

Surge in membership growth

Applications for ALLMI membership have soared since the start of the association's current financial year, with levels increasing eight fold compared to the same period in 2020.

Chief executive Tom Wakefield said: "For obvious reasons, 2020 was slower than usual in terms of membership applications and whilst we expected an improvement this year, growth in quarter one has exceeded all expectations. We have seen a surge of new members joining and if sign ups continue at the present rate, it could turn out to be our best year ever on this front."

Hallett Silbermann, a leading provider of logistics solutions and specialist heavy haulage services is an example of the new members. Operations director, Charlie Threapleton said: "We have been using ALLMI's training courses for many years, so becoming a member of the association was a natural next step for us. The joining process was incredibly thorough and included a full review of our lorry loader activities, mapping them against legislative requirements and industry good practice."

"We are proud to have met the standard and attain a membership status that carries significant weight within the lorry loader industry. We now look forward to receiving an excellent level of ongoing advice and guidance, which will help us to achieve continual advancement and compliance."

Wakefield added: "The industry recognises the value in dealing with an ALLMI member and the investment in quality the company will have made to have the right to display the association's logo. Along with our membership services, this credibility provides us with a strong foundation for membership retention and growth, and is the reason we have experienced such a significant upturn following the events of last year."

ALLMI provides membership for manufacturers/importers, installers, service companies, ancillary equipment suppliers, fleet operators and site operators. Annual subscriptions start at just £450. Contact ALLMI for details of becoming part of the strongest voice in the UK lorry loader industry, or visit www.allmi.com/membership



Lift Planning Calculator - Coming soon

ALLMI is in the final stages of developing its new Lift Planning Calculator for use by trained and competent Appointed Persons. The tool will facilitate a range of calculations to assist with the lift planning process, covering issues such as stabiliser loadings, mat sizes, rated capacity utilisation, permissible wind speeds and sling selection. The tool will automatically populate calculation results into a text template that can be copied directly to a lift plan set out in the ALLMI recommended format.

Look out for further details in future issues.



Training boom

The association has also experienced a 70 percent increase in demand for training so far this year compared to 2020, with training levels on several courses even exceeding those experienced in 2019.

ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester, said: "ALLMI has long been regarded as delivering the industry's leading training programmes for members of the lorry loader lifting team and these latest figures further demonstrate the scheme's credibility. Whilst training levels obviously dropped for a period in 2020, we made a strong recovery in the second half, and that progress has carried forward into 2021. If the current rate of demand continues, it could well result in a record year."

"To maintain and further strengthen this position, engagement with our numerous committees and working groups is essential, as it helps ensure that training remains relevant, up to date, and the benchmark for safety and good practice. With developments to certain courses well underway, we have a significant amount of consultation planned for the second half of this year and we look forward to keeping the industry informed."

As the UK's only accrediting body to provide specialist training for each member of the lorry loader lifting team, as well as engineers, instructors and managers, ALLMI's courses are approved by CSCS and delivered to the highest standard. Visit www.allmi.com/training for further details.

Welding repairs

Following a recent enquiry from the wider industry, ALLMI's Technical Committee has reconfirmed the association's long held position on welding repairs to loader cranes and attachments. Any weld on a loader crane or attachment structure - or component - should only be undertaken if it is approved by the manufacturer and is in accordance with their given welding specification. Completed welding repairs must also be subsequently signed off by the manufacturer. This process should be fully documented and followed by completion of the appropriate tests.



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