

New accredited operator proves size doesn't matter with *Van Excellence*



The latest accredited operator to join the *Van Excellence* scheme is proof that when it comes to the fleet size really doesn't matter.

Leighton Buzzard based Auto Electrical Services (AES) has now been recognised by the programme and comprises of the smallest van fleet yet with just six vehicles in total.

It's easy at times to see why *Van Excellence* has been considered applicable for the 'big-guys', as since its launch in 2010 it has seen a variety of large operators including BT, Balfour Beatty and Sainsbury's sign-up to the scheme, but now with AES joining the ranks the message that *Van Excellence* applies to all is reinforced.

The fact is that all light goods vehicle operators can become involved – and that it's appropriate for fleets of all sizes as it is open to all operators of commercial vehicles of 3.5t gw or less.

On becoming accredited to the scheme, Richard Stansfield, Director of Business Development at Auto Electrical Services, said: *"Auto Electrical Services is a family organisation – founded by my grandfather in 1952 – and we run with family values, but it is still important for our business to move forward at all times, and maybe more-so for a small family business rather than a corporate organisation."*

"The whole Van Excellence programme has proved to be very useful to us, and FTA has been supportive in every step of the way through the process of our accreditation."

Van Excellence was created in order to promote high standards of van operation and driving by accrediting operators against an industry code of good practice, and to date since its launch in 2010 now has more than 160 van operators involved between them operating 170,000 vans in total.



For those interested in becoming accredited to *Van Excellence* or for more information about the scheme contact Mark Cartwright, FTA Head of Vans and Commercial Vehicles by emailing mcartwright@fta.co.uk



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