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DRIVER HIRE

THE INTRODUCTION

It's not so easy to start a new job, let alone a new career, when you are the wrong side of forty. I became redundant from a national job, which had been in a specialist market sector and looking at my forthcoming 50th birthday. With the usual demands of a normal family life, what to do next.

I tried a new start of my own, registered a new company and set up the business with £100 holding, just me and my wife as equal shareholders. However we required some cash to keep us on an even keel and this was where I had a meeting with my local branch of Driver Hire, this was 20 years ago and we are still working together.

My drivers license entitled me to drive various vehicles including class three, 7.5 ton commercial, however it had been many years since driving a Bedford TK and things had changed a lot, for the better. Synchro gearboxes and air brakes, along with better heating and lights, not to mention the extension of some motorways.

My first job was trunking uPVC window frames to Scotland, in an unrestricted MAN unit. This carried on for several months and suited all parties, because the client only needed two nights a week covering, and I had the rest of the week to do my own thing. My association lasted with DH for 18 months and I took a break to carry on managing my own company. Six years later, I called in to see the same friendly faces and see what was happening and started the following week.

It's been great fun, with a good deal of work related verity and gained a new perspective of the main aspects of service industry. There's got to be a book in this and perhaps one day, I'll jot some stories down. Suffice to say, the class 3 has gone along with táchos and all the related CPC, however I am fortunate enough to work with a small section of clients locally, which keeps me out of harms way.

Driver Hire are a great team and have a good perspective on both the industry and what professional drivers require. The client base is perhaps just as interesting as some of the candidates, it's not all haulage but various commodities as well. You should never leave home without your "ppe" and an old fashioned atlas.

All the best and regards, knackered from Nantwich