



The Official Newsletter of
Cumbria Transport Group



"Welcome to our summer 2023 newsletter, we hope you find it informative!"

Inside you will find details of this year's annual conference to be held on the 7th of November, Cumbria LEP Conference Centre, Redhills, Penrith."

NEIL ROBINSON
CTG CHAIRMAN



CONFERENCE UPDATE

Following on from the success of our 2022 conference we look forward to our upcoming conference, themed on ***Skills & Risk Management in the Transport Industry***. Our recent steering committee meeting discussed the current challenges the industry faces, these were predominantly around succession planning, where the driver shortage may not appear as severe as first thought however with an aging workforce it could have a huge impact on the future - the time to educate and bring on the next generation of drivers appears to be on us

Risk, whether that be the personal health risks of drivers or commercial risk to businesses bringing younger, inexperienced drivers onboard. We have some excellent industry speakers including the North West Traffic Commissioner, Marsh Commercial and the DVSA to help us delve into the subject and find the facts that will support the local industry.

The event will take place on Tuesday the 7th of November at the Cumbria LEP Conference Centre, Redhills, Penrith from 09:30am - 14:30pm. We are proud to have the Cumbria LEP as our event sponsor, providing the venue and lunch for our delegates and speakers on the day - thank you for their support, without this we couldn't hold this popular event. Tickets are free of charge and can be booked through [Eventbrite!](#)

TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report from the Traffic Commissioners of Great Britain highlights the duties of the role and their work alongside the DVSA.

The report summarises issues within the industry, such as a shortage of drivers, and technicians - affecting both the HGV and PCV industries. Guidance in the LGV category to include vehicles between 2.5 tonne and 3.5 tonne, management CPC, Operator's management of risk and recent effect on local bus services are also assessed.

You can read the full report by [clicking here](#)



Conference Speakers...

Dr Zoe Billings from Adapt & Evolve Consultancy presents well-being as you have never heard it before. This session could potentially change your life by teaching you a totally different way of looking at stress and the personal risk it poses to you.

Zoe will give a taster of the unique biological well-being workshop by providing an overview of how you can really make a difference to you and your colleagues' health by understanding the biology behind stress. Unlike many stress reduction approaches, Zoe connects biology with humour and provides empirical evidence helping you reduce sickness, improve performance and increase retention of staff.

Alistair Schubert of Marsh Commercial will provide an overview of what we mean by risk and risk management, and what can be done about risks - including proactive and reactive measures in evidencing procedures, and the potential consequences of getting it wrong! He will discuss claims and regulatory defensibility, with case law examples.

With the changing conditions in the insurance market and its current state, Alistair will give practical advice in relation to what this means for logistics businesses.

Sarah Glass – Centre for Leadership Performance (CforLP) will discuss Driving Youth Engagement in Cumbria's Transport sector.

Engaging young people gives businesses new perspectives, ideas, and a better understanding of their aspirations, empowering them to become future leaders. Sarah and CforLP are excited to be working with the transport sector highlighting the importance of the industry and the breadth of opportunities available for the younger generation. CforLP is thrilled to be discussing with CTG members how to showcase careers through the following innovative programmes, ProjX, Bright Stars & Dream Placement.

John Pitchford - SP Training will discuss the industries' skills shortage and recovery from the pandemic, specifically gaps where people have not returned.

Although there has been a great deal of focus on the driver shortage, the people behind the drivers also need to be in place to support them and ultimately the businesses they own or work for. Having people properly trained and qualified increases standards and productivity across business. This takes investment and many businesses don't realise they are not using thousands each year that they could use to support their current and up and coming staff.

Conference Speakers...

Steven Brougham of the DVSA has been a Civil Servant since 1986 firstly with the DVLA before joining VI as it was then in 1992. He has worked in an enforcement role throughout his career as Traffic Examiner, Senior Traffic Examiner and now the Enforcement Delivery Manager for the North West, North Wales, West Midlands and East Midlands.



Steven has teams of examiners who conduct roadside inspections on HGV's, PSV's and LGV's issuing prohibitions, fixed penalties and immobilising vehicles. The examiners also conduct maintenance and drivers hours investigations, presenting cases at court and at PI.

