

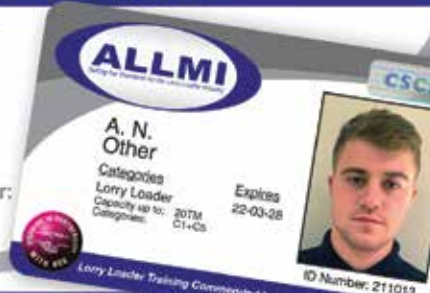

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# NEW CHAIRMAN

**Alastair Evans, product technical and engineering manager at Hiab UK, has been appointed as ALLMI's new chairman. With over 35 years' experience in the lorry loader industry, Evans is a long-standing member of the association's Technical Committee and the board of directors. He also plays a role in representing the UK on European Standards Committee, TC 147/WG 18.**

Evans said: "It is a privilege to serve as ALLMI chairman. On behalf of ALLMI, we look forward to making further progress on important industry issues and ensuring that good practice remains at the forefront of the lorry loader sector."

Evans' appointment follows Alan Johnson stepping down as chairman, after having retired as managing director of Palfinger UK. Johnson has been involved with ALLMI for 30 years, including two terms as chairman and seven years as technical director, whilst also being a member of the ALLMI board since its inception in 2005. He will continue to work with ALLMI on a consultancy basis.

Alastair Evans



Alan Johnson



# RHA PARTNERSHIP

**ALLMI has agreed a mutual exchange of membership with the Road Haulage Association (RHA).**

ALLMI's Tom Wakefield said: "Working collaboratively with related industry associations is an important part of ALLMI's activities. We have enjoyed an excellent relationship with the RHA for some time, and formalising this affiliation was a natural step."

RHA membership director, Phil Snowden added: "The RHA is renowned for supporting businesses and individuals in the road transport industry, as well as promoting and facilitating improvements in safety and the raising of standards. These are objectives that we share with ALLMI. We look forward to strengthening our ties for the good of our respective memberships."



# ELECTION TIME

**Alastair Evans' appointment as chairman was part of a wider election process for positions on both the ALLMI board and Operators' Forum executive committee. For the board, the majority of incumbent directors retained their positions - the only new addition was Andy Woodward, aftersales director of Palfinger UK.**

Woodward said: "Over the last 21 years I have carried out a range of industry roles, primarily in relation to aftersales, but exposing me to the many operational facets of the lorry loader business. Therefore, I feel I am well equipped to serve on the ALLMI board, and I look forward to contributing to the important part it plays in raising standards."

On the Operators' Forum, Steve Frazer-Brown of David Watson Transport was re-appointed as Forum chairman, thereby securing his place as the fleet owner representative on the ALLMI board, while the remainder of the executive committee retain their places.

ALLMI chief executive, Tom Wakefield said: "The election process is fundamental to the democratic manner in which ALLMI operates. The board and executive committee are elected on a biennial basis and this practice provides members with the opportunity to appoint people who they feel will best represent their interests, as well as those of the wider industry."



## ELECTION RESULTS - ALLMI BOARD:

Name	Member company
Alastair Evans (chairman)	Hiab
Andy Woodward	Palfinger UK
Ben James	Avon Crane & Commercial Repairs
Ian Roberts	Massey Truck Engineering
Richard Short	Penny Hydraulics
Steve Frazer-Brown	David Watson Transport

## ELECTION RESULTS - OPERATORS' FORUM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Name	Member company
Steve Frazer-Brown (chairman)	David Watson Transport
Andrew Packham	Sussex Transport
Martin Woodbine	Stark Building Materials UK
Nick Sesevic	Algeco
Paul Bishop	Axle Haulage
Stewart Smith	D Smith Express

# MARKET STATISTICS - REMOTE DEMAND

**ALLMI has released its loader crane industry sales figures for the second half of 2023, completing market statistics for the year. One of the most noticeable developments was another increase in demand for remotes, with 76% of invoiced sales relating to lorry loaders with control units of this type, compared to 61% in 2022.**

ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester said: "We continue to see this positive trend in the demand for remote controls, which reflects the significant benefits they bring to lorry loader operation. However, it is important to remember that they can create potential hazards if used incorrectly and so those responsible for loader crane operations are encouraged to adopt ALLMI's freely available 'Safe Use of Remote Controls' campaign material. This includes a web-based video, a toolbox talk, and an information leaflet aimed at operators and their immediate supervisors."

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