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So it is vital that we take the process seriously. Consequently, we seek to recruit the best, most knowledgeable judges; we bring on board an independent, highly respected chair to oversee the judging process; and we seek absolute transparency by ensuring the discussions take place under the vigilant eye of our manufacturer and supplier category auditor, EY.

Our judges always represent a cross section of the industry: fleets both large and small, car and van, public and private; leasing companies; pricing guides; trade bodies. All play a pivotal role in selecting the worthiest winners, and *Fleet News* is indebted to their support and commitment.

At last year's awards we publicly aired our disappointment at the lack of diversity in the fleet categories: of the 51 entries, just three came from women for example, and only one collected an award.

We resolved to change this, which resulted in the creation of Empowering Women in Fleet.

But we also reached out further into diverse communities, meeting fleet folk from a range of backgrounds, engaging them with our brand, encouraging them to come to our events, connecting them with their peers, and profiling their outstanding work in our quarterly *Fleet News IQ* magazine and on our website.

I'm delighted that our effort in championing diversity, aided by prominent and greatly welcomed support from manufacturers and suppliers, is having a positive impact.

This year, 17 of our fleet entries came from women. And you know what? They collected six of the seven trophies. We also saw a higher level of engagement from ethnically diverse groups, but we know we have more to do in this area.

Turn the page to find out more about all 33 of our amazing winners at the 2026 Fleet News Awards.



**Stephen Briers,**  
group editor,  
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The role of Nigel Morris, director at Ernst & Young (EY), left, at the Fleet News Awards is to provide an

independent view of the process adhered to by the judging panels as they consider the list of entrants for each category in the manufacturer and supplier awards.

He supports the chair of the judges, Alison Moriarty, on points of procedure and to ensure consensus around the table with regard to the final conclusions.

He does not, however, vote at any stage in the proceedings or influence the debate.

When it comes to the final voting, EY records the results and advises the judging panel of the outcome.

## CHAIR OF THE JUDGES



Fleet News Hall of Famer, magistrate and executive director at Beverley Bell Consulting, Alison Moriarty's

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James Starling, business services director of award sponsors The AA (left), presented the Hall of Fame trophies to Julie Davies (centre) and Leroy Thomas (alongside). Also pictured are event host comedian Katherine Ryan and Fleet News group editor Stephen Briers

# FLEET NEWS HALL OF FAME

## Winners: Leroy Thomas and Julie Davies

**T**his year *Fleet News* inducted into its Hall of Fame two fleet professionals who are hanging up their key fobs and enjoying a well-deserved life of leisure in retirement – Leroy Thomas and Julie Davies.

Both have served with distinction for many years in roles across a variety of fleets.

Thomas is an accomplished fleet manager with more than 24 years' experience in fleet.

In 2002, while fleet manager at DSG International (where he started his fleet career 16 years earlier), he was nominated and accepted by the group chief executive to the prestigious '24 Carat Club' which recognises outstanding personal levels of customer service.

This dedication to customer service personified his career, often exchanging emails late into the evening with his internal customers as he strived to offer them the best possible care.

Thomas joined Veolia Water in 2008 as fleet compliance manager and was promoted to fleet manager two years later.

In 2012, he project-managed the rebranding of more than 400 commercial vehicles to Affinity Water where he remained as fleet manager for the following 14 years.

A committee member at the Association of Fleet Professionals (AFP), Thomas has also been a valued member of the Water UK Fleet forum over the past five years and is always available to support and share his knowledge with his peers.

Julie Davies's fleet management career is a testament to perseverance, continuous learning and breaking through industry barriers.

Her journey began as an office junior in a car dealership undertaking basic administrative tasks such as typing and managing the switchboard – skills that would prove foundational to her future success.

That career trajectory was marked by unexpected opportunities and a willingness to learn. While working for a distribution company, Davies was challenged to become more technically qualified.

After a transport commissioner questioned her credentials, she pursued her HGV Certificate

of Professional Competence, demonstrating her commitment to professional development.

This moment became a turning point, pushing her to gain formal qualifications that would advance her career.

In 2008, Davies joined Amey, where she remained for the next 17 years, becoming the group fleet and plant compliance manager.

As a woman in a traditionally male-dominated industry, Davies faced significant challenges.

Early in her career, she regularly encountered people who underestimated her capabilities. However, she consistently responded with professionalism, continuous learning and a determination to prove her expertise.

A passionate advocate of mentoring, she has successfully guided several women from administrative roles to significant transport management positions.

Her legacy is not just in her own achievements – such as the pivotal role she played in influencing the then Freight Transport Association's Van Excellence initiative – but in the careers she has helped shape.

Davies's advice to newcomers, especially women, entering the fleet industry, is straightforward and powerful: "Take that opportunity, because it can lead you to all sorts of places."



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Leah Lindsay, fleet & employee benefits manager, MWH Treatment, collected the trophy from Calum James, general manager at award sponsors Farizon Auto UK



# FLEET MANAGER OF THE YEAR

## Winner: Leah Lindsay, MWH Treatment

**D**ouble victory for Leah Lindsay, as she adds Fleet Manager of the Year to the Fleet of the Year 250-1,000 vehicles win for MWH Treatment.

Lindsay has been fleet manager at MWH for the past 11 years, running a fleet of 800 vehicles. She added employee benefits (which accounts for 20% of her time) in 2018.

Her subsequent work in developing and delivering a comprehensive company car and benefits package has played a key part in MWH achieving 'World Class' status in the Best Place to Work awards.

With a passion for ensuring the fleet is safe, efficient and sustainable, Lindsay is fully committed to her drivers, often taking calls outside of work hours.

Whether ensuring safety during unexpected incidents or arranging onward travel, so colleagues return home safely each night, she takes a hands-on approach, demonstrating dedication beyond the norm.

Engagement with stakeholders across the business has seen her play a pivotal role in critical functions such as health and safety, HR, procurement and finance, prioritising driver wellbeing and compliance, meeting operational and sustainability goals, and aligning fleet and benefits with MWH's people strategy.

Lindsay works in a team of just two. She has delivered significant reductions in incident rates, loss ratios and, consequently, insurance premiums over the past couple of years, with initiatives that target high risk and young

drivers, supported by telematics data and monthly board level reporting.

The car fleet is now 98% full electric or plug-in hybrid, which has contributed to a 75% reduction in emissions since 2019. And the performance improvements in crash stats and emissions have been achieved while the fleet has doubled in size.

As a founder member of *Fleet News's* Empowering Women in Fleet, Lindsay shares her experiences to help create more opportunities for women in the industry.

She told the awards judges: "For me, fleet management is about balance: safety, sustainability, driver wellbeing and cost. I'm proud of the progress we've made, excited about what's next and to continue this growth into the future."

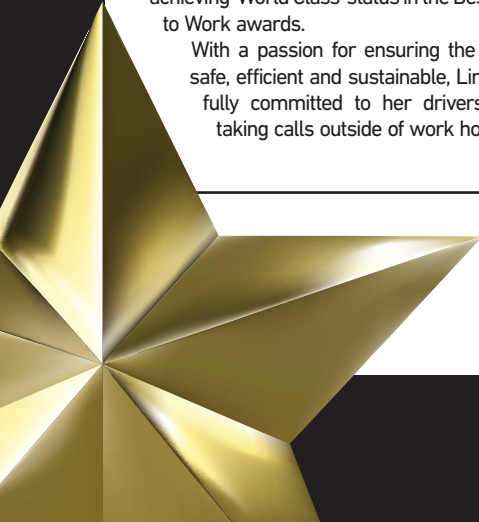
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■ James Rooney, Network Rail

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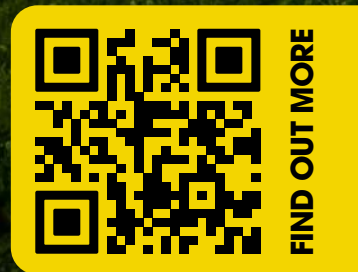
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Andrew Jago, general manager, corporate sales, BMW Group UK (centre), collected the trophy from Stacey Morgan, VP of sales at award sponsors Allstar Business Solutions

# FLEET MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR – CAR

## Winner: BMW Group

**T**he list of plaudits is seemingly never ending for BMW. But in one area, in particular, it is completely dominant.

For the eighth year in a row, the carmaker was voted the Fleet Manufacturer of the Year by fleet decision-makers across the UK.

