benefits to your business, such as:**

- Save on recruitment costs and time
- The skills developed match your business' current and future needs
- Government funding scheme available for apprentice training costs
- Bridge any skills gaps and find future managers and leaders from within
- Improved business productivity through development of highly skilled staff
- Enjoy higher staff retention and morale

**The UKMHA apprenticeship scheme is specifically designed for the material handling industry, providing benefits to UKMHA members, in particular full dealer members, including:**

- Focus on the best practice within our industry to ensure your workforce is trained to the highest standards
- Apprentices gain the relevant skills to support their career in this industry
- A scheme that is approved by the UKMHA, the voice of the UK material handling industry
- Training delivered by the SMB College Group who is the leading college delivering material handling apprenticeships

[Download the UKMHA Guide to Apprenticeships to find out more.](#)

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**We're here to answer your questions and help you make the right decision.**

[Contact us for more information.](#)

## Exciting Announcement from UKMHA of a 3-fold Increase in Material Handling Courses



We are thrilled to share with you that we're introducing eleven new technical training courses to help our members and the wider material handling industry ensure their workforce have the right skills to carry out their tasks.

**These training courses recognise the importance for material handling equipment organisations to have a skilled workforce and the need to continually upskill their staff through training. The courses deliver fabulous benefits to UKMHA members, in particular full dealer members.**

**Why this training is a 'must-attend' for your people:**

- Your customers will receive better support through your team's improved skills
- Your business will be more competent
- You'll become a 'one stop shop' for your customers by providing improved support and maintenance for a wide range of equipment
- Your team feels valued and motivated through learning and developing their skill set

The UKMHA is the leading trade association dedicated to advancing excellence in the material handling sector. The completion of a UKMHA training course demonstrates that the person has been trained to the highest standard in the relevant skills for the material handling industry.

The training courses are designed to help you future-proof your workforce and offer professional development that positions you as an attractive employer of choice.

All of our courses are held at the SMB College Group and will be delivered by highly trained professionals and offer opportunities to work with a wide range of material handling equipment.

We are pleased to offer discounted rates for UKMHA members on our training courses.



New training courses:

- **Lift Truck LPG Fuel Systems (Operating Safely):** 24 September 2024
- **Working On High Voltage Lift Trucks:** 8 October 2024
- **Lift Truck Electrical Charger Connection and Isolation:** 31 October 2024
- **Lift Truck Hydraulics – Part 1:** 4 February 2025
- **Lift Truck Hydraulics – Part 2:** 5 February 2025
- **Lift Truck Electrical – Part 1:** 12 March 2025
- **Lift Truck Electrical – Part 2:** 13 March 2025
- **Lift Truck Hydrogen Vehicle:** 30 April 2025
- **IC Powered Lift Truck – Auto Electrical:** 1 May 2025
- **Lift Truck Powershift Transmissions:** 21 May 2025
- **Lift Truck Hydrostatic Transmissions:** 22 May 2025

Other upcoming courses:

- **Thorough Examination New Engineer:** 26, 27 June 2024  
17, 18, 23, 24, 30 July 2024
- **Safety for Lift Truck Service Engineers:** 13 November 2024
- **Thorough Examination Revalidation:** 16 July 2024  
11 September 2024  
10 October 2024  
12 November 2024  
12 December 2024  
23 January 2025

[Find more details here](#)

## Company and Director Sentenced after Employee Crushed to Death



A company and its director have been sentenced following the death of an employee.

The worker was crushed by two granite slabs while working for West Midlands firm on its site on 30 November 2020.

The 46-year-old had been unpacking and moving the slabs onto storage racks, using an overhead crane, at the company's site in Halesowen.

Two of the slabs, each weighing 250kg, fell and crushed the worker against a forklift truck while he was operating the crane's handheld pendant control. He died at the scene despite desperate attempts from bystanders at nearby businesses and the emergency services to save him.

A Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigation found the company and its director failed to implement staff training or develop safe systems of work for the unloading, loading and handling of concrete slabs. There was no evidence that employees had received training in the safe operation of machinery, including the overhead crane. The overhead crane and forklift truck had also not been thoroughly

examined, as required by law, and that webbing slings, that could have been used during the unpacking process, were damaged.

