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## **£1MILLION FLEET INVESTMENT**

The Knights of Old Group has embarked on a further phase of expansion with the addition of 34 new trailers from SDC, worth nearly £1million. This significant investment is vital to The Knights of Old Group where the continuous renewal of trailers has implications for road safety, worker safety and efficiency.

Commenting on the new fleet arrivals, Paul Abbott, Knights of Old Group Director, explains: "We work very closely with our vehicle suppliers and the significant investment in new trailers is vital to our continuous renewal programme. SDC trailers are manufactured to exacting standards, with the entire process under their direct control, residual values are strengthened. At request of The Knights of Old Group, the trailers were fitted with the latest Load Hog restraint system, which assists safe and efficient load securing, in line with DVSA load securing guidelines."

The extensive SDC trailer order comprises: 22 4.2m tri-axle curtainsiders, four 4m box vans and eight 4.6m step frame curtainsiders. 21 of the new trailers are branded Knights of Old: 14 curtainsiders, four box vans and three step-frames. The remaining 13 4.2m tri-axle curtainsiders trailers are distributed between Knights of Old Group companies and branded accordingly: two curtainsiders to Derbyshire-based Nelson Distribution, one curtainsiders to Northamptonshire-based Merlin Academy, two curtainsiders to East Sussex-based AE Parker and one curtainsider to AE Parker customer, World Of Books.

A further two 4.2m tri-axle curtainsiders and five step-frames branded with the recently launched Knights of Old Ireland Express, will serve the Irish market to the UK and Europe. The 4.6m step frame curtainsiders have a fixed ¾ length second deck for increased capacity of goods and a sloping roof to maximise trailer aerodynamics and fuel economy.

Paul Bratton, Director at SDC Trailers said: "I am delighted that Knights of Old have chosen SDC Trailers for their latest order of 34 box van and curtainside trailers, which is testament to the quality of products and services we provide. SDC have been supplying trailers to Knights of Old for over six years and during this time we have developed an excellent understanding of their growing logistics operations. This close relationship allows us to work together to design and engineer a trailer that is best suited to their specific requirements, while also delivering a robust and highly durable product."

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