A combination of outstanding product, market leadership on electrification, highly engaged retail network, national sales and aftersales teams working to deliver outstanding customer service, and initiatives such as Inside Edge, launched in 2020 to boost brand engagement with fleet drivers and replicate the retail customer

experience, combine to make BMW the overwhelming favourite among fleets.

And it never rests on its laurels.

Take this recent interview with Andrew Jago, appointed general manager – corporate sales eight months ago.

He told *Fleet News* that BMW was preparing for one of the most transformative periods in its corporate fleet history, with a sweeping product offensive, renewed focus on service consistency, and a strategy designed to reinforce its long-held position as the fleet market's top-performing premium brand.

Quite a claim, but one that is backed by a product launch strategy that will see the intro-

duction of 40 new and updated models over the next two years, with many sitting on BMW's next generation Neue Klasse EV platform, promising range in excess of 500 miles.

"Our product quality and reliability are underlined by data from the UK's 50 largest leasing companies, confirming BMW Group as the most reliable carmaker based on breakdown and warranty claims at the recent FN50 Awards," Jago said. "And that's the tenth occasion that BMW Group has achieved this accolade."

Meanwhile, the BMW 3 Series remains the reliability benchmark for company drivers, having retained its title as the FN50's Most Reliable Car for six consecutive years.

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# FLEET MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR – VAN

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## Winner: Ford Pro

**F**ord has been recognised by fleets as the UK's leading van manufacturer for the sixth consecutive year.

With three of its vehicles winning their respective categories at this year's award ceremony, it comes as no surprise that Ford retained its title.

Offering a complete, end-to-end commercial fleet solution, Ford Pro was established as the dedicated commercial vehicle (CV) arm of Ford Motor Company five years ago.

Its renewed focus on vehicles, technology and services for the CV sector continues to pay dividends.

The Ford Transit range has been the backbone of the van sector for the past five decades and continues to improve year after year. The electric E-Transit

received a battery upgrade in 2025, boosting its range by 28%.

While the E-Transit was the company's first mainstream electric van and continues to be a class leader, Ford Pro has expanded its electrified powertrain options into the small and medium van segments with the E-Transit Courier and E-Transit Custom.

The Transit Custom remains the UK's best-selling van and, for 2026, the E-Transit gains a larger battery and faster charging speeds.

All Ford's vehicles have been developed with input from fleet operators, ensuring they meet the specific needs of high-demand businesses.

Ford Pro is focused on giving fleets the flexibility to pick the elements they need for their operation, from finding the right vehicles, to a host of intelligent fleet management software,

vehicle maintenance and financing services.

Ford Pro software, for example, provides a suite of digital tools built on real-time vehicle data. Each is designed to maximise operational productivity by delivering connected, always-on CV and fleet uptime services.

By turning live vehicle health and telematics data into actionable information, Ford Pro aims to improve vehicle uptime, safety and security, manage the electric vans and improve overall productivity.

Dependent on the size and specific requirements of a fleet, there are various smartphone apps and software platforms – including Ford Telematics, Ford E-Telematics, Ford Telematics essentials, and FordPass Pro – allowing fleets to access a growing range of key productivity and vehicle uptime tools and subscriptions.

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Tom Rowlands, managing director of global EV solutions at Allstar Business Solutions (centre), collected the trophy from Chris Clayton, fleet sales director at award sponsors Omoda Jaecoo



# FLEET SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR

## Winner: Allstar

Allstar's technology supports business fleets of every size, from small organisations with a handful of vehicles to national operators running large, mixed-energy fleets.

Its nationwide network – 90% of UK fuel stations with more than 76,000 chargers – also ensures that fleets have the coverage required to operate confidently as their vehicle mix changes.

Its drive app, Allstar Co-Pilot, delivers real-time charger availability, fuel site location, digital receipts, in-app electric vehicle (EV) payments and card lodging, and is relied upon by thousands of users on a daily basis.

Recent improvements include the integration of Allstar ServicePoint service, maintenance and repair (SMR), giving drivers clear MOT due dates, booking visibility and real-time vehicle status updates

such as indicating "MOT in progress".

Its fleet management platform, Allstar Online, meanwhile, supports a similar number of monthly users and has seen significant enhancements, including expanded self-serve functionality that has dramatically reduced contact centre queries, improved reporting for fleet customers and given them stronger electric vehicle oversight.

Together, they remove the fragmentation fleets typically face and give both drivers and managers a single source of information for daily operations.

They connect fuel, public EV charging, home charging, near-home charging, route planning, payments, budgeting, invoicing and visibility into one system.

One fleet decision-maker summed up Allstar's wide-ranging support. "The EV offering has been integral to our strategy; it is easy to use and

accepted virtually everywhere," he said.

"Perhaps just as importantly as their network and their technology is how easy it is to work with them. Allstar has become an unsung hero in our arsenal.

"We wanted a team that would be an extension of our own and that is exactly what they are."

The scale of adoption across Co-Pilot and Allstar Online, shows how essential these platforms have become to daily fleet activity.

Continuous investment, including SMR integration, enhanced analytics and expanding EV capabilities, demonstrates a long-term commitment to delivering technology that grows with fleets rather than requiring them to adapt to multiple systems.

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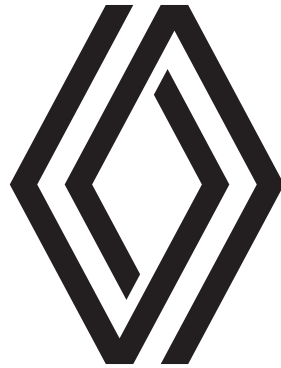
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Judy O'Keefe, director – fleet management, Openreach, collected the trophy from Matthew Rumble, chief executive officer of award sponsors Kinto UK



# FLEET OF THE YEAR: MORE THAN 1,000 VEHICLES

## Winner: Openreach

**C**ost management, supply chain performance, electrification, stakeholder engagement, data management and building a fit-for-purpose fleet and central fleet team have filled the Openreach list of priorities since the appointment of fleet director Judy O'Keefe a little more than a year ago.

Openreach, a legally separate, but wholly owned, subsidiary of BT Group, operates the UK's largest fleet of racked vans, with 23,000 vehicles, including 1,000 specialist light commercials loaded with a variety of hoists, earthworks equipment and trailers.

Over the past 12 months, O'Keefe has taken control of the operational performance and direct relationship with

suppliers, which has given her team a much tighter grip on the fleet, particularly expenditure and cost management.

Data drives a lot of the decisions and is used to engage key stakeholders and facilitate culture change within the business.

Its robust policy on risk management and driver behaviour is built on transparency, accountability and continuous improvement, while an uncompromising goal of achieving net-zero by 2031 has seen more than 7,000 vans transition to full electric. It has already cut CO<sub>2</sub> output by more than 18,000 tonnes.

Drivers are always the biggest consideration for the fleet team, underlined by its commitment to wellbeing which is a fundamental part of the health and safety strategy, recognised

as a significant risk within the company's occupational H&S management system.

This ranges from in-cab comfort and ergonomics, fatigue protection and a driver duty of care system, to route optimisation, employee assistance programmes and an online fleet community which connects more than 19,000 members. It provides a safe space for sharing best practice and accessing expert advice.

The Openreach fleet team also hosts quarterly webinars to share industry updates and celebrate positive behaviours such as Reward and Recognition and Engineer of the Year.

Openreach is a high-level performing, professionally-run fleet, incorporating strong controls throughout.

Judges called it the jewel in the BT operation.

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Leah Lindsay, fleet & employee benefits manager, MWH Treatment, picked up the trophy from Spencer Davi, sales & marketing director at award sponsors Northgate

# FLEET OF THE YEAR: 251-1,000 VEHICLES

## Winner: MWH Treatment

**G**iven that it works exclusively in the environmental sector, sustainability is central to MWH Treatment's strategy, which includes committing to a fully-electric fleet and net-zero carbon by 2030.

Drivers are supported through their electric vehicle (EV) transition with Q&A sessions and guidance on benefit-in-kind (BIK) tax changes, helping them to build confidence before making the switch.

Meanwhile, it provides access to an EV-only salary sacrifice scheme, which is also open to family members, making low-emission vehicles more accessible.

Since 2019, MWH has reduced fleet emissions by 75% – a remarkable feat considering the number of vehicles it

operates has doubled over that time.

Today, it operates a fleet of more than 520 cars and 180-plus light commercial vehicles (LCVs), with 98% of the car fleet either fully electric or plug-in hybrid.

