



## Press Information

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### **A NEW VOLVO FH 500 BOOSTS SUPPLY CHAINS AT CARRS BILLINGTON**

**Agricultural and rural supplies specialist, Carrs Billington has put a new Volvo FH rigid and drawbar trailer into service. Supplied by Jonny Devlin, Transport Solutions Executive at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre North & Scotland, the 44-tonne FH 6x2 rigid combination will be based at the company's Milnathort Country Store and supply depots in Perth & Kinross.**

Featuring a fixed lifting tag axle on its 5,600mm wheelbase chassis. the driver at Carrs Billington's Milnathort depot, Keny Hanley, opted for Volvo's D13K engine rated at 500hp. Behind the straight six power plant is a 12-speed I-Shift automated gearbox, driving a Volvo RSS1356 single reduction axle with a ratio of 2.79:1.

Volvo's Drive Plus and Living Single Bed packages are included in the Globetrotter Cab's specification alongside a high power audio system. The front steel, rear air-suspended rigid will spend around 99 per cent of its operating time, as a 44-tonne drawbar combination. Finished in Carr Billington's eye-catching orange and green livery, with contrasting logos, all-round Alcoa Dura-Bright alloy wheels finish off this new drawbar combination perfectly.

"Priden Engineering made the curtainside bodywork and Lawrence David supplied our drawbar trailer. The entire vehicle has a payload capacity of 27 tonnes and we'll use it for collection of bulk supplies and distribution of customer orders. Our vehicle utilisation percentages are always very high, the new Volvo FH-500 will rarely be empty," Keny confirms.

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The new vehicle also benefits from a seven-year Volvo Service Contract, which will be carried out at the Perth dealerpoint of Volvo Truck and Bus Centre North & Scotland.

A long-standing Volvo trucks customer, Carrs Billington has operated its Milnathort site since the year 2000. Keny Hanley has 33 years HGV driving experience under his belt and his latest Volvo FH is already drawing positive comments.

“My previous truck was a 460hp Volvo FM, the difference in power and performance is good. The FH’s increased interior space is also welcome, I really like the lower engine cover and it’s much easier to move around during nights out.” Keny continues, “I’ve driven Volvo trucks for many years enjoy a good working relationship with the staff at its Broxburn and Perth dealerpoints.”

Dedicated to serving agriculture, Carrs Billington is committed to providing innovation, nutritional excellence and support to UK farmers, whilst supplying products and services to the wider rural area.

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**Caption for photographs :**

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