

Kevin Buchanan

Kevin was born in Dumfries Scotland in January 1965, educated at Dumfries Academy where he sat his Highers (Scottish equivalent of A levels) before joining Pickfords in 1983 as a trainee Manager. Kevin became the youngest ever Branch manager of Pickfords in 1985 winning their new depot manager of the year award in his first year. Kevin went on to achieve success running numerous depots of Pickfords UK until he was appointed as General Manager of Toronto Canada in 1993. Returning to the UK in 1995 he held several board level positions in the international relocation sector before taking on a new challenge in the Express Freight and Logistics sector in 2002. This led to him becoming the Managing Director of Palletline Plc in 2007 where he enjoyed seven successful years until he moved to the Pall-Ex Group as Group MD in 2015 and relocated into the county. In 2019 Kevin successfully led Management buy-out of the Pall-Ex Group and became the Group CEO.



As Group CEO of Pall-Ex, the Leicestershire-based palletised pan-European freight distribution network, Kevin has navigated the business through ownership change, a complete restructure and made key investments in its people, technology and sustainability. Now focusing on the project to expand the European business with franchise operations in every European country.

In early 2024 Kevin was instrumental in the creation of Pall-Ex Group's Charitable Foundation to formalise the company's charitable giving, since its inception, donating thousands of pounds to charities across the UK each year and in particular military charities. Focusing on Kevin's commitment to ex-forces personnel, in 2022 Pall-Ex had become the first pallet network to be awarded the Employer Recognition Scheme Gold standard from the Ministry of Defence in acknowledgement of the outstanding support provided to the Armed Forces community. He continues to foster support for two national veterans' charities Saffa and Combat Stress.

In 2025 Kevin was asked to become an ambassador for Veterans into Logistics. Kevin supports the charity's team with his expertise in business, entrepreneurial spirit and his drive for continuous improvement. Using his industry contacts to heighten the profile of the charity whenever possible. Passionate about care, rehabilitation, and training ex-forces personnel into logistics careers.

Respected for his vision and execution of positive change, Kevin is a leader who sees potential in every situation. In 2025 Kevin also became part of a local Leicestershire team working on a county-wide project to establish a Homelessness Charter and Covenant to help solve homelessness throughout Leicestershire and Rutland.

Kevin has been married to his wife Sue since December 2016 and has four children Greig, Hannah, Mirren and Eve and one stepson Jordan.