The fleet's success in transitioning to electric has been matched by a focus on cost control and the safety and wellbeing of drivers.

Key to that transformation is the two-strong fleet team led by Leah Lindsay, fleet and employee benefits manager.

Accident rates and loss ratio have been reduced, while further significant savings have been achieved by cutting vehicle downtime.

Tailored training and comprehensive licence and health checks have been introduced for all employees.

For higher-risk and young drivers, there is

also targeted online and in-car training, used across its graduate programme.

For commercial drivers, driver behaviour is managed using increased tracker data and monthly board-level reporting, which has delivered a low accident rate and significantly reduced insurance costs.

A switch from contract hire to a finance lease model has provided flexibility and smarter vehicle lifecycle decisions.

By extending leases on low-mileage vehicles and timing disposals for better resale value, it has saved in lease costs and generated additional funds from remarketing.

These funds have been reinvested to improve performance and prepare for the lower carbon future, including streamlined maintenance workflows.

### HIGHLY COMMENDED

■ Emcor UK

### FINALISTS

■ Bell Global  
■ Churchill Group  
■ Emcor UK

■ MWH Treatment  
■ Ricoh UK  
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Matthew Munford, fleet manager, KCOM Group, collected the trophy from Gemma Dickson, group managing director of award sponsors Herd Group



# FLEET OF THE YEAR: UP TO 250 VEHICLES

**Winner: KCOM Group**

**A** focus on safety and compliance has seen KCOM Group significantly reduce its collisions as well as cutting costs.

The telecoms company has introduced a number of measures which have seen it almost halve its collision rate based on mileage driven in just 18 months.

Initiatives introduced include the driving/vehicle policy now sitting with the fleet team so it has control over its contents, new drivers receiving assessments before driving vans for the first time, mandatory drug and alcohol testing post-incident, and use of cameras and telematics.

Data from the telematics is used to

produce a driver scorecard which is then used to educate drivers, not punish them.

Alongside these, the fleet team has introduced a number of cost-cutting initiatives which have helped the department deliver three consecutive years of budget underspend without adversely impacting its operational effectiveness.

A key part of this was the standardisation of the internal layout of the vans across its fleet, which involved consulting with the company's staff engagement working group to help spec the new vehicles.

Historically, vans used by different teams had different layouts, but standardising this has allowed the KCOM Group to reduce the

number of vehicles it operates by cutting the size of its spare fleet.

The organisation takes a total cost of ownership (TCO) approach to sourcing its vehicles, while procuring its new fleet in 2024 offered savings through both lease rates and the cost of maintaining them.

It has engaged with local independent garages to introduce favourable labour rates and industry-leading turnaround times. This partnership also provides drop-in clinics for basic damage repairs, ensuring minimal downtime.

Comprehensive app-based daily vehicle checks and regular audits also ensure any damage is captured quickly and removes the risk of drivers failing to report it.

## FINALISTS

- KeolisAmey Docklands 25
- KCOM Group
- New Era Energy

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Lucy Stuart, head of fleet & logistics, Cadent, picked up the trophy from Chris Clayton, fleet sales director at award sponsors Chery



# MOST IMPROVED FLEET OPERATOR

## Winner: Cadent

**S**ince stepping into the role of Cadent's head of fleet and logistics two years ago, Lucy Stuart has spearheaded significant change across the fleet, with alterations to policies, processes and initiatives.

To offset uncertainty surrounding the shift of light commercial vehicles (LCVs) to electric, the fleet has embraced leasing as the funding model for the majority of its commercial vehicles.

Risk management and driver behaviour have been optimised with the implementation of a Driver Safety Improvement Programme. This included the launch of a Driver Risk Management System in 2025, enabling licence and insurance

checks, risk assessments and tailored training. This has also had the effect of improving the management and safety of Cadent's grey fleet – with drivers receiving extra support when required.

The past two years have seen a reduction in the number of vehicles across Cadent's commercial fleet. Following an extensive audit that combined telematics data and shared insights, more than 300 idle vehicles have been removed from depots.

Significant cost savings have been achieved through extensive reductions to the number of hire cars used for the company car scheme by utilising cars becoming available from leavers.

All cars that were the subject of informal

extensions in the scheme have been returned.

Cadent has taken steps toward reducing carbon emissions and achieving greater sustainability. Internal combustion engine (ICE) and mild hybrid vehicles have been phased out and replaced with electric vehicles (EVs) and plug-in hybrid vehicles (PHEVs).

The business has committed to transitioning its first responder vehicles to electric over a five-year period and has modernised its diesel vehicles with more fuel-efficient models.

With a collaborative approach that has achieved strong engagement from stakeholders across the business, Stuart is facilitating a radical programme of improvements across Cadent's fleet operations.

### HIGHLY COMMENDED

- Southern Water

### FINALISTS

- Bell Global
- Boots Healthcare Logistics
- Cadent

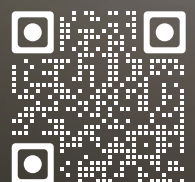
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Kerry Teesdale, head of fleet, MJ Quinn Integrated Services (second from left), collected the trophy with her team from Jake Martin, enterprise account executive (left), at award sponsors Samsara

# EXCELLENCE IN FLEET SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

## Winner: MJ Quinn Integrated Services

**A** comprehensive safety policy which incorporates a multitude of training and coaching options has won telecommunications contractor MJ Quinn the Excellence in Fleet Safety and Compliance award.

The company's incident rates have fallen despite a large increase in its van and truck fleet, and the company also has well thought through policies to tackle wellbeing and mental health concerns.

Wellbeing policies include comprehensive support services such as 24/7 helplines, online resources, occupational health provision, confidential counselling and 'return to work' plans for those recovering from illness.

In its submission, the company said: "Practical guidance for driver wellbeing

focuses on physical/mental health, encouraging hydration, healthy eating and regular breaks to prevent fatigue, while promoting stress management through open conversations."

MJ Quinn makes its drivers aware of risks such as isolation, time pressures and tiredness.

Further safety measures include comprehensive driver induction and assessments, drug and alcohol testing (supported by technology to monitor behaviour) and reinforcing a 'strong wellbeing culture' across the fleet.

Drivers are flagged as high risk based on own fault incidents, complaints, low telematics scores, licence points or medical concerns.

They then follow a structured step-based escalation, starting with letters of concern and coaching, progressing to mandatory workshops and driving assessments, and, if neces-

sary, in cab monitoring and weekly reviews.

The comprehensive training programme incorporates one-on-one road coaching, classroom sessions, e-learning modules, toolbox talks and specialist training such as for trailer towing and load safety.

Stand Down Days include interactive workshops, safety briefings and guest speakers.

Success is measured through telematics data, reduction in incidents and compliance audits, and feedback from awareness sessions.

The reduction in incidents has also resulted in a significant saving in insurance premiums during the latest tender.

The company also operates a grey fleet safety policy, which includes document checking, training and business insurance, to 'reduce risk and ensure legal and safety obligations are met'.

### FINALISTS

- Balfour Beatty
- Bell Global
- KeolisAmey Docklands 25
- Mitie
- MJ Quinn Integrated Services
- United Utilities

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Jennie Suleyman, senior HSQE assurance manager, KeolisAmey Docklands 25 (second from right), picked up the trophy with her team members from Seb Bielec, business development manager at award sponsors Octopus Fleet (far left)

# SUSTAINABLE FLEET OF THE YEAR

## Winner: KeolisAmey Docklands 25

**M**eeting its net zero targets earlier than planned and engaging drivers in its journey to electric through a coaching methodology have helped KeolisAmey Docklands to win this year's Sustainable Fleet of the Year award.

The operator of London's Docklands Light Railway achieved its 2030 ambition to operate a fully electric fleet more than four years ahead of schedule and now all its 45 vehicles are battery-powered.

The company ensures every element of its fleet policy is designed to meet its commitment to sustainability. It leases vehicles on a four-year cycle, for example, which ensures its fleet remains modern and equipped with the latest technology designed to reduce environmental impact.

With vehicle technology advancing rapidly, particularly in areas such as fuel efficiency, emissions control and the integration of electric options, KeolisAmey Docklands believes this operational cycle gives it the best balance of asset utilisation and adoption of the latest technology.

In its awards submission, the company said: "By replacing vehicles regularly, we avoid the higher emissions and inefficiencies associated with older models, which often produce more pollutants as components age.

