

The Extra Mile

Transmec UK's customer newsletter

Customs warehousing benefits at London Gateway

UK importers can now enjoy the financial and operational benefits of customs warehousing at Transmec's London Gateway branch.

HMRC has awarded authorisation to the 155,000 sq ft (14,400 sq m) warehouse, which is just a mile from the DP World London Gateway Port, enabling Transmec to shunt containers from port to warehouse in just 15 minutes.

Also providing customs management, transport, and logistics, the branch is ideally placed to offer sea freight services and is supporting the growing number of importers using London Gateway, now the primary UK hub for the new Gemini partnership between Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd.

"Our customs warehouse offers importers even greater flexibility and significant cash flow advantages," explained branch manager, Steve Day.

"The key benefit is that customs duty and import VAT don't have to be paid until goods leave the warehouse. This enables importers to move goods at different times, without having to pay duties on what remains in the warehouse. Several of our sea freight customers are already taking advantage of this."

London Gateway is the second of Transmec's strategically located UK hubs to become a customs warehouse, following the Redditch warehouse's authorisation last year.

"Customs warehousing removes cost and time pressures," added country manager, Imran Mohammed.

"It also helps importers if they need to wait on key documentation or carry out further processing before goods are

transported — all steps that our London Gateway and Midlands teams can help with.

"Goods can also be held indefinitely, well ahead of seasonal peaks in demand, and duty isn't due at all if goods are subsequently re-exported."

Contact us for further details about our customs warehousing, port services and sea freight.



Transmec's customs warehouse at London Gateway is just minutes from the port. Image courtesy of Miru Visuals and DP World.

Extended hours at Worcester

Opening hours are being extended to meet additional demand at Transmec's Worcester warehouse.

The 146,000 sq ft hub, which was expanded by 36,000 sq ft in 2024, has seen an increase in demand for both storage and logistics in recent months.

Located at Shire Business Park, just a mile

from junction 6 of the M5, the facility will now close at 10pm.

"It's a fantastic warehouse, which forms a key part of our growth strategy. The revised hours are in line with our plans, and ensure we continue to meet our clients' needs," said Daniel Holmes, manager of Transmec's Midlands branches.



Transmec-backed cyclist is British number one

Talented young cyclist Annie Fearne is number one in the British rankings after a string of early-season successes.

Transmec is continuing its long-standing sponsorship of the 14-year-old, who is leading the pack in British Cycling's youth circuit series after tours in Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Man.

Mum Sarah explained that a pre-season bike makeover has helped to spur her on to overcome intense competition.

"At the start of the year, Annie's Raleigh frame was custom hydro dipped and painted in teal, to match her typical jersey colour. The bike has become her pride and joy, sparking a new love for riding," she said.

"It has been very exciting to watch her try new things this season and push herself to be better. We are so proud of her."

Annie's win in the Youth Tour of Scotland was based on a solid time trial followed by victory in the road race held on a fast, technical route in Perth city centre.

She was also top of the podium at the next event in South Wales, winning two of the three stages held on a closed road circuit in Pembrey Country Park.

And she cemented her position at the Isle of Man, her favourite tour and a happy hunting ground after two previous victories.

Sarah added: "She really wanted to do well again. Winning the time trial on the promenade, she had the leader's pink jersey going into stage 2. The Hill is a hard stage, and Annie knew she had to finish

without losing time. She was second and still maintained her general classification position.

"The final stage was a closed road race which played to Annie's strengths. Tactics were critical and she maintained her GC to win the tour!"

Annie, who is a member of Kirklees Cycling Academy, has also been on the velodrome for the National Omnium, qualifying for the track championships in July with two wins out of three.



"Pride and joy" — Annie with her teal-coloured bike and wearing the leaders' yellow jersey.



Sponsorship helps bring talent to the fore

Transmec's sponsorship is succeeding in its aim of helping young people develop and maximise their talent.

While cyclist Annie Fearne makes her mark on two wheels, others are pushing themselves in a range of arenas.

In the ring, Redditch boxer Leo "Lionheart" Fanthome was victorious in his latest professional fight, winning all four rounds against Manchester's Dan Booth.

Leo used his skills to dominate his heavier opponent, winning 40-36 on points — his

fourth victory out of five professional bouts.

