

Overnight News

Your update from Gardner Distribution

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Welcome

Looking outside today it seems that Summer is finally here and the first few months of 2016 have certainly been encouraging for Gardner.

As the local member of The Pallet Network it is great to see the organisation continuing to grow and evolve, but continuing to put customer service before everything else, with a zero tolerance policy towards loss and damage. There is more about TPN below along with our other news.

I hope you enjoy reading the third issue of Overnight News.

Kevin Gardner

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Relay For Life

We were pleased to be involved with the 9th annual Relay for Life (Liskeard), which took place on the weekend of 28/29th May at the Liskeard Sports Ground.

This community event, in support of Cancer Research UK, celebrates cancer survivors and those lost to cancer. Team members take it in turn to walk around the track over a 24-hour period to demonstrate that cancer never sleeps.

The team at Gardner Distribution were honoured to be able to support such a good cause both financially and by providing a mobile stage for the musical entertainment during the event.



Well Wrapped

Pallet Presentation

We all know that goods can get damaged whilst being transported but the way pallets are prepared and packed can do a lot to minimise the risk.

Goods should be placed centrally with no overhangs and plenty of wrapping to secure them to the pallet. For more delicate items it might be worth putting a card layer beneath them to protect against anything happening with a forklift and if the items are large or of an awkward shape it is worth wrapping and then banding to the pallet.

Too often we see goods too one side or uneven on a pallet, causing it to tip or fall or goods without sufficient wrapping simply falling off or even with odd boxes fixed to the top with brown parcel tape!

The last thing we would want to do is have to tell you that your goods have been damaged so it is worth taking a little care over packing pallets. We are always here to give advice and are very happy to offer any assistance we can so just give us a call on 01752 283111.



Not So Well Wrapped

[There is a simple guide to pallet sizes here](#)

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The Pallet Network

TPN - The Pallet Network, of which Gardner Distribution is a member, operates what is known as a hub and spoke distribution model, based on the analogy of a bicycle wheel.



Each TPN Member is a regional specialist with an allocated area, ours being PL,TQ, EX and DT postcodes.

Over 100 members, all independent transport companies like us, collect pallets from their customers, consolidate and trunk that freight to the hub facility at Minworth. Pallets are then unloaded, checked, scanned and placed into numbered bays representing specific postcode areas within the UK, Ireland and Europe.

The pallets are then loaded onto trunk vehicles destined for these specific postcodes and the vehicles return to the members' depots. On arrival, the freight is unloaded, checked and scanned before being loaded onto delivery vehicles and despatched for delivery.

In 2015 TPN delivered more than 60,000 pallets each week and opened a second northern hub to improve service times.

The Pallet Network model is proven to be one of the most efficient forms of transport, reducing not only costs but also carbon emissions - making TPN a cost-effective and green solution to your freight distribution requirements.

Gardner Sponsors Local Young Motocross Rider

With a little help from Gardner Distribution a young Saltash based Motocross rider, Simon Bersey, is competing in the 2016 Premier Tools Motocross Championships.

The season started for Simon on 6th March at the Phoenix Motor Park in Kingsteignton, Devon and, despite things not going quite as well as he had hoped, he came away with a 7th place, his best ever finish.

Sadly he has not managed to match that again so far but there are still several races left so we wish him the best of luck. We'll keep you in touch with how things are going for Simon as the season progresses.



We're Going Social

Yes, we are now on Facebook and you can keep up with, and comment on, our news and happenings by searching for HT Gardner or just [clicking here](#)



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