"Newer vehicles comply with stricter environmental standards and feature innovations such as improved catalytic converters, start-stop systems and low-emission engines, helping us minimise our carbon footprint and meet regulatory requirements."

KeolisAmey Docklands also offers driver

training that encourages eco-driving and well-being. It hosts 'innovation days' to engage staff and encourage sustainable practices.

The company's internal workshops have been upgraded to include diagnostics and maintenance alerts that serve to reduce waste and downtime and it also plans to introduce an electric vehicle salary sacrifice scheme, to combat grey fleets concerns.

"This supports our colleagues in reducing their environmental impact when needing to commute to work by car during hours when public transport is not available," its submission stated.

KeolisAmey Docklands's initiatives support both a healthier lifestyle for its drivers and a cleaner environment for the communities it serves.

### HIGHLY COMMENDED

- London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

### FINALISTS

- Bilfinger UK
- KeolisAmey Docklands 25
- London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

- New Era Energy
- Royal Mail Fleet



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Mark Robbins, head of client relations, Holman UK (centre), collected the trophy from Chris Horbowj, UK commercial director at award sponsors Targa Telematics

# LEASING COMPANY OF THE YEAR: UP TO 20,000 VEHICLES

## Winner: Holman UK

**H**olman UK has introduced a raft of enhancements to help fleets operate more efficiently and sustainably in the past year.

Ranked 16th in the FN50, Holman's growth has been driven by its finance lease funding, which gives customers complete control over vehicles and the ability to retain all resale profit.

It operates a 'buy, drive, service, sell' lifecycle approach, buying the right vehicles at the right time through data-led procurement, driving efficiently with telematics and fuel management, servicing proactively to prevent costly downtime, and selling at the optimal time to maximise resale value.

It also prioritises transparency, giving customers complete visibility of spend, while also employing a pay-as-you-go maintenance model.

Holman has upgraded its 'portfolio management solution' with an in-house, machine learning-powered vehicle replacement model. Trained on technician-labelled data, it predicts replacement probability with 94.5% accuracy and enables fleet right-sizing by up to 20%.

It shifts decision-making from financial forecasting to predictive intelligence, providing forecasts for service, maintenance and repair (SMR) costs, downtime and breakdown risk.

It has also launched a customer app for real-time visibility of SMR and compliance, expanded telematics integration for electric vehicle (EV) readiness and driver behaviour insights, and introduced payment solutions to cut charging costs.

Learnings from an electrification programme with the UK's second largest fleet, BT Group, are guiding Holman's work with other customers, delivering proven strategies and

confidence to achieve net zero.

Central to this success is Holman's EV Consult, its 10-step framework that prepares fleets for electrification before they need to switch.

It assesses the current fleet, analyses total cost of ownership, and identifies vehicles ready to transition based on real-world requirements such as payload, range and usage.

Underpinning Holman's relationships with fleets is its three-tiered management information framework that gives fleet decision-makers clarity, control and confidence.

It incorporates Holman Insights (dashboards, real-time reporting, and proactive alerts), Portfolio Management (which transforms information into actionable insight), and QBR & Annual Reviews (which align operational performance and portfolio insights with long-term objectives).

### FINALISTS

- Grosvenor
- Holman UK
- Marshall Leasing
- Driveway Vehicle Solutions (formerly Pendragon)
- SG Fleet UK



Richard Jones, CEO, Zenith (centre), collected the trophy from Ashley Boaden, senior director of business development at award sponsors Pod

# LEASING COMPANY OF THE YEAR: MORE THAN 20,000 VEHICLES

## Winner: Zenith

**Z**enith has reclaimed the title it last held three years ago thanks to a strengthening of its holistic, cross-asset product offering that has seen it win new business while retaining existing customers.

With a 16% year-on-year growth in its funded fleet (FN50 2025), incorporating cars, vans and trucks, Zenith has introduced several initiatives while re-energising its focus on providing outstanding customer service – evidenced by the stream of positive testimonials provided by fleets.

A new management team and restructure have recently been put in place as CEO Richard Jones, appointed in

October 2024, endeavours to further strengthen Zenith's customer-first approach.

The company has also pledged to create a thriving workplace where everyone can be their true, authentic selves. Led by its pioneering EDI programme, improving diversity across the group has helped Zenith to establish a more inclusive culture, build a safe environment for everyone to have a voice and, ultimately, create better business outcomes.

Judges were impressed by the Project Volt programme, which tackles residual value risk on electric vehicles (EVs) to protect customers from inflation-driven losses while also safeguarding profit share agreements. This "isn't an attempt at money grab", said judges, approvingly.

Project Volt has since been extended to secondary leases, boosting second-life opportunities for EVs. Meanwhile, Zenith's SmartPool solution seeks to revolutionise pool vehicle management with keyless access and real-time availability.

Operationally, Zenith grew its mobile service unit fleet by 30%, enhancing responsiveness and securing major customers. It has also introduced proactive fleet management using telematics to monitor defects, resulting in reduced downtime and improved reliability.

A commitment to consultative partnerships with fleets flows throughout the application, with numerous examples providing clear evidence that Zenith is doing what it says.

### FINALISTS

- Athlon UK
- Ayvens
- Lloyds Banking Group Transport

- Novuna Vehicle Solutions
- Ogilvie Fleet
- Volkswagen Financial Services | Fleet
- Zenith

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# SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

# THE AA



## WINNER'S COMMENTS

*We are absolutely thrilled to win this award. We have worked incredibly hard to deliver a seamless, high quality customer service to our B2B customers throughout the lifecycle of their vehicles, whether electric or ICE.*

*Our customers' fleet sizes range from one to over 100,000 vehicles and we provide services to more than 13 million B2B drivers. We help our fleet customers to deliver on safety, sustainability, and operational resilience, going beyond the provider role to work as extensions of their businesses.*

*Our philosophy remains simple: 120 years of creating confidence for our members through innovation. Through initiatives such as Bridge to EV, where we support them through the transition to EVs, Halo Insights where we provide accurate data to help them manage costs, sustainability and driver safety, and our continuous investment in digital and connected innovation to help fleets proactively manage vehicle on road time, we continue to redefine what fleet risk management means in a low-carbon, connected future. We don't just fix vehicles. We keep Britain's businesses moving, safely, sustainably, and confidently.*

## JUDGES' COMMENTS:

*The AA is fully embedded into the fleet operation, offering fantastic support for drivers. A reliable and trustworthy partner for fleets with a broad range of services including risk assessment and training.*



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WINNER



James Starling, business services director, The AA, collected the trophy from Katie Sheen, senior solutions advocate of award sponsors Gamma



# SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

## Winner: The AA

**T**he sheer breadth of its services alone makes The AA one of the fleet sector's leading suppliers.

Add its investment in technology and the service levels it offers, and the organisation, which supports more than 13 million B2B drivers in the UK including two-thirds of the UK's top 50 fleets, has earned the title of Service Provider of the Year.

The AA is the UK's largest breakdown organisation, offering a complete suite of solutions to help drivers, fleets and businesses to reduce downtime, manage risk, stay compliant and control costs.

It has invested more than £150 million in new vehicles and compact recovery trailers, as well as connected tech-

nology, data systems and digital diagnostics.

Every vehicle in its 3,000-strong patrol fleet has been installed with Wi-Fi, eliminating network blindspots, which means they remain connected even in the most remote and rural locations in the UK.

Patrols are Level 2 EV (electric vehicle)-trained and currently fix more EVs than ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles at the roadside, while the integration of its vehicle off-road (VOR) algorithm and freewheeling hub data ensures precision in predicting arrival and recovery times.

The AA says its average arrival time is less than 60 minutes nationwide, with the average vehicle fix time approximately 25 minutes.

In addition, the organisation helps fleets in

many other ways. Its integrated risk management approach reduces incidents by up to 20% through Drivetech behavioural training and VR simulation.

It improves business efficiency through its VOR algorithm and Halo Insights – a data-driven platform that consolidates fleet costs in one place – delivering faster decision-making and smarter route planning, while carbon reduction is achieved through driver coaching and telematics analytics, cutting emissions by an average 12% per fleet.

Such measures lead to cost savings through fewer claims, less downtime and predictive maintenance via the connected vehicle data.

It also produces white papers and podcasts designed to guide fleets on transition to EVs.