"It was possibly the hardest test so far, but there was nothing I couldn't deal with," said the 26-year-old.

The next stage is a likely step up to a six-round contest as he progresses towards challenging for a Midlands title.

"I'm building up a fanbase, I'm stronger, more confident, and my skillset is increasing. There's not too much that needs working on, just keep on with the basics and keep my frame and shape," he added.



Gym logistics engineers take to the seas

It was all hands on deck for members of Transmec's gym logistics team as they responded to an urgent call to build equipment on a luxury cruise ship.

Almost 50 items of the latest Technogym Live cardio equipment had been loaded on board the Norwegian Epic before it left the USA to cross the Atlantic for the European cruise season.

"Technogym is a longstanding client and we were called on to help as there wasn't sufficient time for their engineers to build it before it left the States," explained gym logistics manager, Gareth Hills.

"As a result, two of our technicians flew

out and boarded the ship in Marseille. The original plan was for them to disembark three days later at Civitavecchia, where the first customers came on board following a complete refit of the vessel.

"However, additional equipment also boarded there so travel plans were quickly changed and they stayed on an extra day until Naples to ensure everything was built and tested."

Commissioned in 2010, the Norwegian Epic is one of the world's largest cruise ships, accommodating 4,100 passengers and 1,724 crew members.

The UK gym logistics teams typically carry out domestic projects for Technogym, serving England, Scotland and Wales from Transmec's three main sites at Bradford, Redditch and London Gateway.

Installation and refit projects range from public and private gyms to homes and government properties. Some installations, for example at 10 Downing Street, are extremely high-profile.

"The Norwegian Epic was certainly a different type of location for us but we were happy to help and our efforts were very much appreciated by Technogym's US team," Gareth added.



Izzy's championship focus

Meanwhile, tumbler Izzy Jones continues to hit the heights in national competitions as she focuses on qualifying for major championships.

The 17-year-old is building increased difficulty into her routines and is in an excellent position leading up to the British and world championships.

Already selected by Team GB, she will represent her country at an event in Portugal later this year.



Breakin' good for Blake

There was further success for young break dancer Blake Clarke, who beat 26 others to win a prestigious competition held in Edinburgh.

Also from Redditch, Blake wooed the judges to emerge victorious in the under-16s category.

Blake's mum, Emma, said: "He's training extremely hard, so it was great to see his efforts pay off - he did really well."



Going the 'eggstra' mile to support children in hospital

The generosity of Transmec's London Gateway branch brought Easter cheer to their local children's ward.

Employees donated 100 Easter eggs, which branch manager Steve Day and HR advisor Danielle Heijlond (pictured) delivered to the Mid & South Essex Hospitals Charity at Basildon Hospital.

Danielle, who promoted the Donate an Easter Egg campaign, said: "I'm passionate about team spirit and charity initiatives, especially those for the local community. The idea came from a previous initiative I took part in, which was a huge success."

"I thought I would bring this initiative to London Gateway for the first time and again it has been a big success. The response has been extremely positive and I am very proud of our team's generosity."

Thanking the branch for the donation, Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust said: "Mid & South Essex Hospitals Charity are proud to support the work



of Southend, Basildon and Broomfield hospitals, helping to enhance the service above and beyond what the NHS alone can provide.

"Your kind contribution is part of the wider effort that makes an immeasurable difference to patients and their families, when they are at their most vulnerable."



Attracting interest at Munich trade fair

Teams from Transmec's UK branches met present and prospective customers at the Transport Logistic trade fair in Munich.

Held in early June, the biannual event again proved a big success for Transmec Group, whose eye-catching stand hosted teams from its headquarters in Italy, as well as other branches across Europe and North Africa.

"All four days were extremely busy and there was a lot of interest in the breadth of Transmec's transport and logistics services," said Steve Day, manager of the London Gateway branch.

"The stand was very impressive and the Transmec video, parts of which were filmed recently in London and Scotland, attracted a lot of attention."

Around 80,000 people attended the trade fair, which is regarded as the world's leading platform for the logistics industry. Exhibition space was expanded

to 150,000 sqm to accommodate more than 2,500 exhibitors from over 70 countries.



Highly successful - Members of the Transmec team at Transport Logistic.