HSE guidance states employers must manage and control the risks to avoid any injury or damage during lifting operations. More on this can be found at: [Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations \(LOLER\)](https://www.hse.gov.uk/lifting-operations-and-lifting-equipment-regulations-loler/) ([hse.gov.uk](https://www.hse.gov.uk))

The company pleaded guilty to breaching Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. The company was fined £18,000 and ordered to pay £4,196.03 in costs at Dudley Magistrates' Court on 6 March 2024.

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The company director pleaded guilty to breaching Section 37(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. He was ordered to complete 120 hours of unpaid work and pay £4,043.42 in costs at Dudley Magistrates' Court on 6 March 2024.

HSE inspector Mahesh Mahey said: *"This was an entirely preventable accident. The risks of lifting and moving granite slabs were obvious, yet could have been controlled by relatively simple and inexpensive measures. The company and director failed to adequately control lifting operations which resulted in an employee needlessly and tragically losing his life."*

This prosecution was brought by HSE enforcement lawyer Andy Siddall and supported by HSE paralegal officer Rebecca Forman.

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THE CFTS EXAMINER NEWSLETTER

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**Matthew Kennedy**  
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Birmingham and the West



**Adrian White**  
CFTS Technical Manager for the North,  
Scotland and Ireland



## Record growth, and a new board member

It's been a busy few months for all of us here at CFTS. It's always a great sign as it means more people are joining the CFTS scheme or learning about what we do. The more companies getting involved shows the standard is becoming ever-more established across industries.

**Matthew and Adrian – our Technical Managers – have been out across the length and breadth of the country conducting member audits and sharing best practice updates. We've been along to another LAMMA show to spread the good word about Thorough Examinations (more on that later) and we're already underway making plans for events next year.**

In fact, it's been a record-breaking year. In recent times we've achieved consistent 10% annual growth in the number of Thorough Examinations undertaken by accredited companies. Last year, that hit a record 17%. That's a real testament to the hard work and dedication of our members.

And of course, we'd like to welcome Rob Fisher to his new position at UKMHA and on the CFTS board. Rob will be the perfect fit. He has long been a pivotal figure within the materials handling industry and has an enviable track record in business management. To many he will be best known for the 19 years he has spent spearheading IMHX on behalf of Informa Markets as partners of UKMHA.



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## LAMMA 2024

The annual LAMMA show is a fantastic opportunity for people to find out about the latest news in the industry, but also a chance to learn. At CFTS, we made it a priority to engage with as many attendees as possible at our stand.

**Last year was our first time at LAMMA, and we were surprised by how many people didn't know about the importance of LOLER and PUWER. A number had heard of LOLER but not PUWER. This year was similar, highlighting the need for more education on these crucial regulations for a proper Thorough Examination.**

We explained that understanding both is key to ensuring safety. The past two LAMMA shows have shown us that there's still a lot to do in educating the agricultural sector.

Agriculture has a high rate of fatal injuries, with HSE figures showing 27 fatalities from April 2022 to March 2023 – 21 times higher than the all-industry average. Provisional figures from April 2023 to March 2024 have the figure rising to a worrying 32 fatalities. These numbers highlight the need for better awareness of safety standards.

Let's work together to make the agricultural industry safer by understanding and following these essential regulations.

We'll be in attendance again in 2025 to continue engaging with this important audience and keep growing awareness.

Find out more at [www.lammashow.com](http://www.lammashow.com)

Or read more about CFTS and its work in the agriculture sector here: [www.thoroughexamination.org/about-thorough-examination/agriculture](http://www.thoroughexamination.org/about-thorough-examination/agriculture)



## CFTS at IMHX

We'll also be in attendance at IMHX 2025. Preparations are already in full swing, and this time, we'll have our own stand separate from the main UKMHA area. This will give us more space and more opportunities to talk with attendees.

Because these face-to-face interactions are invaluable — they allow us to connect and understand your needs better and discuss how we can support you more effectively. Whether you have questions about our services, need advice on compliance, or simply want to chat about industry trends, our stand will be the perfect place to do so.

**We look forward to seeing you at IMHX 2025!**

Find out more at [www.imhx.net](http://www.imhx.net)

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## CFTS App

We're also pleased to share with you that our new app should be available by late 2024 or early 2025, just in time to showcase it at IMHX. The app will be a great addition to our stand, highlighting our commitment to innovation.