### FINALISTS

- Allstar
- Direct Tyre Management

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- The AA



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Dave Rowan, head of fleet & leasing sales, UK & Ireland, Enterprise Mobility (centre), collected the trophy from Lee Brown, managing director of award sponsors Grosvenor Leasing



# RENTAL COMPANY OF THE YEAR

## Winner: Enterprise Mobility

**T**he scale of its fleet, services and availability has enabled Enterprise Mobility to achieve distinction as Rental Company of the Year.

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This reach, and the company's decision to offer enhanced business support outside of standard working hours, means that fleet customers have near-uninterrupted access to Enterprise Mobility as a rental provider, with last-minute services available.

Since 2024, Enterprise Mobility has

optimised its products and services, increasing its roster of connected vehicles to 41,000 (up by 18,500 since 2024) with dedicated teams to improve access to specialist rental solutions, introduced a new billing system to improve accuracy for customers, and accelerated business travel with automated electronic check-in and car return messaging for improved communication.

Fleet customers are supported in achieving their sustainability and carbon reduction targets with a range of mobility solutions available through bespoke programmes to enable businesses to reduce emissions. Additionally, Enterprise Mobility's national reach

– with EVs available at all branches – allows the provision of low-emission vehicles close to where its customers live, work and travel.

The company's services are proving popular with customers across the sector, with 99% of corporate hires completed successfully without complaint across more than a million transactions in the past year. Its submission for the award highlights a culture of meritocracy and empowerment that drives its customer service, which has been reinforced with an extensive management training programme and the decision to prioritise performance-based results to ensure customer issues are resolved quickly and at source.

### HIGHLY COMMENDED

- Europcar Mobility Group UK

### FINALISTS

- Enterprise Mobility
- Europcar Mobility Group UK
- Fleet Dynamic

- Northgate Vehicle Hire
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# FLEET MANAGEMENT COMPANY OF THE YEAR FLEET SERVICE GB



## WINNER'S COMMENTS

*Fleet Service GB is delighted to have been awarded the Fleet Management Company of the Year Award 2026.*

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## CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL

*"The team at FSGB provides an exceptional level of service ensuring that the considerable challenges placed on the fleet are more than satisfied. By adopting a 'blank sheet' approach and an open agenda, this outstanding partnership delivers 24/7 visibility and financial control, while maintaining 98% driver compliance and enhancing overall performance."*

**Neil Berry - CEO HTG**

## JUDGES' COMMENTS:

*Fleet Service GB has fine-tuned its service offering to such a degree, with a focus on the personal touch, that it has not lost a single customer over the past 12 months. It evidenced key metric improvements for all customers.*



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Marcus Bray, sales director, Fleet Service GB (centre), collected the trophy from Stuart Menzies, sales director of award sponsors Leasys UK

# FLEET MANAGEMENT COMPANY OF THE YEAR

## Winner: Fleet Service GB

**I**nvestment in industry-leading technology and a desire to be a trusted partner to its clients has helped Fleet Service GB (FSGB) to be named Fleet Management Company of the Year.

The organisation has seen fleets demanding more precise data to drive decisions around compliance, driver wellbeing and cost control, and, in response, it has delivered scalable, high-impact fleet management solutions through a consultative partnership-led approach.

Every engagement begins with an extensive operational review to understand fleet goals, challenges and cost pressures.

From there, FSGB co-develops a bespoke plan with clear KPIs and regular performance reviews.

This is powered by its Achieve proprietary IT platform, which has undergone major enhancements since April 2024, reinforcing the company's position as an industry leader in data-driven fleet management.

Customisable dashboards provide actionable insights into driver behaviour, compliance and overall cost control.

These are paired with an upgraded Achieve driver app, which offers expanded functionality and a more intuitive user experience.

Accurate, real-time communication primarily through the app empowers fleets to respond quickly to emerging issues, improving utilisation and reducing waste.

Placing drivers at the heart of risk management is also a key part of FSGB's integrated approach.

Each driver receives a live risk score through the app. This dynamically adjusts based on behaviour, incidents, vehicle checks, training and engagement. It enables timely, targeted interventions before risks escalate.

Prompts, reminders and regular communication via the app promotes genuine driver participation, supported by clear actionable insights.

Clients who have partnered with FSGB and implemented targeted action plans have reported a 12% average reduction in fuel costs, 70% average reduction in driver-influenced maintenance costs, 24% average reduction in crash and accident rates and 40% average fall in insurance premiums.

FSGB also delivers a fully-integrated range of vehicle management services through its garage network partnership model.

### FINALISTS

- Adept Vehicle Management
- Fleet Operations
- Fleet Service GB
- Michelin Connected Fleet

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### CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL

*"From the early days we recognised the huge benefit that real time driver feedback has to play in changing driving styles for the better. Lightfoot is a world apart from retrospective telematics"*

**Chris Georgiou, Head of Compliance, Currys**



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Louise Baker, head of fleet operations, Johnsons Fleet Services, picked up the trophy from Mark Godfrey, strategy, insight, digital development director at award sponsors Copart



# FLEET DEALER OF THE YEAR

## Winner: Johnsons Fleet Services

**J**ohnsons Fleet Services has grown significantly since it was acquired by Athenaeum International Holdings last September. This allowed the business to combine with the earlier purchase of Brayleys to create a 79-site, 21 brand platform which has strengthened national coverage for fleet customers.

A new, fleet-specific interactive CRM launched last November delivers a paperless workflow that allows customers self-serve access to live order banks and integrated chat. This has resulted in improved transparency, speed of communication and issue resolution.

Operational capacity has been expanded with a new seven-acre storage compound and an extension to the fleet prep centre which opened in January, boosting daily throughput and integrating Brayleys' fleet operations to shorten lead times. Further capacity and electric

vehicle (EV) preparation will be possible through the opening of a new substation at the group fleet PDI facility this year, ensuring dependable charging for growing EV volumes.

To guide electrification decisions, Johnsons is running bi-weekly EV education events in the north-west, reaching 600 customers. Topics covered include ensuring the right allocation of models to match real-world fleet policies and TCO considerations, reducing transition problems.

A standalone commercial vehicle prep centre staffed by CV specialists goes live in April, bringing van-specific expertise that should improve upfit quality and time-to-work for SME and corporate fleets.

Sales focus has also evolved. Growth in salary sacrifice (especially PHEV) is supported by trained advisers and funder partnerships, while local business development managers have reprioritised face-to-face SME meetings to

simplify legal compliance and spur new business.

Customer experience has been improved with brand-trained delivery drivers, digital video handovers, and an optional 'collect from us' retail style set-up, including public charging familiarisation sessions, to speed adoption.

Service performance remains strong, with scheduled work typically booked within three-to-five days and the triage of unplanned repairs within 24 hours to minimise downtime.

Sustainability measures, such as cutting waste from branded plates/mats, checking smart distribution of site power to chargers, and an offer to customers to have a tree planted instead of having their car washed after a service, have reduced costs and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

These developments have helped ensure high loyalty and advocacy, evidenced by 100% corporate retention, 99.5% 10/10 driver scores since 2023, and consistent five-star Google reviews in 2025.

### FINALISTS

- Halliwell Jones Group
- Johnsons Fleet Services
- Motorfair Corporate
- Pentagon Corporate Fleet
- TrustFord



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Paul Holland, managing director of UK Fleet at Allstar Business Solutions (centre), collected the trophy from Tobi Lawal, head of new partner development at award sponsors Green Flag



# TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

## Winner: Allstar

**A**llstar's sheer breadth of services is putting the company at the heart of fleets' operations.

Connecting fuel, electric vehicle charging (home, public, near home), route planning, payments, budgeting, invoicing and service, maintenance and repair (SMR) into a single integrated platform removes fragmentation for both fleets and drivers.

Fleets describe it as a high performing holistic tech platform which is centred on two core products: Allstar Co-Pilot, the driver app which delivers real-time charger availability, fuel site location,

digital receipts, in-app EV payments and card lodging, and Allstar Online, the fleet management platform.

Allstar is supporting customers' long-term strategies by delivering a connected digital ecosystem that helps fleets plan and operate effectively as mobility needs evolve, not least the move from traditional fuel to mixed or electric operation.

Continuous investment in digital features, analytics and automation, together with customer-led enhancements, further helps Allstar's platforms evolve alongside fleet strategies.

This is supported by a nationwide network – incorporating 90% of UK fuel sites and more than

76,000 chargers – which ensures fleets have the coverage required to operate confidently as their vehicle mix changes.

