

Acres & Acres Supply Chain Consulting
“Annual Report” 2005

Acres & Acres Supply Chain Consulting was born in July 2004 having lived in the mind of sole proprietor Bill Acres for many years. Since then Bill has sought to build a varied portfolio of work in project management, training, strategic consulting and practical advice for logistics businesses. This has fulfilled Bills need to use all those skills developed over 23 years in the logistics industry.

The website www.acresandacres.co.uk has existed for several years, but now serves to showcase the core offerings of A&ASCC. The last year has been frustrating in this area since the disappearance of my ISP in September 2004 robbed me of both the online website and my associated A&ASCC email addresses. Many people may have thought I had disappeared from the commercial world whilst I was “invisible” from the net. A year long battle to get control of the URL and to resite it under a reliable (self controlled) ISP have taken much time and wasted effort. Having now achieved this (and learnt a great deal in the process) I now intend to use the website more actively to promote the business. I intend to learn how to add content to expand the site in the next few months.

Bill has sought to work both in a national and local market, by working with fellow consultants in established logistics and general consultancies. This enables Bill to complement the skills of others on broader jobs whilst also accessing the expertise of specialists to provide best advice on logistics projects.

Examples of projects carried out during the year are:

A major greenfield factory and warehouse development in the food sector , where assistance in project management, procurement, installation and implementation have been provided to create a 40k pallet primary storage warehouse despatching products to the demanding retail sector. Both MHE and racking solutions were provided as part of this £40m+ budget project. 18 months of work has covered all project aspects from business process mapping to detail operational planning for startup.

Strategic account management assistance was provided in the pharmaceutical sector to retain a £3m pa account and grow it in the context of their acquisition of a major OTC distribution business. Continuity of excellent logistics service was maintained throughout having developed close relationships in both organisations.

Training of ex Rover workers in the principles of Logistics through provision of the NCFE Certificate in Logistics. This formed part of a Government initiative to help the staff of Rover Longbridge into the logistics profession.

Warehouse operations review of a Midlands manufacturer to advise on operating practice as their business alters focus from manufacturing to Supply Chain service.

Bill also maintains a significant voluntary element to his activities, with his involvement in the Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport. Bill is West Midlands Regional Chairman as well as being a Board member and trustee. CILT has always been a means of enhancing knowledge and keeping abreast of industry developments.