



FACE TO FACE



THIS MONTH: Becky Houghton, Finance Administrator and Purchasing Coordinator, Euroglaze

Euroglaze's suppliers will know Becky Houghton – she's the finance administrator and lately also the purchasing coordinator, who sends out orders and books in deliveries. With the business enjoying record levels of demand and with big expansion plans on the horizon, she's on the lookout for a stores' manager to join the team.

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU...

Where were you born, and which part of the country do you currently live?

I was born in nearby Pontefract – the home of the Haribo (!), but now I live just outside of Barnsley.

Your education and the subject or activity in which you excelled...

I enjoyed art and PE but my shyness at school definitely held me back. It wasn't until I went back to college in my 30s to do my AAT accountancy training that I really excelled.

Your favourite sports or interests...

I was always a cross-fit fan before lockdown but, once the gyms closed, I found a running partner and started running regularly. From pretty much a standing start, I ran my first half marathon distance on New Year's Day, and I have hardly stopped since!

Your biggest regret in life...

Like lots of people, I had almost zero career advice when I was leaving school and I ended up drifting into a retail job which I didn't really enjoy. I was only really able to kickstart my career once I joined Euroglaze in 2015 and they gave me the support and encouragement I needed.

Someone or something that inspires you...

Travel is one of my biggest passions so, at the moment, it's all those presenters of travel shows tempting us to get out there again once the world opens up. I've explored lots of interesting places over the last few years – the most recent one was Chernobyl which I had the chance to visit in 2019 – armed with my very own radiation monitor!



The temptation you can't resist...

Pre-lockdown, I never thought I'd say this but it's getting my trainers on and running outside in the fresh air.

YOUR CAREER...

When and how you joined this industry...

I joined Euroglaze in 2015 as a Finance Administrator. The role and the business have grown considerably since then – so much so that I now need someone to join me working in our stores and take responsibility for managing incoming orders.

The job you do in 25 words...

I make sure everyone's wages get paid every week or every month, I make sure suppliers get paid and I make sure the orders we place are correct and on time.

Your greatest achievement...

Getting my AAT qualification in my 30s – for someone who didn't enjoy Maths at school, it was quite an achievement!

AND YOUR FUTURE...

What you would like to do if you weren't in this industry...

I love any kind of DIY and home improvement so, in a different life, I would have liked to have trained to be a plumber. My Dad was a joiner and he taught me to appreciate the craftsmanship behind every trade.

A particular ambition...

My fiancé and I have got a dog we adore, and it would be a dream to open a rescue centre out on a farm somewhere and give lots of other dogs the kind of perfect life that he has!

The way you want to be remembered...

The ethos at Euroglaze is all about teamwork and everyone's contribution really mattering – I'd like to be remembered as someone who worked hard to make that contribution.

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