

ALERTS

LEARNING FROM OTHERS

Mower detached from Tractor

On 4th October 2017 a Richburn tractor had its mower detach from the 3 point linkage arm while transiting around the yard.

Luckily the mower detached in an area where there was no traffic, pedestrians or buildings.

The consequences of the incident could have been much worse.

The investigation found the fault lay with the wear of the 3 point linkage quick hitch lock coupling and wear to the ball.



TO AVOID THIS HAPPENING TO YOU:

- Always complete a thorough pre start check ensuring the couplings are correctly secured and there is no play.
- The driver is the person who is responsible for checking the equipment.
- We need to check all tractor 3 point linkage coupling points and balls to ascertain if there is wear - if there is play we need to replace the linkage and balls.
- Check that the 3 point linkage quick hitch is in good working order and is down and seated.