In addition to a TrustPilot score of 4.1 from almost 2,500 reviews, fleet testimonials praised Allstar's "exceptional functionality" and "transformational cost savings". The company is, they say, an "unsung hero" which is "future-proofing" their business operations.

A customer base spanning small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), regional fleets and major national operators, reflects the applicability of Allstar's digital tools rather than a single fleet-size profile.

### HIGHLY COMMENDED

- Webfleet

### FINALISTS

- Allstar
- epyx
- Geotab

- Ignition Risk Management
- Lightfoot
- sopp+sopp
- Webfleet

## GRAPHICS /LIVERY PROVIDER OF THE YEAR



# FINALIST

## Mediafleet – Revolutionising the process of providing ‘work ready vehicles’ for the UK Fleet Industry

Mediafleet’s main aim is to support national fleets by preparing ‘work ready vehicles’ via a complete package of ‘multiple supplier conversion services’.

To achieve this, our core strengths include:

- The Transformation Hub – Our Witney site brings together ‘multi supplier conversion services’ under one roof, managed by our experienced works manager, Luke McTivitt.
- Project Consultancy & Management – Single point of contact ensures seamless project management and process transparency.
- Creative Design & Artwork – Our design team maximises the effectiveness and impact of customers’ branding.

- Large Format Print Production – Over 40,000 sq. Ft of ‘state-of-the-art’ production and 35 skilled technicians on-time, high-quality graphics.
- Vehicle Graphics Application – In-house, highly trained applicators guarantee quality and brand protection, with nationwide service available.
- In-Fleet & After Sales Support – National repair network, fitting replacement graphics within 72 hours to reduce downtime.
- Vehicle Assembly – Flexible conversion options with customer’s choice of contractor, offering single-site conversion, single point of contact, and no unnecessary vehicle movements.
- Logistics & Storage Hub – Secure storage for over 500 vehicles allows for agile supply chains and reliable scheduling.

### CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL

“From a supply chain partner point of view, Mediafleet offers Zenith the level of communication necessary to deliver the levels of service Zenith and its customers expect. We’re also provided with a quality product at a competitive price, and are supported by a customer service programme that truly delivers on its promises. We will continue to introduce



### Why choose Mediafleet?

- Unrivalled expertise in vehicle branding management
- Convenient ‘one stop shop’ preparation of work ready vehicles
- Proven project management for complex, time-critical projects
- Robust reporting and project evaluation processes
- Credentials and capacity to deliver even the most challenging projects

Ryan Long, Head of Light Commercial Vehicles, Zenith

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Will Bunn, fleet head of sales, Aura Brand Solutions, collected the award from Emma Raynor, key account director, Fleet News



# GRAPHICS/LIVERY PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Winner: **Aura Brand Solutions**

**A**ura Brand Solutions prides itself on being able to deliver market-leading services to a wide range of customers, from small-scale rebrands to some of the largest and most complex projects.

In one of its most impactful recent projects, Aura Brand Solutions was tasked with rebranding 300 vehicles, removing outdated livery and applying new graphics.

To do this, the company delivered an end-to-end solution, from in-house vehicle templating to installations across depots nationwide.

Within a three-month timeframe, the team successfully removed the existing livery and applied new partial wraps and cut graphics, transforming the fleet with minimal downtime.

Alongside the rebrand, Aura supported the customer's operational goals by capturing a full visual record of fleet condition.

At each depot, technicians captured high-resolution images of every asset before uploading the images into Aura's AI-powered auditing platform.

The images were then analysed by AI image recognition software to detect and categorise damage, generating a live digital condition report for every asset.

Aura also created a bespoke digital portal where all vehicle condition data, audit reports and rebrand progress could be accessed in one place.

This centralised solution streamlined communication and gave the customer a real-time overview of its entire fleet

Aura Brand Solutions has significantly reduced dispatch lead times following a number of improvements at its production facilities.

For projects where minimising downtime is critical, the company can complete overnight installations so the vehicle can be picked up the next day, ready to go back into action.

It also has a daily escalation call across management for any issues which arise from installation to ensure the right action is taken.

Aura Brand Solutions is committed to its strong sustainability strategy. All waste from projects and production is recycled and reused through its partnership with trade association FESPA UK.

It has also installed solar panels at its Lowestoft production facility, which saved more than 50,000kg of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the first year.

## FINALISTS

■ Aura Brand Solutions  
■ Fleet Wraps

■ Mediafleet  
■ RGVA

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Nick Tomlinson, head of sales, Bri-Stor Systems (centre), picked up the trophy from James Parry, head of design at award sponsors Mediafleet

# CONVERTER/BODYBUILDER OF THE YEAR

## Winner: Bri-Stor Systems

**A**nother year of innovation and growth has seen Bri-Stor Systems win the converter/bodybuilder of the year category for the third consecutive time.

The company, part of The Hex Group, transforms empty light commercial vehicles (LCVs) into practical, hard-working tools for fleet operators.

With the entire design and manufacturing process contained under one roof, customers can single-source components for a range of conversion units.

The company also provides in-house graphic design, print and application, as well as complementary fleet logistics services such as damage repair,

de-fleet refurbishment, recycling and new starter kitting.

Sustainability is also high on the agenda for Bri-Stor. Its HEX360 Sustainability Solutions help customers build environmentally-conscious solutions into the conversion, reduce weight, add sustainable on-board power solutions and repurpose vinyl and plastic waste.

The company has introduced a number of other innovations in the past 12 months. These include expanded welfare vehicle capability and the expansion of a virtual reality (VR) solution which customers can use to approve racking designs without building physical prototypes.

This solution, which is built into the back of a van, can be taken to customers' sites and

shorten lead times by up to four weeks, as well as reduce costs.

Bri-Stor Solutions also offers consultancy services, which has led to innovations such as electrically-powered tyre-fitting equipment for Halfords' sustainable tyre van and the installation of solar panels on the roof of electric vans to ensure their 12-volt batteries do not go flat.

The company has invested in a dedicated training and development facility for staff, and continues to invest in people with its largest ever cohort of apprentices.

All this helped the company achieve a record year in 2025, which saw it win new customers and expand its workforce to deal with the increased level of business.

### FINALISTS

- Bott
- Bri-Stor Systems
- CPD

- Minicam
- Modul-System

# CONVERTER/BODYBUILDER OF THE YEAR



# FINALIST

## bott: Delivering high-quality conversions across the UK

bott is a leading provider of end-to-end vehicle conversion solutions, supporting fleets of all sizes with innovative, reliable, and high-quality products designed to improve efficiency, safety, and productivity.

### Comprehensive conversion solutions

Our expertise covers every aspect of commercial vehicle conversion:

- bott vario3 van racking system – flexible, durable, and fully optimised for storage and organisation
- Roof storage and security – featuring Van Guard Accessories, now part of the bott family
- Electrical integrations – seamlessly installed for all fleet requirements

- Professional decals – custom branding for fleet visibility and identity

### Nationwide reach & regional support

With a national presence, bott ensures consistent, high-quality service across the UK.

- Regional service partner network – delivering local, expert-led conversions
- Dedicated vehicle conversion centres – including our newly opened Exeter facility, providing South-West customers with shorter lead times, reduced fleet movements, and dedicated regional support

### Expert team, end-to-end support

From initial consultation to installation and aftercare, our experienced team guides customers through every stage of the conversion process, ensuring solutions are tailored to their operational needs and compliant with safety and quality standards.

### Why choose bott?

bott delivers high-quality, innovative vehicle conversion solutions that combine functionality, safety, and efficiency. With a strong network of partners and our own conversion centres, we help fleets across the UK maximise the potential of every vehicle.



### CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL

*"I have always been astounded by bott's market leading quality work, customer service and ability to deliver against my requirements and timing. Their bott vario3 offering saved me £29,250 across 65 vans, due to the lighter weight and more efficient solution they were able to provide versus what I could get anywhere else"*

Mark Beiszley – Fleet Manager Nordex

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# BEST SMALL VAN

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Neil Wilson, fleet director, Ford of Britain and Ireland (right), collected the trophy from Marc Watts, managing director of award sponsors The Spectrum VR Group

## Winner: Ford Transit Courier

**F**ord's smallest van, the Transit Courier, stands out by combining practicality, advanced technology and impressive efficiency in a compact package designed to meet the needs of modern fleets.

Completely redesigned, this latest model is larger, smarter and more capable than its predecessor, offering improved cargo capacity and usability while maintaining the agility needed for urban work. With a load volume of 2.9cu m and the ability to carry two Euro pallets, the Transit Courier is extremely capable for a van of its size.

