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VAN DRIVER OF THE YEAR 2022



Welcome

Vans now account for more than one in nine vehicles on Britain's roads, according to the latest figures from SMMT. As a vehicle type, they have proved extraordinarily versatile, suitable not just for delivering goods to people's doorsteps, but also as an indispensable tool for a broad range of trades and service providers, from fine dining caterers to heating engineers.

David Wells Chief Executive, Logistics UK

Trends brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic – the teleworking revolution, the growth in online shopping, and consumers' expectation of next-day delivery, have

helped fuel their growth. And while UK businesses adapt to post-pandemic working, it is my belief that many of these trends will not be reversed.

Fortunately, the UK's cohort of professional van drivers and parcel couriers have proved themselves more than equal to the task, providing an efficient and reliable service to fulfil the last-mile logistics required by the mass migration to cashless digital services.

Driving a van well calls for a broad set of skills. While driving ability is an essential prerequisite, today's van drivers also need a strong awareness of safety matters and a sound grasp of the fundamentals of transport legislation. This fun but challenging competition, now in its eighth year, aims to recognise and reward those drivers who are truly at the top of this vitally important profession.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to celebrate the achievements of the participants and winners of the Van Driver of the Year 2022 competition in this supplement. From executing tight manoeuvres to detecting vehicle defects, the finalists named in this brochure succeeded across a broad range of tasks – and they are to be congratulated on their professionalism.

It only remains for me to thank our Van Gold Partners – the AA, Bott, Brigade, Lex Autolease, Quartix, TVL Security and WTW. This competition would not have been possible without their energy, engagement and generous support.

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Each of the 12 finalists in the Van Driver of the Year 2022 competition was asked to complete a series of challenging tasks.



'SAFE DRIVING' STYLE After taking a van on public roads

near the event venue, drivers were assessed based on reports from the telematics system provided by Quartix.

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ECONOMICAL DRIVING

A further road test awarded extra points to drivers who could show their driving led to economical fuel consumption. This was assessed based on the average fuel consumption registered by the vehicle systems.

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LEGISLATIVE **KNOWLEDGE**

A multiple choice paper prepared by Logistics UK's Member Advice Centre tested competitors on key legislation which affects commercial drivers.

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MANOEUVRING

A manoeuvring task was provided and managed by RED Training in a designated area of ITT Hub outdoor exhibition space.

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PRE-USE DEFECT CHECKING

Delivered as a practical exercise in a designated area of the ITT Hub outdoor exhibition space managed by Logistics UK's Vehicle Inspection Service.

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RISK ASSESSMENT

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Following a rigorous online risk assessment, 11 finalists were selected for the Van Driver of the Year 2022 competition, based on their risk assessment score.

BLUE TEAM

Andrew Cowley Truline

Joe Brown Moy Park

Paul Simmonds G4S Cash Solutions

ORANGE TEAM

Racheal Scott-Andrews *Wayfair*

Eoin Breslin Greencore

Alex Tilley Moy Park

Adam Fretter Truline **RED TEAM**

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VAN EXCELLENCE DRIVER



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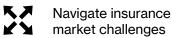


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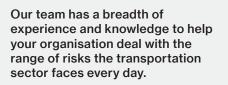




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THIRD PLACE Adam Fetter, Truline.

VAN EXCELLENCE DRIVER From left: Will Taylor, Bott, and Paul Simmonds, G4S Cash Solutions.

Three proud drivers have been celebrating recently, having taken first, second and third place in the Van Driver of the Year 2022 competition, as well as the Van Excellence Driver award.

FIRST PLACE

Winner of a £1,000 holiday voucher **Paul Simmonds** G4S Cash Solutions

SECOND PLACE

Winner of a Red Letter Day voucher **Alex Tilley** Moy Park

THIRD PLACE

Winner of an Amazon voucher Adam Fretter Truline

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I am thrilled to have won Logistics UK's Van Driver of the Year 2022. I love my role as a van driver and to be recognised on this scale is overwhelming. It has also been a wonderful opportunity to meet and talk with so many talented drivers here who share the same passion for driving and upholding the high standards and reputation of the sector. I would like to thank all of my managers for their ongoing support, particularly Tony Baker and Chris Wilcox for their assistance with this competition. I would also like to thank Logistics UK for recognising the work of our vital sector.

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