

New ALLMI board appointment

Neale Martin, Hiab specialist for Londonderry Garage SE of Northallerton, has joined the ALLMI board.

Speaking of his appointment he said: "It is a great privilege to be elected to a director's position and to have the opportunity to represent members' interests on a number of different fronts. I have spent over 25 years working with lorry loaders and have seen the industry transformed during that time. ALLMI has been a huge part of that progress and never more so than in recent years, during which it has taken great strides to become the standard setting body that it is today. However, I know the association is focused on continual improvement and so I look forward to bringing my experience to the board, contributing to the important role it plays in creating positive change and influencing best practice."



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UK market statistics 2017

ALLMI has published its UK loader crane industry sales figures for the second half, completing full year statistics for 2017. Compiled by an independent third party and with the involvement of the majority of manufacturers represented within the association, the statistics are broken down into categories based on the tonne/metre rating of the equipment, as well as the application.

The figures show strong sales across a range of market sectors, with further overall growth compared to 2016. Demand for remote controls also increased, with over 55 percent of new loader crane sales featuring this popular option, and the figure reaching as high as 98 percent in one particular market segment.

The growing popularity of remote controls reflects the many benefits that they bring to lorry loader operation. However, adopting key safety rules and procedures is of paramount importance, and this was further highlighted recently following reports of two accidents involving the use of this equipment. Incidents such as these emphasise the importance of ALLMI's guidance material on this subject, which includes a web based video, an information leaflet aimed at operators and their immediate supervisors, and a ready-made toolbox talk template. For copies of the material, please visit www.allmi.com or download the ALLMI Smartphone App from the Apple or Google Play store.



The rise of ALLMI training

40 years on from the formation of ALLMI, we take a look back at how the association's training has developed over the years into the UK's leading lorry loader scheme, culminating in record levels of demand during 2017. With its roots firmly planted in the late 1980s and partly borne out of the association's Code of Practice content, ALLMI training started life as a scheme delivered exclusively by member companies, and which was purely focused on operator instruction.

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "The content of the programme was always comprehensive and ahead of its time in comparison to other training available. However, the increasing popularity of the course, combined with the wider evolution of training accreditation practices, meant that in 2001 a fresh approach had to be taken."

This new way of delivering the scheme involved the formation of ALLMI Training Ltd (subsequently merged with ALLMI in 2005), a separate company set up by the association, designed to take the accreditation service to the next level. "This move represented the birth of the modern ALLMI training system as we know it today. Central paperwork auditing and data processing were introduced, as well as a more stringent instructor training and monitoring regime, with accreditation also being made available to training companies. All of these fundamentals were quickly built upon, laying a solid foundation for the growth that we experienced over subsequent years," added Wakefield.



ALLMI then continued to evolve in line with industry needs, with further programmes launched in 2006 (Slinger/Signaller), 2007 (Thorough Examiner), 2010 (Appointed Person) and 2012 (Crane Supervisor), as well as a range of manager courses in more recent years; and appetite for this training shows no signs of slowing. ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby, said: "Having recently closed our 2017/18 financial year, we are pleased to report yet another period of significant growth, with record demand experienced for each of our lifting team courses. When added to further uptake of ALLMI's increasingly sought after membership, as well as development on a number of project related fronts, the last 12 months have been a huge success for the association and we look forward to making further progress in 2018 and beyond."



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