**The new CFTS-owned and managed app will enable all CFTS members to manage, plan, and conduct Thorough Examinations electronically. This won't affect the availability of the existing paper-based version. That will continue to be available for those who prefer to work that way, but the app will be an efficient and convenient option.**

It may also feature a breakdown and servicing planning board, as well as an end-user portal for accessing reports. Every CFTS competent person will have access through their member login. It will even make it easier to report defects to the HSE or the local authority.



**Look for the CFTS Quality Mark as proof of a truly Thorough Examination**

## A warm welcome to our most recently accredited CFTS members



**Hi-Serv Plant Services Ltd**  
Inverness

**Cooper Handling Solutions Ltd**  
Honily

**Trident Fork Trucks Limited**  
Liversedge

**BWE Engineering Ltd**  
Kelso

**Ben Ballantine**  
Morpeth

**Sim Agri Ltd**  
Ashford

**John Allison Engineering Ltd**  
Inverness

**JRS Agricultural Services Ltd**  
Coventry

**Anmac Construction & Surfacing**  
Welshpool

**AMB Engineering & Fabrications**  
Newark

**Fraser A McNicoll**  
Bedford

**Utility Access Hire Limited  
(T/A Southern Access & Engineering)**  
Petersfield

**W T Mennell Agricultural Engineer**  
Acaster Malbis

**Goodwin Agri**  
Dymock

**Sitech Engineering**  
Winsford

**Genesis Equipment Sales**  
Wellingborough

**RCM Agriservices  
Agricultural Engineers**  
Crayke

**Titan Forktrucks Ltd**  
Ilkeston

**R C Agri Repairs Ltd**  
Finedon

**NE65 Engineering**  
Morpeth

**JNW Forktrucks Ltd**  
Stockport

**MRA Agri Plant Ltd**  
Pocklington

**Cairns Services Ltd**  
Craigavon

**FTS Fork Truck Services Ltd**  
Neath

**J Foster Engineering Ltd**  
Bedford

**Refurb Fork Trucks**  
Borehamwood



## CASE STUDY

### European Active Projects



## European Active Projects fined by Health and Safety Executive after worker perched on raised pallet at Ramsgate Harbour

In a recent incident, European Active Projects (EAP), a marine contractor involved in repairing Royal Navy warships, was fined £100,000 for severe safety breaches. This case underscores the critical importance of adherence to safety protocols and regulations to prevent hazardous situations.

**At Ramsgate Harbour, two EAP workers used a pallet raised by a forklift as a makeshift platform to remove a heavy pressure washer from a boat. The workers, lacking proper scaffolding, dangerously balanced on the pallet without any safety harnesses or appropriate equipment.**

This was filmed by a member of the public. The footage was forwarded to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), which led to an investigation and subsequent prosecution of EAP for violating work at height regulations.

The HSE investigation revealed that EAP failed to properly plan the refurbishment work, leaving workers at risk without a safe method to remove equipment from the vessel's deck. The lack of supervision and inadequate safety measures could have resulted in a fatal fall.

EAP admitted to breaching Section 4(1) of the Work at Height Regulations 2005. Maidstone Magistrates' Court fined the company £100,000 and ordered them to pay £5,730 in costs.

The court emphasised that the incident was entirely preventable with proper supervision and equipment, such as harnesses or a winching system.

The level of the fine meted out to European Active Projects should underline how severely these safety breaches are taken.

This incident highlights the vital role of safety standards in preventing workplace accidents. The actions of EAP were in direct contravention of the Health and Safety Executive's PM28 guidelines, which provide specific instructions on the safe use of non-integrated working platforms on forklifts.

According to PM28, forklifts are primarily intended for lifting materials, not people, and their use with working platforms is only acceptable under exceptional circumstances with proper safeguards in place. EAP's use of a pallet as a platform without these precautions posed significant risks, violating these established safety protocols.

The application of the guidance laid out in PM28 is something that CFTS continues to stress the importance of during our Thorough Examination courses. It is never worth the risk. Always make sure you are following proper safety procedures.

