

LIFTING TECHNICIANS OF THE YEAR VISIT EHINGEN

The winner of this year's Stars of the Future Lifting Technician of the Year for 2022 - Steve Lumb of Wolffkran and the 2020 winner Luke Reddish also from Wolffkran - travelled to the Liebherr mobile crane plant in Ebingen in September. The all-expenses paid trip was one of the prizes donated by Liebherr GB. Reddish was unable to claim his prize until now due to pandemic restrictions.

The two were escorted by Paul Preston of Wolffkran and Siôn Morgan Jones, vice chairman of the CPA Council. The trip was organised and hosted by Arran Willis, after sales operations manager for Liebherr GB and Michael Heckenberger of Liebherr.

The trip included a full plant tour which builds All Terrains, truck cranes, Rough Terrains and Crawler cranes as well as final assembly of the MK range of mobile self-erecting tower cranes. The trip also included a visit to the Liebherr engineering apprentice school, viewing its comprehensive training programmes.

Siôn Morgan Jones said: "It was an incredible visit not just for me but more importantly for the two Stars of the Future winners, increasing their own understanding of crane manufacturing and leaving an indelible mark on their future careers. Coming from a training organisation,



Luke Reddish (L) and Steve Lumb

I was very impressed with Liebherr's training facility, which was more like a university campus in size. Training is clearly a significant part of the company mantra, and they have an enviable school outreach programme and each employee has to complete a set minimum number of courses per year for their continuous professional development. I was also surprised to learn that the product range included refrigeration with Liebherr one of the main suppliers of freezers to the NHS for antigen storage during the Covid-19 pandemic."

Arran Willis added "A first visit to Ebingen is



(L-R) Arran Willis, Siôn Morgan Jones, Luke Reddish, Steve Lumb, Paul Preston and Michael Heckenberger

overwhelming for even the most seasoned veterans and as a special highlight, we were able to gain access to the new LR12500-1.0 crawler crane, which created more than a little excitement for our Stars winners. It's not every day that you're able to sit at the controls of a 2,500 tonne crane."

Nominations for the Stars of the Future 2023 awards programme open on 1st January, nomination forms can be downloaded from <https://www.cpa.uk.net/skills-training/stars-of-the-future>



Liebherr Ebingen

CLC SEEKS TO ELIMINATE DIESEL FROM UK SITES BY 2035

Businesses from across the construction sector are being asked by the Construction

Leadership Council (CLC) to provide their views on the first ever unified plan to 'slash' the amount of diesel used on job sites. Last year, CLC's CO2nstruct Zero campaign set a target to cut the amount of diesel used by construction by 78 percent by 2035.



Since the announcement, a group of organisations representing contractors, rental companies, clients and trade bodies including the CPA, have been working together to set out a plan for how this target can be achieved. The outcome of the work forms a Consultation Draft entitled 'Zero diesel sites route map' which has been published to give companies across the industry an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals. This is vital in that any plans for the elimination of diesel on site must have the full support of those that will be responsible

for delivering the change.

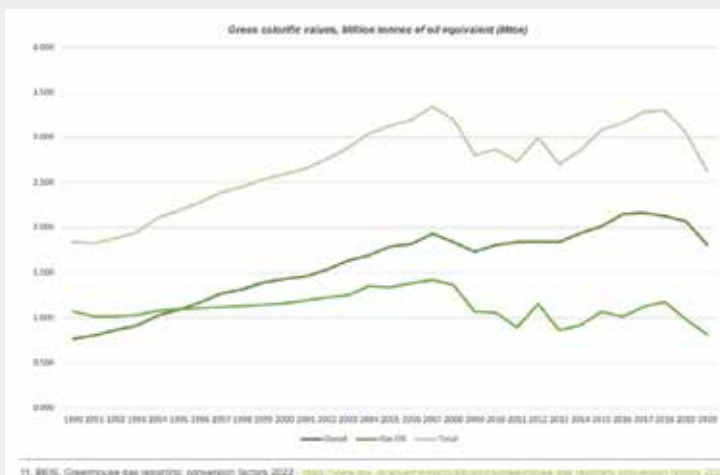
The consultation not only seeks to raise awareness, but also give all companies the chance to say how they want to play their part and highlight any challenges that they see with the plan.

Proposals in the consultation draft include:

- Training support to reduce equipment idling and an industry fuel-saving 'tournament'
- Developing a catalogue of diesel-alternative equipment and efficiency tools
- Support to develop hydrogen as a fuel source
- Development of checklist to support sites transitioning to electric equipment
- Work to improve availability of grid connections to site
- A target to remove diesel generators from sites

Feedback on the consultation draft can be made at:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZeroDieselRouteMap



Diesel usage on sites 1900- 2020