Despite its compact footprint, the van offers a payload capacity of up to 854kg, allowing businesses to transport heavier loads without stepping up to a larger vehicle. The design prioritises efficiency and productivity, with a useful cargo area that features numerous tie-down points, and clever storage solutions throughout the cabin.

The Transit Courier also sets a benchmark for driver comfort and technology. Its cabin features modern connectivity, advanced driver-assistance systems, and an intuitive digital interface, while its car-like driving dynamics make it easy to manoeuvre in cities and comfortable on longer journeys.

In addition, the availability of petrol, diesel and fully electric powertrains ensures businesses can choose the most efficient option for their operations.

### FINALISTS

- Ford Transit Courier
- Kia PV5
- Toyota Proace City
- Volkswagen ID Buzz
- Volkswagen Caddy

# BEST MEDIUM VAN

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Joe Dosanjh, head of national accounts and fleet strategy, Ford Motor Company (right), collected the trophy from Marc Watts, MD of award sponsors The Spectrum VR Group

## Winner: Ford Transit Custom

**F**or the third consecutive year the current-generation Transit Custom leads the pack as the best medium van, picking up from its predecessor. When it comes to practicality, driveability and running costs, there's simply nothing else that does the job as well. Judges praised its driveability, practicality and value for money.

Efficient diesel models are offered alongside a fully electric version, while the plug-in hybrid gives operators more powertrain choice than ever.

Recent updates include a boost in battery capacity for the E-Transit Custom, enabling it to travel further between charges.

Fleet operators played a part in the vehicle's development, ensuring it ticks all the boxes for a safe, cost-effective operation.

The specification includes air conditioning, parking sensors and an impressive twin-screen digital dashboard.

Ford Pro's suite of connected services enables remote monitoring, including proactive maintenance and repair – key to minimising downtime.

The panel van offers a loadspace of 5.8-6.8cu m, dependent on version, while payloads of up to 1,327kg are possible.

There are also two crew cab variants and a minibus.

### FINALISTS

- Ford Transit Custom
- Farizon SV
- Renault Trafic
- Toyota Proace
- Volkswagen Transporter



# BEST LARGE VAN

WHY THE MASTER  
IS CLASS-LEADING  
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Justin Costello, head of fleet, Renault Group (right), collected the trophy from Marc Watts, managing director of award sponsors The Spectrum VR Group

## Winner: Renault Master

**T**he fourth-generation Renault Master combines outstanding load capacity, modern technology and impressive efficiency in a highly versatile platform.

As a completely redesigned model, it builds on more than four decades of commercial vehicle expertise while introducing major improvements in practicality, comfort and performance.

One of the Master's greatest strengths is practicality.

With multiple body lengths and roof heights, cargo volumes of up to 22cu m and payload capacities approaching two tonnes, it offers the flexibility and carrying capability required by a wide range of businesses.

The Master also excels in powertrain choice and efficiency. Businesses can select from efficient diesel engines or the all-electric Master E-Tech, which delivers a class-leading range of up to 285 miles, making it suitable for both urban deliveries and longer routes.

Inside, the van offers a modern and comfortable working environment with a 10-inch touchscreen infotainment system, advanced connectivity, and up to 20 advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS) designed to improve safety and productivity.

### FINALISTS

- Farizon SV
- Ford Transit

- Iveco Daily

- MAN TGE

- Mercedes-Benz Sprinter

- Renault Master

- Volkswagen Crafter

# BEST ALL-TERRAIN WORKHORSE



Neil Wilson, fleet director, Ford of Britain and Ireland (right), picked up the trophy from Marc Watts, MD of award sponsors The Spectrum VR Group

## Winner: Ford Ranger

WHY PHEV WORKS  
FOR THE RANGER  
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**T**he Ford Ranger has go-anywhere, do-anything capability that is backed up by Ford's commitment to customer care. It secures the Best All-Terrain Workhorse award for the second consecutive year.

Offered in robust work-spec variants, along with plush luxurious ones, there's a Ranger to suit all needs. It can even be ordered as a chassis cab for bespoke conversions.

The single cab model has a large load bed with a payload of up to 1,200kg and an impressive 3,500kg towing capacity.

Double cab variants are comfortable and accommodating, without sacrificing practicality.

Equipment levels are impressive across the broad line-up, which includes entry level XL, with plastic bumpers for durability, rising to the range-topping Platinum.

The Ranger is available with a choice of powertrains, including a 2.0-litre diesel engine with 170PS, a bi-turbo diesel with 205PS and a 3.0-litre V6 with 240PS.

There is also a plug-in hybrid that pairs a 2.3-litre petrol engine with an electric motor, giving zero-emission capability and impressive performance.

All versions have four-wheel drive for all-terrain capability.

### FINALISTS

- Ford Ranger
- Isuzu D-Max

- Land Rover Defender Hardtop

- Toyota Hilux

- Toyota Landcruiser CV

# BEST COMPACT CAR

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## Winner: Cupra Born



Lindsay Ephgrave, national contract hire & leasing manager, Cupra Seat UK (right), picked up the trophy from Jo Clark, sales director of award sponsors Ogilvie Fleet

**T**he Cupra Born stands out by combining striking design, engaging driving dynamics and impressive electric efficiency.

As Cupra's first fully-electric model, the Born brings the brand's sporty character into the electric vehicle era, offering a more exciting and driver-focused alternative to many conventional electric hatchbacks. Its sharp styling, premium interior materials and distinctive design help it stand out in a competitive segment.

The Born delivers a genuinely fun driving experience with responsive steering, rear-wheel drive, and strong electric power. Updates for 2026 bring sharper styling and improved range.

Base models have 190PS and a 58kWh battery, giving a 279-mile range. The 79kWh battery option offers 372 miles of range and outputs of 231PS and 326PS.

Fast-charging can replenish the battery from 10%-80% in roughly half an hour, making it practical for both commuting and longer journeys.

By blending performance, efficiency, distinctive design and everyday usability, the Cupra Born proves that an electric hatchback can be both practical and genuinely exciting to drive – making it our pick in this segment.

### FINALISTS

- Audi A3
- Mercedes-Benz CLA
- Renault Mégane
- Cupra Born
- MG4
- Volkswagen Golf

# BEST MEDIUM CAR

FIND OUT WHY  
THE i4 IS OUR  
FAVOURITE  
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## Winner: BMW i4



Rachel McDermott, national corporate sales manager, BMW Group UK (right), collected the trophy from Jo Clark, sales director of award sponsors Ogilvie Fleet

**T**he i4 set a new benchmark in the premium car segment when it first won this category in 2022 and, after collecting the trophy again in 2023 and 2024, it regains the title for 2026.

Based on the 4 Series Grand Coupé, the i4 shares the same practical hatchback body and sleek styling. It's also just as engaging to drive, with the electric motor's immediate response adding an additional fun factor.

Judges said the car continues to impress, despite gaining many new rivals. It comes with no compromises when compared with a conventional petrol or diesel model.

Updates were applied to the car last year to improve efficiency. The i4 eDrive35 has a range of 266 miles, while the eDrive40 version can cover 317 miles.

BMW also introduced a new range-topping i4 M60. This version has a power output 601PS and a 0-62mph time of 3.7 seconds while returning a WLTP range of 269 miles.

Whether it's being used as a family car, for commuting, or for long-distance travel, the i4 is a package that's hard to beat.

Test BMW's electric car range for yourself at [Company Car In Action](#).

### FINALISTS

- BMW i4
- Hyundai Ioniq 5
- BYD Seal
- Kia EV6
- Polestar 2

# BEST LARGE CAR

WHY THE A6  
WAS WORTH  
THE WAIT  
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Warren Richards, head of fleet, Audi, picked up the trophy from Jo Clark, sales director of award sponsors Ogilvie Fleet

## Winner: Audi A6 e-tron

**T**he Audi A6 e-tron sets a new standard in the electric executive car segment by combining long-distance capability, advanced technology and the premium refinement expected from the brand.

Built on Audi's dedicated electric platform, the A6 e-tron represents a major step forward in the transition to electrified luxury vehicles, delivering both impressive performance and everyday usability.

Both saloon and estate body styles are offered, to suit a range of requirements. One of the car's greatest strengths is its electric range. Dependent on the model and battery configuration, the A6 e-tron can travel more than 400 miles on a single charge, placing it among the longest-range electric cars in its class.

