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THOMAS HARDIE COMMERCIALS WIN DEALER OF THE YEAR AWARD

North West England's Thomas Hardie Commercials Ltd have been awarded Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland's 'Dealer of the Year 2018' at a special Volvo Trucks Dealer Awards event held at the Belfry Hotel in Sutton Coldfield during February.

The management team, led by their Managing Director, Jim Murray proudly stepped into the spotlight on stage to collect the much coveted and magnificent 'Dealer of the Year 2018' award from Robert Grozdanovski, the newly-appointed Managing Director of Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland together with the event host, BBC TV Presenter, Dan Walker.

The 'Dealer of the Year' Award is presented annually to the Volvo Trucks dealer who has demonstrated the highest scores in the annual Retail Excellence Survey, coupled with outstanding business growth and customer service in all areas.

The judges commended Thomas Hardie Commercials for its 'impressive sales figures', which demonstrated strong and continuous growth in addition to its 'innovative sales programmes', 'teamwork' and 'ingenious use of social media', which were also noted.

Jim Murray said, *"It was incredibly humbling to receive this prestigious award once again, as it is further recognition of the hard work and dedication which remains a constant here at Thomas Hardie Commercials, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year."*

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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 2017. 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.



He added, *"We always strive to deliver excellent customer support and service levels, to ensure we remain their 'supplier / partner of choice'. We are proud of the performance levels we achieved during 2018 for parts, service and new and used trucks sales, and our aim is to ensure we continue to perform at this high standard going forward into 2019 and beyond!"*

Thomas Hardie Commercials last won this coveted award in 2015.

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Caption for photographs :

1. *North West England's Thomas Hardie Commercials Ltd have been awarded Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland's 'Dealer of the Year 2018'.*
2. *(l-r) Dan Walker (BBC TV presenter) and the team from Thomas Hardie Commercials: Jim Murray (Managing Director), Chris Schofield, Mark Cunnew, Steve Kenyon and Steve Wilson with Robert Grozdanovski (Managing Director of Volvo Trucks UK and Ireland)*

Notes for Editors :

1. Formed in 1985, Thomas Hardie Commercials are the main distributor for Volvo Trucks and Volvo Bus & Coach servicing the North West of England and North Wales.
2. With five dealer points strategically located at Deeside, Liverpool (Knowsley), Manchester (Trafford Park), Middlewich and Preston, they form part of the Volvo Truck and Bus Dealer Network in the UK.
3. Other group companies include: Thomas Hardie Used Vehicle Sales; Thomas Hardie Engineering; and Thomas Hardie Trailer Parts.

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