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## **ANNUAL AWARDS PRAISE BIBBY DISTRIBUTION'S TOP DRIVERS**

Bibby Distribution has rewarded and recognised its safest and most skilled drivers at the company's second annual Driver of the Year celebration.

Nigel Hargreaves and Stephen Hill, who work at Bibby Distribution's Wakefield and Hartlepool depots respectively, were jointly named LGV Driver of the Year. The pair recorded an 'almost perfect' telematics score based on data from the company's on-board Microlise system, held an incident-free track record and had no tachograph infringements.

Dave Bennett, who also works at Wakefield, was named Articulated FLT & Materials Handling Equipment Driver of the Year, while Steve Dunstan from the Scunthorpe site was Counterbalance FLT Driver of the Year. He came out on top in a theoretical test and three forklift driving challenges, held by event sponsor Briggs Equipment UK.

Nigel says: "To be recognised for doing the job I love is fantastic. It's great that Bibby Distribution shows how much they value our hard work."

Steve adds: "The challenges were very demanding and required a lot of skill and patience to complete. I was up against some really good drivers on the day, so was naturally delighted when I found out I'd won!"

Also picking up awards on the night were Adam Beasley from Weedon, who won Rigid LGV Driver of the Year, while Shaun Pritchard at Clitheroe was named Shunter Driver of the Year based on a test carried out across all sites. Bury-based Tony Warburton, last year's Forklift Driver of the Year, collected MHE Instructor of the Year.

As well as recognising Bibby Distribution drivers, the company presented awards for the first time to its best performing depots, based on audit scores and Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (SHEQ) performance.

Blackburn won the overall Warehouse Depot of the Year, with Corby picking up Transport Depot of the Year and Glasgow taking the company's SHEQ Depot of the Year.

Richard Morson, Managing Director at Bibby Distribution, says: "We're incredibly lucky to have the strongest team we've ever had in the business, and these awards celebrate some fantastic achievements.

"It's testament to the commitment our people have made in Bibby Distribution, and to the ongoing investment we are making in helping everyone to achieve their full potential."

All finalists in the driving categories were treated to a racing day at Bruntingthorpe Proving Ground in Leicestershire, where they got to swap driving trucks and forklifts for a stint behind the wheel in an Aston Martin DB9 and even a hovercraft.

Launched in 2016, the Driver of the Year Awards are part of Bibby Distribution's Road to Zero strategy, aimed at achieving zero harm, waste and environmental impact from its operations.

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**Notes to editors:**

As one of the top ten logistics providers in the UK, Bibby Distribution exists to enable other companies to drive value from their supply chain activities. The company specialises in providing contract logistics, warehousing, distribution, systems integration and added value services to a wide range of customers.

Bibby Distribution operates from 90 locations across the UK, employs 2,000 people and manages 2million ft<sup>2</sup> of warehousing space.

The majority of Bibby Distribution's business is based on long-term partnerships. Its diverse capability also means it can share best practice across the various industry sectors it operates in, from Automotive to FMCG.

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