This makes it particularly well suited to long-distance driving, while its 800-volt architecture enables ultra-fast charging, allowing the battery to recharge from 10%-80% in around 20 minutes under optimal conditions.

Inside, the A6 e-tron offers a spacious, high-quality interior filled with advanced digital displays, connectivity features, and driver-assistance technologies that enhance safety and convenience.

Test the A6 e-tron at [Company Car In Action](#).

### FINALISTS

- Audi A6 e-tron
- BMW 5 Series/i5
- MG IM5
- Polestar 4
- Volkswagen ID7

# BEST LARGE SUV

GROUP TEST:  
EV9 VS RIVALS  
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David Williams, head of fleet, Kia, picked up the trophy from Jo Clark, sales director of award sponsors Ogilvie Fleet

## Winner: Kia EV9

**K**ia's evolution has been nothing short of remarkable in recent years. While its core line-up has evolved gradually, becoming more advanced, more stylish and more desirable, it has taken some great leaps with its electric 'EV' range.

The EV9 sits at the top end of Kia's SUV line-up, sharing the same bespoke electric platform as the EV6. It's packed with technology and features, has a bold design and a high-quality, upmarket interior.

Competing among only a handful of electric rivals, the EV9 is one of the only proper full-size SUVs with three rows of seating and a reasonable luggage space.

A WLTP range of up to 349 miles, thanks to a large battery, means the EV9 has the capability to suit the needs of many drivers, without compromising comfort or driveability.

If a company car driver has comfort, practicality and safety high on the agenda then the EV9 should be at the top of their wish list.

Come and see Kia's full line-up of electric cars at [Company Car In Action](#). Register now.

### FINALISTS

- BMW iX
- Hyundai Ioniq 9
- Kia EV9
- Volvo EX90

# BEST COMPACT SUV

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ROAD TEST  
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This picture and below: Alan Barrowman, national contract hire & leasing manager, Škoda UK, collected the trophy from Jo Clark, sales director of award sponsors Ogilvie Fleet

## Winner: Škoda Elroq

**A**s a new entrant for 2026, the Škoda Elroq emerges as one of the most compelling compact electric SUVs on sale by combining strong electric range, impressive practicality and the brand's trademark value for money.

Positioned as a smaller alternative to the Enyaq, the Elroq delivers the benefits of a family-friendly SUV while remaining easier to manoeuvre in urban environments.

It is offered with multiple battery options, ranging from 52kWh to 82kWh, giving buyers flexibility dependent on their needs. The largest battery provides a WLTP range of 360 miles and returns excellent real-world efficiency. Fast-charging capability also ensures the battery can be replenished from 10%-80% in around 25 minutes.

As with many Škoda models, the Elroq offers a spacious interior with generous legroom, clever storage solutions and plenty of luggage capacity, making it well suited to families or drivers who need everyday usability.

The cabin also features modern technology, including a large touchscreen infotainment system and smartphone connectivity, creating a comfortable and connected driving environment.

### FINALISTS

- BMW iX1
- Cupra Formentor

- Kia EV3
- MG S5
- Omoda 5

- Škoda Elroq
- Volvo EX30

# BEST MID-SIZE SUV

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FULL TEST  
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## Winner: Škoda Enyaq

**T**he Škoda Enyaq has established itself as one of the most complete electric family SUVs available, blending impressive range, everyday practicality and excellent value in a well-designed package.

Built on the Volkswagen Group's dedicated electric platform, the Enyaq delivers the benefits of advanced EV technology while maintaining the spaciousness and usability that Škoda is known for.

The car was facelifted in 2025, bringing improvements in range and an improved specification. Fleets and company car drivers now enjoy an even more rounded package. Several powertrain options are available, offering a WLTP range of up to 359 miles.

Space and practicality are crucial in this segment and the Enyaq doesn't disappoint. With a large 585-litre boot and a roomy interior with generous headroom and legroom for passengers, it is an excellent choice for families.

As with many Škoda models, it also includes a range of innovative 'simply clever' storage features designed to make everyday driving easier and more convenient.

### FINALISTS

- Audi Q4 e-tron
- BYD Sealion 7

- Cupra Tavascan
- Renault Scenic

- Škoda Enyaq
- Tesla Model Y



David Isherwood, marketing director, Renault UK, collected the trophy from Anna Skuse, manufacturer relationships director, Fleet News



# ZERO EMISSION MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

## Winner: Renault Group

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**F**ive years ago Renault outlined an ambitious plan to electrify its model line-up and switch its business focus from volume to profitability.

The plan was called 'Renaulution' and it went beyond just new car models to encompass the full lifecycle of a vehicle.

Powertrains, charging solutions and second-life solutions all formed part of the initiative, in a bid to improve sustainability.

For drivers, the journey began with the introduction of the all-new Mégane E-Tech and later the Scenic E-Tech. Totally re-designed for the electric era, these newcomers had eye-catching styling, pin-sharp driving dynamics and innovative electric powertrains.

Alongside the electric model roll-out, Renault upgraded its legacy vehicles with new hybrid and plug-in hybrid engines.

Then came the re-invented Renault 5. First shown as a concept in 2021, the new electric supermini has driven much-needed demand in the private retail channel and delivered considerable conquest growth for the brand.

Along with the new 4, Renault's core electric offering is strong and, crucially, reasonably priced.

It complements the premium models offered by Alpine and the budget-focused cars from Dacia. Alpine's electric journey started with the A290, a sportier version of the Renault 5, and has now evolved with the larger A390. Dacia,

meanwhile, caters to a those with a restricted budget, offering the Spring from only £15,990.

But cars are only half the story. Fully electric commercial vehicles are also part of the plan. Starting with new Kangoo, which comes with both internal combustion engine and electric powertrains, Renault electrified its full commercial vehicle line-up.

The Master – named Best Large Van at this year's awards – arrived with a class-leading electric range, setting a new benchmark in the segment.

And there's plenty more to come, with Renault subsidiary Flexis leading the development of the brand's next generation of electric commercial models set to launch later this year.

### FINALISTS

- BMW Group
- BYD UK
- Hyundai Motor UK

- Nissan Motor (GB)
- Renault Group

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Warren Richards, head of fleet, Audi UK (centre), collected the trophy from Chris Lester, group event director, Fleet News



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## Winner: Audi UK

**A**udi has supported fleet electrification, demonstrated strong product innovation and delivered a customer-focused approach over the past 12 months.

The brand has strengthened its position as a premium fleet partner by combining one of the youngest model line-ups in the market with a rapidly-expanding electrified portfolio.

Audi has introduced a number of key new models in the past two years, including the A6 e-tron and the Q6 e-tron, built on its advanced PPE platform. These deliver up to 463 miles of range, while the updated A3 PHEV offers up to 88 miles of electric driving and fast-charging capability. These innovations

provide fleet managers and company drivers with highly competitive, low-emission options that also offer strong benefit-in-kind (BIK) advantages and improved efficiency.

True fleet sales reached almost 40,000 units in 2025, making Audi the third largest fleet brand overall. At the same time, its EV sales rose sharply by 57.8% year-on-year, making it the leading premium EV brand in the true fleet market and demonstrating the effectiveness of its electrification strategy.

Alongside product innovation, Audi has focused heavily on improving the overall fleet customer experience. Initiatives such as a renewed Audi charge card with complimentary charging miles across Europe, an expanded demonstration fleet

for test drives and the introduction of the OneMobility aftersales programme ensure drivers have access to cars and remain mobile in the event of vehicle issues. The brand has also worked closely with leasing partners to improve understanding of warranty and aftersales processes.

This customer-centric approach extends to Audi's retail network, supported by consultative selling programmes that have increased sales performance from 54% to 87%.

Combined with nationwide product launch events, ride-and-drive experiences and strong partnerships with industry bodies such as the BVRLA, Audi has demonstrated a comprehensive commitment to supporting fleets at every stage of their electrification journey.

### FINALISTS

- Audi UK
- BMW Group
- BYD UK

- Cupra UK
- Hyundai Motor UK
- MAN Truck & Bus UK

- Omoda & Jaecoo
- Toyota & Lexus Business



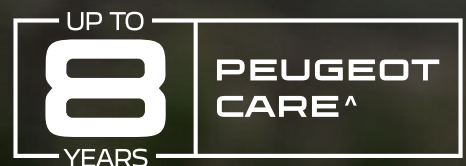
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