

VTG awards long term maintenance contract to Mandy Rail

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Britain's largest wagon leasing company, **VTG Rail UK**, has contracted **Mandy Rail** to maintain its 50 strong IIA hopper wagon fleet running out of the Port of Tyne.

Based in the North East of England, Mandy Rail has enjoyed considerable growth since being established by Mark Hedley and Andy Hird in 2019 and now employs 18 staff responsible for the maintenance, repair and overhaul of freight wagons. This is the company's first long term contract for ongoing maintenance of a specific fleet.

Ian Shaw, sales and marketing director of VTG Rail UK, said: "We are delighted to team up with Mandy Rail and to support the great success this company is achieving at such a young age. We have been very impressed by their commitment, enthusiasm and expertise in all the work they have done for us which led us to signing this long-term contract. Ensuring high quality maintenance of our fleet is paramount and Mandy Rail is stepping up to the mark."

Andy Hird, managing director of Mandy Rail, said: "When we started our company, I knew that one day we would be sitting in the VTG offices, getting our photo taken signing a contract with them and that vision

has come true. We keep pinching ourselves that this has happened less than three years since we began our business.”

Co-founder and managing director Mark Hedley added: “We were absolutely over the moon to get the contract. It’s testament to all the hard work we put into our business to provide the highest quality in maintaining freight wagons to keep the railway safe.”

VTG Rail UK Ltd is the UK’s largest private wagon hire company with a fleet of over 4,000 wagons and is part of the VTG Group.