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# New ALLMI website!

ALLMI has launched a new website, further enhancing the association's service provision to the lorry loader industry. The site can be reached at the usual URL of [www.allmi.com](http://www.allmi.com) and it brings a range of new features and benefits:

- **Enhanced user experience:** The site has been completely revamped and modernised in terms of both aesthetics and layout, providing a vastly improved user experience. This includes the site being fully 'responsive', allowing its format to convert as required when viewed on PCs, tablets and mobile phones.
- **Verify a Card:** A new 'Verify a Card' tool is designed to give employers, site personnel and other applicable parties the ability to verify ALLMI qualifications simply by entering key cardholder information.
- **Calculator tools:** The launch coincides with the release of ALLMI's new 'Lift Planning Calculator' tool. In addition, the 'Tools' page of the website provides links to the ALLMI App, where further calculator tools can be accessed covering both lift planning and thorough examination.
- **Careers:** A careers page is included within the site, to promote the lorry loader industry and encourage contact between prospective employees and member companies, as well as educational institutions and ALLMI.
- **Improved password-protected areas:** The secure, password protected areas for members, training providers and Appointed Persons have been improved, both in terms of structure and content.

ALLMI chief executive, Tom Wakefield said: "We are delighted to have completed this extensive project, enabling us to further improve our industry offering. As with everything that we do, we are keen to receive feedback and would welcome comments regarding the site's content and structure, as well as suggestions for any future developments."



# New **C&A** ALLMI focus

## 'Lift Planning Calculator'

The website's launch coincides with the release of ALLMI's new 'Lift Planning Calculator'. Developed for use by trained and competent Appointed Persons, the tool facilitates 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.

ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester said: "Whilst we've had various tools available for many years, both within the ALLMI App and in the form of spreadsheets, this new tool not only combines them into a single user friendly document, but also provides additional features and calculations, as well as populating the results into a text template that can be copied directly to a lift plan set out in the ALLMI recommended format."

For a copy of ALLMI's Lift Planning Calculator, visit [www.allmi.com/tools](http://www.allmi.com/tools)



## Grapple Saws

During ALLMI's most recent Technical Standards Committee meeting, the use of lorry loaders for Grapple Saw application was discussed at length. This meeting was attended by a number of manufacturers, as well as a representative from the HSE, and the general consensus was that the use of Grapple Saws with lorry loaders created at least two possible hazards:

- Potentially impedes the operation of the overload protection and stability control systems.
- The risks associated with 'chain shot', especially when the operation is taking place in urban areas. This is the high velocity separation and ejection of a piece, or pieces, of saw chain when it breaks. Whilst ALLMI does not have expertise in this area, chain shot has been identified by the HSE as a potential issue.

As a result of this meeting, it was agreed that ALLMI would join an HSE / FISA (Forest Industry Safety Accord) Arboriculture Working Group to investigate whether any control measures could be put in place to mitigate the associated risks to a reasonable degree, although whether this is viable remains to be seen. The meeting also led to several manufacturers independently taking the view that they will refrain from supplying lorry loaders intended for this purpose, at least until the Working Group has concluded its research.

ALLMI will keep the industry informed as Working Group discussions progress, but in the meantime is seeking to raise awareness of the potential hazards associated with this application. Should you have any queries regarding this matter, then please contact ALLMI.



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