



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019



From investing in our staff to celebrating the achievements of the diplomatic community to charity bike rides and much more in between; the first half of 2019 has proven to be busy and productive!

Read on to see what we've been up to.

## Growing Our Own Talent



As we expanded our fleet to service a number of contracts, we needed to expand our pool of drivers. In the current climate HGV drivers are becoming increasingly hard to recruit, so we decided to bridge the skills gap by making the investment in our own crews; the next generation and grow our own talent!

We've already put six of our porters through licenses to drive our small packing vans and, after several months experience driving the smaller vans, we've successfully put three drivers through their HGV class 2 licenses to drive our large multi-purpose road vans.

## Hitting the Books



Meanwhile, our newest recruit to join the International Department as Shipping Co-ordinator; Suzanne Nunn is progressing well through a comprehensive training programme

covering all aspects of import and export procedures and documentation.

Jacob Heaton is also successfully undertaking management development training as part of a fast-track management programme with us and Dan Moore, Sales Co-ordinator is preparing to qualify as a surveyor.

## A Moving Mission



With years of experiencing of completing moves for the diplomatic sector, we were pleased to be sponsoring an award at the Diplomat Awards in central London for the second year running. The event saw Burke Bros present the '2019 Diplomat of the Year for Asia and Oceania Award' to the Ambassador of Afghanistan with the BBC's

Diplomatic Correspondent, James Landale.

## Events



It's been a full diary for the first half of the year, with us attending many of the overseas moving events; The France Show, Down Under Live and European Relocation Association conference, as well as meeting up with our industry peers at the BAR conference in Stratford-Upon-Avon.

## Gearing up for Chicago



We're looking forward to the PAIMA and IAM conferences in Chicago this year and to meeting up with so many of our worldwide colleagues. Our International Department are dedicated to keeping up to date with

developments in the worldwide moving industry.

## Mountain High



Burke Bros Moving Group are once again sponsoring the Wolverhampton to Aberdovey Charity Bike Ride this year and will be their official logistics provider; providing support for more than 700 riders and West Midlands Police G division- supplying both storage and transport solutions.

This year Gary Burke is entering the event to fundraise for Birmingham Children's Hospital. If you are able to, please donate through his 'just giving' page or support by sharing the [page](#).



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