

Onward Holdings Ltd

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ONWARD HOLDINGS RECRUITS NEW OPERATIONS MANAGER

Commercial property company Onward Holdings Ltd has appointed a new warehouse operations manager to help meet the company's growth strategy, as the West Yorkshire business seeks to expand its portfolio of sites in the region.

Paul Williamson, who joins Onward Holdings in the position left vacant following the promotion of John Storey to Chief Executive Officer, brings a wealth of management experience in the logistics sector to the family-run business.

Working for a family firm appealed to Mr Williamson, whose role includes responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the company's sites, and says he is looking forward to meeting the challenges presented by these strange times head on and help drive Onward Holdings' continuing success.

He commented: "I bring extensive experience across many areas and aim to apply this expertise and my skill sets to the objective of lifting the company's presence in its target markets. This will be against the backdrops of Covid-19 and the impact of Brexit, which provides opportunities for businesses such as Onward, as stockpiling will increase due to the uncertainty of what lies ahead."

Despite the demands of the public health crisis and the UK's imminent departure from the European Union, Onward Holdings is exploring some exciting opportunities for expansion. In particular the company is on the hunt for more commercial sites in Yorkshire that would benefit from development or redevelopment to accommodate the growing demand for storage, distribution and fulfilment hubs.

Onward Holdings Director, Neil Storey, said: "We welcome Paul to the Onward team – he brings vast experience to the table. Onward is determined to achieve its objectives given the commitment and talent of the senior management team of which Paul is now a part."

The fourth-generation family-run firm operates high quality industrial warehousing in the Yorkshire region. Its sites include Castleford, Doncaster, Ackworth, Scunthorpe and Featherstone. Onward Holdings also built Onyx Retail Park, the successful shopping and eating destination on the former Manvers colliery site in South Yorkshire.

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Background

Onward Holdings is a fourth-generation family-run business founded in 1930 which is renowned for developing and operating warehousing and industrial units. This includes the provision of bespoke or shared multi-sized warehouse facilities and managed 3PL warehousing in the M62/M1/A1 corridor of West Yorkshire. Sites include Castleford, Normanton, Featherstone and South Kirkby.

In addition to offering warehousing and fulfilment services at its sites, the business has developed a former coal mine near Barnsley into a gleaming new retail park. ONYX Retail Park, comprising 17,500 square feet of retail space, is based in Wath-Upon-Deerne and is located at the former Manvers main colliery, an area of major regeneration. Other retail sites operated by the business are located in Scunthorpe.

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