

HEAVY TALK

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HEAVY TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION - CELEBRATING 30 YEARS 1983-2013



The Association is pleased to celebrate its thirtieth anniversary with an Association dinner for Members (past and present) on 22nd November. The HTA in collaboration with Kayleigh Media is publishing a bespoke Yearbook which is to be published in December. The HTA is grateful to all those who have contributed articles and photographs and advertisements for the publication. The Yearbook will be available in print, pdf and as a digitally interactive e-yearbook. There will be a short general meeting before the dinner and Chairman John Rodell will be updating members on progress regarding escort qualifications.

The Heavy Transport Association (HTA) was initiated by a group of heavy haulage operators struggling to cope with less than clear regulations regarding the movement of abnormal loads. It seemed apparent that enforcement authorities /police officers were not happy to have abnormal loads on the roads, and so the operators decided that something had to be done. Initial meetings were informal and then as news of the meetings spread, more and more operators wanted to attend. This was back in 1983.

The objectives of the HTA were initially heavily focused on issues relating to STGO and Special Order movements and now the focus is also on promoting the professional and trade interests of escort drivers. Members of the HTA actively participate in meetings and workshops organised by the Highways Agency and the HTA is regularly consulted by the Highways Agency when guidance is formulated on abnormal load movements and self escorting

The objectives of the Heavy Transport Association were, and remain to date, to promote the professional and trade interests of all its members. The Association is the only specialist Trade Association for the heavy/abnormal load industry. Members include abnormal load hauliers, truck/trailer manufacturers, route surveyors, permit agents, consultants, abnormal load escorts, ferry owners, infrastructure owners/managers and abnormal load officers. HTA members are consequently a highly specialist group of operators.

ESCORT TRAINING UPDATE



HTA representatives attended a meeting at the City & Guilds on 5th November to go through training guidance and the next stage is for there to be a peer group review with other members of the HTA.

The review will be held at City & Guilds in Leamington Spa on 21 and 22 November. It was agreed that the peer group review will include the members and representatives who drafted the qualifications (Ian Brooks, Dave Attwood of FTX, Rob Teahan, and Phil Sutcliffe from R Collett & Sons) plus four of the HTA committee/sponsors. Dave Collett and John Rodell, David Rodwell, Roy Brandley and Dave Goodall are to attend.

Chairman John Rodell will update members after the peer group review at the HTA General Meeting on 22nd November 2013.



Allelys Heavy Haulage Ltd have moved the biggest load ever transported on Britain's road with the cargo weighing more than a space shuttle.



An enormous transformer was carried from Didcot power station, but was transported at just 4mph as it weighed 640 tonnes.



The huge vehicle is 100m long and 5m wide and took up two lanes of the motorway while it crawled to its final destination at walking pace.



It began its slow journey in Oxfordshire on Friday 16th November, causing 13-mile long tailbacks when it wound its way along the M4 on Saturday.

On Sunday it continued along the M32 to the transformer's final destination at Avonmouth Docks, Bristol, arriving at 6pm.





LEVY OF VEHICLE ESCORTING FEES BY POLICE FORCES ACROSS ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND WALES

The subject of police levying a charge for police attendance and escorts has been discussed previously. New legislation in Scotland has now come into effect on 1st April 2013. Notifications and requests for ALL movements continue to be made to regional forces but the policy, charging and operational matters have largely transferred to Police Scotland. Under the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 and the Scottish Police Authority (Provision of Goods and Services) Order 2013, Police Scotland will have the authority to charge for all escorts which are undertaken post 1st April 2013. It is apparent that the changes in Scotland have gone a step too far and are inconsistent with the position in England and Wales. It is suggested that operators adopt a cautious approach and seek legal advice before making payments. For further information and advice please contact the HTA or Alex Sandland of Dyne Solicitors Limited.

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