



## Press Information

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### **READING'S 'SUPER SEVEN' REACH 25-YEAR MILESTONE WITH VOLVO TRUCKS**

**The Reading depot of Volvo Truck and Bus Centre London recently recognised staff that have completed a quarter of a century with the business. Taken on by the business in 1994 – the seven long-term employees have overseen the emergence of advanced vehicle technologies, a move from Basingstoke and growth of the Volvo Trucks brand in the UK.**

The staff that have reach the landmark at Volvo Reading are Wayne Hunter (Parts Supervisor), Wayne Ayres (Service Driver), Brian Bellwood (Service Controller), Keith Lyon (Technician Supervisor), Alan Church (Technician Supervisor), Jim Happel (Master Technician) and Gordon Laptain (Infrastructure Manager).

For some, the job at Volvo Trucks was their first job in the haulage world, while for others it was a step up the ladder on to bigger and better things. Initially recruited on a short-term contract, few of the Volvo workers thought they would still be with the company, but now have no plans to go anywhere else.

*“The guys we have here demonstrate excellent expertise, enthusiasm and passion for everything they do in the job,”* said Dave Gomm, Dealerpoint Manager at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre London’s Reading dealerpoint. *“They show that if you work hard and do your best, you can progress within a business. I think the fact that so many of them have stayed for 25 years shows what a great company and employer Volvo Trucks is.”*

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*Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland provides complete transport solutions for professional and demanding customers by offering a full range of medium to heavy duty trucks through a network of 85 dealerpoints, as well as solutions for financing and service. Based in Warwick, Volvo Trucks delivered more than 6,300 trucks In 2018. The company is part of the AB Volvo Group, which is headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden and is one of the world’s leading manufacturers of trucks, buses and construction equipment, drive systems for marine and industrial applications, aerospace components and services. All the Group’s activities are based on its core values of quality, safety and environmental care.*



Throughout their journey within Volvo Trucks, the staffers have been prepared for any changes, which is testament to the London group's approach to professional development.

*"Part of the importance placed on quality within the company means that training is essential to the staff," adds Peter Groome, Managing Director of Volvo Truck and Bus Centre London. "These guys have shown that continuous professional development leads to rewards of promotions, added responsibilities and increased respect from their peers. You meet many young people in the business, they realise it is competition, but they also see what opportunities there are for them in the years to come."*

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**Caption for photograph :**

*Managing Director at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre London, Peter Groome (third from right) and Reading Dealerpoint Manager Dave Gomm (third from left) with long serving staff (from left) Wayne Hunter, Brian Bellwood, Wayne Ayres, Jim Happel, Alan Church and Gordon Laptain.*

**Notes for Editors :**

1. Volvo Truck and Bus Centre London is based in Hayes, West London and are a wholly-owned subsidiary of Volvo Group UK, based in Warwick
2. With 7 Dealerpoints located at Banbury, Croydon, Enfield, Hayes, Milton Keynes, Radlett and Reading, they cover an area from South London to North Oxfordshire and form an integral part of the Volvo Truck and Bus Dealer network in the UK

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