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Liverpool welcomes return of local businesswoman as Amtrak services expand



Local businesswoman Val Phillips has become the new owner of Amtrak Liverpool, the fast-expanding express parcel company specialising in home deliveries. Phillips has run Amtrak's operations in Warrington for the last 15 years. Now she has doubled the size of the business by acquiring the Amtrak franchise for Liverpool.

Phillips will be running one of the largest transport operations in the region, delivering half a million parcels to homes and businesses locally each year. From Liverpool and still living here, Phillips is a well known figure in the transport and travel industries. Before going into the overnight parcel business, Phillips worked for B and I Ferries, Ireland Ferries and international tour operators.

Amtrak deliver on behalf of many UK retailers and the company has seen big growth due to increasing retail sales via the Internet and catalogues. Amtrak has been running its Liverpool office in the past but the company, which was recently voted Parcel Company of the Year, prefers to franchise its regional offices to local businesspeople.

"With 15 years building the Warrington business I am very excited about the return to my home patch. There is tremendous potential for our express delivery services as Liverpool. As well as being the capital of culture, the city has a long history as a trading centre and international transport gateway. Liverpool is also home to some of the countries leading catalogue firms and, aided by the Internet, this is the boom area for retailers. For Amtrak this is good news as these goods all need to be delivered" says Phillips.

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