

# New ALLMI chairman

ALLMI has ratified the appointment of new chairman, Alan Johnson. A director of Palfinger UK, he has over 30 years' experience in the lorry loader industry and has been involved with ALLMI since the late 90s. After leading a 'future direction' working group in the early 2000s, Johnson served as ALLMI chairman between 2003 and 2006 before choosing to stand down. Since then, his commitment to ALLMI has remained constant, having retained his Board position to this day, including seven years employed as the Association's Technical Director between 2009 and 2016. Johnson comments: "I am extremely honoured to be appointed to the chairman's role. I look forward to working with the board and membership in order to expand ALLMI's reach and further strengthen its excellent reputation, whilst always being focused on improving standards and promoting collaboration and shared learning throughout all parts of the lorry loader industry."



Alan Johnson

## Election time

Alan Johnson's appointment was part of a wider election process for positions on both the ALLMI board and Operators' Forum Executive Committee. For the board, the election saw the majority of incumbent Directors retaining their positions, with the only new addition being Ian Roberts, managing director of Massey Truck Engineering.

On the operator side, results included Steve Frazer-Brown being elected as Forum chairman for the 15th consecutive year, therefore securing his place as the fleet owner representative on the ALLMI board, and Stewart Smith of D Smith Express re-joining the committee after stepping down in 2018, as well as the appointment of Mobile Mini's Nick Sesevic for the first time.

ALLMI chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "The election process is fundamental to the democratic manner in which ALLMI operates. The board and executive committee are elected on a biennial basis and this practice provides members with the opportunity to appoint people who they feel will best represent their interests, as well as those of the wider industry, and who will oversee the efficient and successful running of the association."

### Election Results - ALLMI Board

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| • Alan Johnson (chairman) | Palfinger UK                    |
| • Alastair Evans          | Hiab                            |
| • Ben James               | Avon Crane & Commercial Repairs |
| • Ian Roberts             | Massey Truck Engineering        |
| • Richard Short           | Penny Hydraulics                |
| • Steve Frazer-Brown      | David Watson Transport          |

### Election Results - Operators' Forum Executive

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| • Steve Frazer-Brown (chairman) | David Watson Transport             |
| • Andrew Hollingsworth          | Travis Perkins                     |
| • Andrew Packham                | Sussex Transport                   |
| • Martin Woodbine               | Saint-Gobain Building Distribution |
| • Nick Sesevic                  | Mobile Mini                        |
| • Paul Bishop                   | Warton Freight Services            |
| • Stewart Smith                 | D Smith Express                    |



Ian Roberts



Nick Sesevic



Stewart Smith

## Industry growth in 2019

ALLMI has released its loader crane industry sales figures for the second half of 2019, completing market statistics for the full year. The figures show another impressive industry performance in 2019, with strong sales across a range of sectors and overall growth of approximately eight percent against the previous year. Demand for remote controls was also strong, with nearly 60 percent of invoiced sales relating to lorry loaders with control units of this type, and the figure reaching 100 percent in certain segments of the market.



ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester, said: "We continue to see this positive trend in the demand for remote controls, which reflects the many benefits they bring to lorry loader operation. However, as we have stressed on numerous occasions, it is very important to remember that they can create potential hazards if used incorrectly and so those responsible for loader crane operations are encouraged to adopt the association's freely available 'Safe Use of Remote Controls' campaign material, which includes a web based video, an information leaflet aimed at operators and their immediate supervisors, and a ready-made toolbox talk template document."

For copies of the material, please visit [www.allmi.com/safe-use-of-remote-controls](http://www.allmi.com/safe-use-of-remote-controls) or download the ALLMI Smartphone App from the Apple or Google Play store.

## Thorough Examiner Training - Increased Demand

ALLMI saw a 12 percent increase in demand for its Thorough Examiner training course during 2019, and has experienced an impressive uptake in its current financial year to date.

Chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "Thorough Examination and Load Testing are fundamental to the safe use of lorry loaders, and the ALLMI course is widely regarded as the most credible and effective training available for these activities. However, in line with our ethos of always evolving and improving what we do, in spite of its increasing recognition one of our key projects for this year is to review and update this ever-popular training programme, and we look forward to consulting with industry as part of this process."

For information regarding this training, or queries in relation to the subject of Thorough Examinations, please contact ALLMI.



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