Users of lifting equipment using maintenance cages will need a Thorough Examination on both the cage and the equipment to which it is fitted every six months.



# 20 Years of CFTS



This year marks the 20th anniversary of the CFTS Thorough Examination scheme, highlighting two decades of dedication to safety, quality, and compliance in the UK's industrial truck industry.

“ When I joined CFTS around 8 years ago, we had just over 400 members. Since then, we've seen significant growth, with over 800 locations across the country where users can get a CFTS Thorough Examination. It reflects well on all the hard work everyone has been doing and shows that we've got a great team. ”

**Matthew Kennedy,**  
CFTS Technical Manager,  
South, Birmingham, and the West



**Before the inception of the CFTS Thorough Examination scheme, the forklift industry faced a patchwork of varying standards and practices. This inconsistency often led to confusion and, more importantly, safety risks.**

Recognising the need for a unified approach, the British Industrial Truck Association (BITA) and the Fork Lift Truck Association (FLTA) joined forces to create a comprehensive inspection standard that would become the backbone of the CFTS Thorough Examination scheme.

As two major – and competing – industry bodies, reaching a consensus was no small feat.

David Ellison, former CEO of the FLTA, takes up the story:

*“At the time, there was general confusion between the requirements of LOLER 98 and PUWER 98 – both fairly new regulations.*

*LOLER 98 was relatively complex and specialist. It covered everything from dumb waiters in restaurants, high speed lifts on the outside of buildings, and giant tower cranes operating in the middle of London.*

*PUWER 98 was more to do with the mechanical/automotive side of equipment, with some similarities to an MoT.*

*BITA and the FLTA wanted a single inspection regime that would cover the requirements of both LOLER and*



PUWER, and HSE was interested in this initiative.

HSE was willing to collaborate with BITA and the FLTA on a variation of the inspection scheme, provided they worked together. As a result, CFTS was created. This collaboration was crucial for the FLTA to ensure that the interests of smaller hiring and maintenance companies were properly considered.

I think the main difficulty was getting BITA and the FLTA to come together and agree much of the detail. Gill Male of the HSE was instrumental in helping this happen, and he was himself an experienced engineer and inspector.

He had direct input into the CFTS guidance and inspection documents. However, he always made it clear that HSE could not formally endorse CFTS or the associated Report of Thorough Examination. Thus, it was established with their full knowledge and blessing, but without formal endorsement.”



While CFTS has seen steady growth over its 20 years, several of our members have been with us since the very beginning.

Brindley Lift Truck Services was the very first company to join the CFTS scheme. Twenty years later, they remain an accredited member, continuing to uphold the same high standards.

Brindley's Director, former CFTS Chairman Richard Hayes, shares his perspective:

*“We had already been trading for 25 years when CFTS was conceived, and over that period had had many experiences of our customers' trucks being 'failed' during their annual*



inspection. These 'failures' were often for non-safety-related items (e.g. a cut in the driver's seat).

Serious faults, such as poor brakes, worn steering components etc. had no bearing on the examination, and the inspectors did not have the equipment to check them anyway. We thought this was wrong.

Along came CFTS with a new – and much more comprehensive – set of procedures for carrying out the Thorough Examination. This gave the customer considerably more faith in the service that they were paying for – a truly Thorough Examination.

We were very quick to sign on the dotted line and become accredited to CFTS. It involved committing ourselves to abide by their standards and allow them to visit us and check our own procedures and record-keeping.

We truly believe the customer is in a much better place when they have a certificate with the CFTS logo on it.”

Looking to the future, CFTS aims to integrate advanced diagnostic tools and digital record-keeping into the inspection process, making it more efficient and accessible. There is also a focus on expanding the scheme's reach to encourage more businesses across more industries to adopt CFTS Thorough Inspections.

And whether you've been with us since 2004, or just joined this year, we'd like to thank each and every one of our members for your continuing commitment to the standard.

**Thank you,  
The CFTS Team**



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National Forklift Safety Day (NSFD) returns for 2024 with the theme 'Prevent - Manage - Learn'.

Focusing on 7 key strategies for how to respond to a forklift incident, the campaign will commence on the 11th of June and conclude on the 9th of December. We will be releasing specific content relevant to the 7 stages of the incident cycle across the duration of the campaign.

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



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