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NEW VOLVO FH LITE DELIVERS TOP PAYLOAD POTENTIAL FOR ELLIOTTS (CHELTENHAM)

Aggregates business Elliotts (Cheltenham) is delighted with the payload capacity of its new Volvo FH Lite after upgrading from a second-hand model.

The company worked closely with Adam Barnard, Transport Solutions Executive at Truck and Bus Wales and West, to ensure the 6x2 tractor unit was as light as possible, without compromising on driver comfort, performance or resale value.

“We hadn’t bought an artic for many years, but we put a used Volvo FH into service 18-months ago and were very pleased with what we saw,” says owner Nick Elliott. “So, when we made the decision to upgrade to a new vehicle, we were always likely to go for Volvo. Every kilo counts in our line of work and we really wanted to get the maximum payload possible from the new truck so we worked with Adam to make it as light as we could. It’s worked out even better than we expected.”

The pusher axle on Volvo’s FH Lite can be lifted to save fuel when not needed and the entire installation is up to 490 kg lighter than a conventional 6x2 model. Built on a 4,000mm wheelbase and benefiting from an I-Shift automated transmission, the new FH Lite is powered by Volvo’s D13K engine producing 540 hp and 2,600 Nm of torque for strong pulling power and a fuel-efficient, comfortable driving experience.

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The specification also includes Alcoa Dura Bright alloy wheels, aluminium air tanks, an aluminium trailer arch connection and LED rear lights. The FH is fitted with a sleeper cab and Drive+ package, while the interior benefits from a media package, including DAB radio and 7" touchscreen, plus Volvo's ultra-comfy single bed living package.

"We use it mainly for feeding materials to the concrete company we work with called Monster Mix, and helping to top up our own builders' yard with materials," says Elliott. "When combined with our aggregates trailer the FH can carry around 30 tonnes, which is excellent for this type of work. The driver is very happy with it. The truck is certainly living up to all expectations so far."

Elliotts (Cheltenham) sourced the FH Lite via a five-year contract with Volvo Financial Services. It is covered by a Volvo Silver Contract and comes with a three-year subscription to the manufacturer's fleet management system, Dynafleet – providing the business with positioning data, fuel and environment reports, plus the ability to remotely download tachograph data.

In operation five days a week, it is expected to clock up to 100,000km per annum and will be serviced by the team at Truck and Bus Wales and West in Gloucester, located less than 15 miles away.

Elliotts (Cheltenham) is a bulk supplier of aggregates based in Bishop's Cleeve, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. The company has a total commercial vehicle fleet of 35 heavy trucks and two trailers. It also operates a skip hire and plant hire business and has been servicing the local area for more than 100 years.

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Caption for photograph:

Elliotts (Cheltenham) is getting superb payload results from its new Volvo FH Lite

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