Steven will be discussing Risk, that is the risk to yourself and other road users, the risk to your livelihood and reputation and risk avoidance (preventative maintenance, journey planning, driver training, inspection frequency).

Gerallt Evans was appointed as **Traffic Commissioner for the North West** of England in February 2020.



Gerallt worked in private practice in North Wales after qualifying as a solicitor. He joined the Crown Prosecution Service in 1992 and worked as a frontline prosecutor dealing with the full range of criminal prosecution work before moving into management roles. In 2014, Gerallt was appointed Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor for CPS London with responsibility for all Magistrates' Court and domestic abuse prosecutions throughout the capital. Three years later he returned to Wales in the same role. During his career at the CPS, Gerallt was involved in developing policy on prosecuting road traffic cases as well as acting as a national lead on prosecuting hate crimes and wildlife and heritage crime. Gerallt was also involved in various projects to improve the efficiency of the criminal justice system including the introduction of digital working.



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WHAT IS DVS?



DVS, the Direct Vision Standard and safety permit scheme for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs), requires operators of lorries over 12 tonnes gross vehicle weight to obtain a safety permit before entering and operating in most of Greater London. Otherwise, you may receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of up to £550 per day.

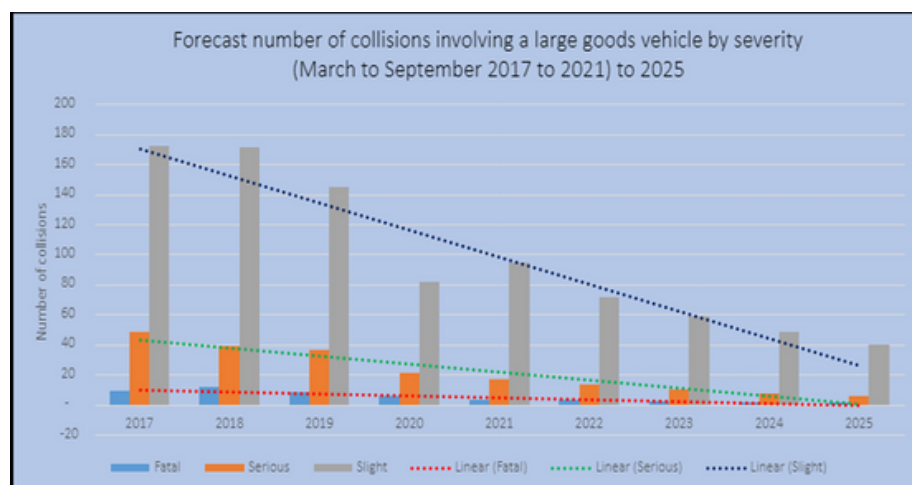
The **Direct Vision Standard** measures how much an HGV driver can see directly through their cab windows. This indicates the level of risk to vulnerable road users, such as people walking and cycling, near the vehicle.

The Direct Vision Standard and HGV safety permit for HGVs is part of the Mayor of London's Vision Zero plan to eliminate all deaths and serious injuries on London's transport network by 2041.

The HGV safety permit scheme covers most of Greater London and is in operation 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Applying for a permit is free of charge.

For more information about the scheme, you can [view a map of where it operates](#) or read the HGV safety permit guidance for operators entering London document.

Full guidance for operators entering London can be [found here](#).



DVSA LOAD SECURITY CODE OF PRACTICE

The DVSA have launched a new **code of practice** for load security. This is to help hauliers understand the parameters in loading and unloading goods safely. The handy guide breaks down what must be done to comply with the law, and what is guidance for best practice. The code of practice can be found [here](#).



NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF PCV DRIVERS

National research by **SP Training** has highlighted the shortage of PCV (Coach/Bus) drivers in the industry, which has not seen any benefit of Skills Bootcamp related funding targeted at filling the HGV driver shortage.

To combat this, they have launched a Level 2 PCV (Bus & Coach) Apprenticeship, allowing businesses to access a minimum of 95% funding from the apprenticeship levy. The funding not only funds the Category D driving licence, but also the required Driver CPC to carry passengers for Hire or reward.

Further details on the programme can be found at the following link - [Level 2 PCV Apprenticeship](#). Any interested businesses should contact info@sptraininguk.com or call 07825109725.



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