

APPG Report Tilly Pass 2023

Results following APPG AGM discussions

- Harper Adams and Trailer Dealership engagement days with Freshers and returning students in September 2023.

Harper Adams University ran their annual trailer safety awareness session at Freshers Week. They were supported by one of our trailer dealerships who provided a trailer and a Manager to speak to over 200 students on both of the training days.

These sessions are run for the new Agricultural students who have just joined the university, and the returning students who have just finished placements as a refresher course.

This is part of our engagement with young towers as discussed at the AGM. We feel this is a practical way of directly reaching operators at the start of their towing life, in a fun and interactive way.

(Harper Adams University is the leading Agricultural University in the United Kingdom)

- Farmer engagement

We have attended cattle market safety events particularly aimed at O2 towing, which was supported by Safer Travel, Devon County Council. We will be attending subsequent events in Wales.

- Police Action Days with NVICS, Environment Agency, Norfolk and Suffolk Police etc

We have attended a variety of Police Action days where along with NVICS we have been joined by the Environment Agency, HMRC and MIB amongst other groups. We report the varying defects we find on the trailers which are pulled - both agricultural and road trailers. Over the last year we have seen a marked increase in breakaway cables being used, with the majority of trailers having one in place. Most often the car trailers are either overloaded or have no number plate.

- Farmer and Operator training pilot with police and technicians

We trialed an operator and owner awareness session for farmers in Norfolk with the Police who informed the attendees of common issues they see in trailer incidents and made them aware of the law surrounding trailer towing. This was received well but highlighted the amount of misinformation supplied by farming groups in the UK.