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A HIGH SPECIFICATION VOLVO FH 25-YEAR SPECIAL EDITION PROVES PERFECT FOR WHINCUP & SONS' 30th ANNIVERSARY

Based in the North Yorkshire village of Kirby Hill, haulage contractors Whincup & Sons Ltd was founded in 1989. That date was by no means, owner Brian Whincup's, first encounter with the business of running trucks; nor with Volvo. *"I've been in transport all my working life,"* Brian reports adding, *"I passed my heavy goods driving test on the week of my 21st birthday and had a brand new Volvo F88-290 to drive for the family firm."*

From there Brian went onto a Volvo F10, then an F12, so when he started his own business it was only natural what Brian's first truck should be; another F12. That Volvo was bought used and initially deployed on traction-only work pulling for European operator, Houseman International, in nearby Harrogate.

Nearly 30 years later and with eight trucks on the road, Whincup & Sons Ltd are still loyal to the brand. *"I choose Volvo because that's all I've ever known,"* Brian declares. *"I have tried other manufacturers since, but we always come back to Volvo and the boys won't have anything else nowadays."*

Tom and Ben Whincup both joined their father's business during the last fifteen years. *"They say 'you run the best' and that's it,"* Brian continues, *"and the Volvos have done us a marvellous job."*

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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.

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With their own anniversary just around the corner, Jonny Devlin, Transport Solutions Executive at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre North & Scotland, offered the company a chance to buy an FH 25-Year Special Edition tractor unit and they jumped at it – and not just because of its livery.

“It’s got everything we want on it as well,” Brian says. Along with the D13K engine rated at 540hp and I-Shift Dual Clutch transmission system, it also features Volvo Dynamic Steering. The company now consider these unique Volvo components as part of its standard specification alongside full air suspension and I-Park Cool.

“We do everything from long-haul European work to local, day-to-day general haulage. So the more tools you have in your toolbox the better,” Brian notes.

Whincup & Sons have ordered I-Shift Dual Clutch gearboxes on their last FH three tractor units because they like its unrivalled change speed and smoothness in operation. They also came to embrace Volvo Dynamic Steering after trying it on an ex-demonstrator FH purchased in 2018.

Brian adds, *“These special features stand out from the rest when it comes to re-selling vehicles.”* Although that won’t be for a while yet, as the last Volvo truck to leave Whincup & Son’s yard was ten years old! That one did its millionth kilometre coming out of Norway back into Sweden,” Brian recalls and concludes, *“it never let us down once during that time so we’re confident this one will live up to the high standard of its predecessor.”*

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Caption for photograph :

North Yorkshire-based, Whincup & Sons Ltd has taken delivery of a Volvo FH 25-Year Special Edition tractor unit to mark its 30th anniversary in business.

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