

RCV NEWS

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Top Cleanaway driver gets new Heil Big Bite

A Heil Big Bite, which has been in service for eleven years, travelled over a million kilometres and never been in an accident, has stepped down from the frontline to be replaced by a brand new Big Bite.

The old Big Bite, built on a Volvo chassis, is however still in top condition and owes this to Cleanaway driver Russell Hoad. St Albans based Russell was issued with the rear end loader having worked for Cleanaway for some sixteen years. Now after nearly eleven years of sterling service, it is being replaced by the latest Big Bite body.

It is unusual for a truck to be driven by only one driver throughout its life and Russell Hoad drove his from new. What is even more remarkable is that the truck having covered over one million kilometres in the busy North London area, has never had an accident, a true testament to Russell's exceptional driving skills and professionalism.

A delighted Russell said, "I love the job and think the Heil and Volvo combination is the best in the business. I will be sorry to see the old girl go but can't wait to start driving my new truck".

Lawrie Pirie, Cleanaway Fleet Manager, congratulated him on the condition of his old vehicle and said, "With the roads becoming more and more congested, it gets harder to drive a truck without



having any accidents. Russell's record is tremendous, I wish we had a hundred more like him. The condition of his old Big Bite is a credit to him and a reflection of his professionalism as a driver – well done Russell".

He went on to add:

"The general condition of this vehicle, it's durability and low cost of ownership after eleven years service is also a reflection on the quality of Heil products. It is for this reason, and after a partnership for so many years, that Cleanaway continue to purchase the Heil / Volvo combination."

Heil Powerlinks come out on top for Blythe Valley Borough Council

When South East Northumberland based Blyth Valley Borough Council was looking for new RCVs the Heil Powerlink came out on top as the best for both price and quality. The Council has now taken delivery of three Powerlinks to join its ten strong fleet.

Steve Wilson, Assistant Head of Streetcare, explains:

"We opened the tender to a broad range of manufacturers but the Heil Powerlink on a Mercedes Econic chassis proved to be the best combination for us. Our decision was helped by the fact that we already have three older Powerlinks, which have performed well in the past, and Londonderry Garage, who supplied the vehicles, are also close by for support."

The new Powerlinks, which will be carrying out domestic and recyclable domestic collections throughout the borough, have been specified



with a Zoller bin lift as staff at the Council deemed this to be most user friendly.

The Powerlink, manufactured by Heil, provides flexibility to any RCV fleet. With its full-cycle compaction mechanism, it produces less friction than conventional channelled compaction systems

thus ensuring that a greater force is directed into the load. The reduction of friction increases durability of materials, improving whole life costs.

Additionally a newly designed hydraulic system offers unique and unparalleled performance; reduced downtime; lower maintenance

costs and less risk of environmental pollution. Heil offers a variety of options for body sizes on the Powerlink with cubic capacities of 16 to 26m³.

Maintenance on the new Powerlinks will be carried out in house.

The Commercial Vehicle Show 2005

**Stand 230
Hall 18
April 5th-7th**

On this year's stand Heil will be showing a Front End Loader, Big Bite and the recently launched EuroCycler. To find out all the very latest about these and other market-proven RCV's from Heil Europe, join us for a chat and some light refreshment at any time during the show - we look forward to seeing you there!

Sandwell MBC choose the Heil Powerlink for reduced downtime and maintenance costs

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council has recently taken delivery of three new Heil Powerlinks, mounted on a Mercedes chassis, to join the Council's existing fleet of twenty five at its depot in Oldbury, West Midlands.

The Powerlinks, the first Heil vehicles that the council has purchased, will be carrying out fortnightly garden waste collections, each servicing ten thousand households. They have been specified with on board weighing equipment to ensure overloading is avoided.

Brian Howells, Recycling Manager at Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council says:

"Heil's collection vehicles are reliable, robust and have a proven track record across Europe and the USA. The internal lines on the Powerlink are clean and smooth making them ideal for garden waste while the compaction mechanism reduces friction and protects the contact areas. This in turn reduces downtime and maintenance costs."

Sandwell MBC consists of six towns; Oldbury,



Rowley Regis, Smethwick, Tipton, Wednesbury, and West Bromwich. The Borough covers an area of 8,600 hectares and serves a population of 282,904.

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Heil Big Bite lowers costs for WCR Ltd

Evesham based WCR Ltd. has slashed its transport costs by thirty percent since taking delivery of a new Heil Big Bite.

Company partner and Operations Director, Loyd Chandler says:

"I recognise the Heil Big Bite as the best large compaction vehicle on the market. It can hold much more material than the smaller vehicle it has replaced which means we save on transport costs. The Big Bite has been fitted with a high level control station to allow operatives to load the vehicle from a loading bay and this has proved very successful."

The 31m³ Big Bite is being used to collect waste foam from the Johnson Automotive Controls site in Wednesbury, West Midlands and transport it to Newcastle for recycling.

WCR, previously known as Worcestershire Community Recycling, was formed in 2000 to collect material from local households for processing at its own plant in Evesham. Standard open back refuse vehicles were used to collect the material and, as spare vehicles were on hand, the company began to hire them out to local authorities. WCR Ltd now has over sixty refuse and recycling vehicles on its hire fleet and collects material for recycling from over 100,000 homes.

Heil's Big Bite is considered to be the industry standard in REL design. It offers a refuse carrying capacity of up to 31m³, which with the large 2.5m³ hopper, facilitates the collection of large refuse items and reduces the collection time for each trip by increasing the volume packed in each cycle.

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