

## > When is a shed not a shed?

Refurbishment circa £300,000

Inverness Medical, based in Cheshire has for many years been a global leader in the medical diagnostics sector and is ranked amongst the UK's top 5 diagnostics companies. Its Clients are demanding, heavily regulated and seek suppliers who can provide the very best in storage and distribution of its products.

To stay ahead of the ever changing regulations and the increase in demand for its products, Inverness Medical spent some time deliberating over moving to larger premises or staying put. In the end, they decided, there's no place like home!

"Choosing to extend and refurbish was an easy option for us as our fit-out requirements are quite specialised and suitable properties just weren't available. A new build option was too lengthy, and besides the cost consideration, we have been here in Stockport for many years and employ a lot of local people" says Andrew Appleby, Logistics Director for Inverness Medical.

Turning an Industrial Shed into a state of the art distribution centre is not always that easy, but with the help of rische groups' relocation and fit out service the journey was smooth and straight forward.

Rischegroup removed all industrial wide span racking and recycled over 60% of what was stripped out, prior to the refurbishment. Before the specialist mezzanine floor was installed, deep foundations had to be formed and the structural integrity carefully calculated. New suspended ceilings and energy efficient lighting illuminated the new laboratory style epoxy resin floors, helping to create this clean-room finish. A new temperature controlled cold Store was accessed via a rapid-roll auto shutter door giving access to a new racking and storage areas. Laboratory areas have been re-produced to the highest standard and improved packaging and distribution facilities have created efficiencies and cost savings.

The project lasted 12 weeks and despite challenging weather conditions at times, completed in time for the client to take occupation when planned.



> *Temperature controlled cold store*



> *Rapid Roll Auto Shutter Door*