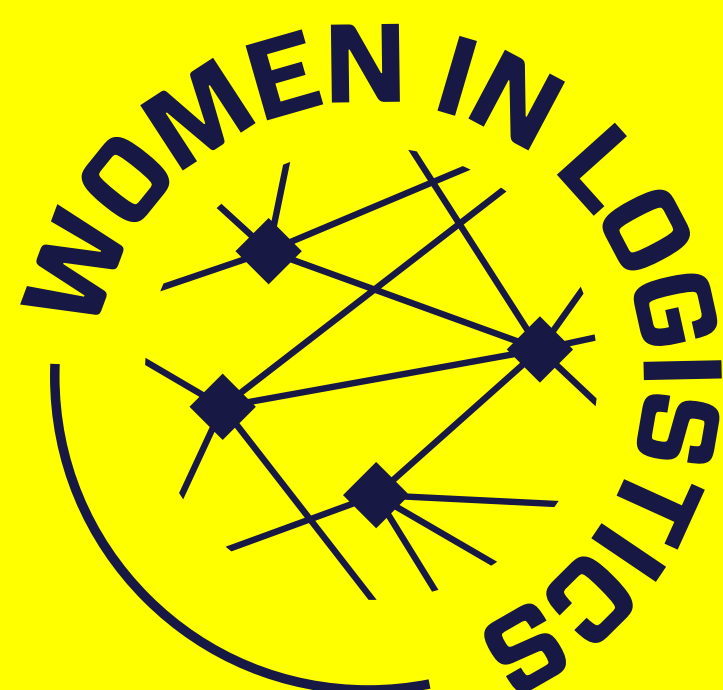


**Catherine has been working at Menzies for nearly 3 years, first as a Class 1 driver, before becoming the Driving Assessor for Coventry.**



Inspiring people  
who inspire others

*Catherine Love*

DRIVING ASSESSOR



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In 2020, she won one of our Driver of the Year Awards, given to the drivers with the highest Microlise\* score for the year.

\*This score is calculated by tracking fuel efficiency, harsh acceleration or breaking, accidents and infringements, and ranks drivers across the organisation in order of safety.

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**I knew I wanted to drive a truck from a young age. I have been working in logistics for as long as I can remember, it was something I just always wanted to do.**

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I took my HGV Class 1 test as soon as I turned 21 and have worked as a driver for most of my life since. I'm now the driving assessor for all vehicles in the Coventry branch of Menzies, from heavy goods vehicles down to vans and cars.

The drivers take a short theory test, complete a pre-use vehicle check and do a driver performance assessment and I make sure they meet the required standard for a Menzies driver.

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I offer advice and training, and also help drivers who have been involved in an accident. I really enjoy this role as I'm with other drivers, and we're learning from each other.





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**Being a female  
HGV driver isn't  
for the faint-  
hearted.**

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When I first started in 1984, I was faced with comments like 'this is no job for a woman'. Now, 38 years later, there are many more female drivers on the road.

I quickly learned to hold my own and give as good as I get.

Those experiences have made me stronger. And I've met some truly lovely people over the years who've had a lasting impact on me. When out for a walk and a truck drives past, I look and smile, I think to myself, I have been there and done that and still do!

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To any woman thinking of getting into logistics, I'd say that the good far outweighs the bad. I worked hard to get here, from financing my training and taking my CPC, to buying my first truck and dealing with the heartaches like the fuel crisis in 1999 along the way. As with every job, it has its ups and downs. But I really enjoy doing it. If it's in your blood, there's a lot to enjoy about this industry.

*Catherine Love*

Driving Assessor

