



NTTA EXPANDS TRAINING, STRENGTHENS INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS AND LOOKS AHEAD TO A FURTHER BUSY YEAR.

The National Trailer and Towing Association (NTTA) continues to make significant progress across the trailer and towing industry, with new training initiatives, strengthened partnerships and ongoing collaboration with government agencies.

CV COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SHOW 2026



THE NTTA ENJOYED A SUCCESSFUL APPEARANCE AT THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE (CV) SHOW IN BIRMINGHAM

where members of the team welcomed visitors from across the industry. The event provided an excellent opportunity to promote the Association's work, engage with businesses and meet existing and prospective members. A prize giveaway, kindly sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Show, attracted plenty of interest and highlighted the show's continued support of the NTTA.

WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DVSA



Working closely with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) remains a key priority. The Association has been actively involved in developing a servicing schedule for trailers, with many NTTA members contributing their expertise to the project. This collaborative work aims to improve trailer safety standards and establish clearer servicing guidance across the industry.

THE NTTA ALSO JOINED INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES IN CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF STEVE CROWE AT TYRE LINE ➡

Ray Pinder and Sarah Smithurst attended the event on behalf of the NTTA and thanked Steve for his long-standing contribution to the sector.

The Association looks forward to thanking Steve for the many years of support to the NTTA and welcoming Matt Simpson, who succeeds Gerry Daily from AL-KO, to the NTTA AGM later this year.





ROAD SAFETY AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING CONTINUE TO BE AT THE HEART OF THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES.

Gemma Matthews and Sarah Smithurst represented the NTTA at the TyreSafe Conference in Birmingham, where the Association hosted an exhibition stand and delivered a presentation outlining current projects, collaborative partnerships and future plans to improve safety within the trailer and towing industry.



TRAINING CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE NTTA'S FASTEST-GROWING AREAS.

The Association has successfully launched its new Towbar Installation Foundation Course, a comprehensive two-day programme, with an Advanced Course following shortly afterwards. The inaugural course was hosted by Tow Trust, whose technical expertise, together with support from Right Connections, helped shape the programme and ensure delegates received practical, industry-focused training.



FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE CREDIBILITY OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME, THE NTTA'S COURSES HAVE NOW RECEIVED ENDORSEMENT FROM AL-KO, KARRT, TOW TRUST AND KNOTT

Demonstrating industry confidence in the quality and standards of the training being delivered. Courses are currently available at Tow Trust, AL-KO, KARTT, KNOTT and 3 Shires Trailers, making professional training more accessible across the UK and we would like to thank them for their continued support of our Training and for being a valued member the NTTA.

Knott supports the NTTA's commitment to developing industry skills through quality training and experience, reflecting its philosophy of "Supporting your business through quality and experience

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THE ASSOCIATION IS ALSO PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT BY DELIVERING SPECIALIST TRAILER TRAINING TO POLICE OFFICERS. THE TRAINING EQUIPS OFFICERS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO ASSESS TRAILERS INVOLVED IN ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS, BREAKDOWNS AND ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS, HELPING IMPROVE SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE ON UK ROADS.



NTTA Annual General Meeting

Members and industry professionals will come together for the NTTA Annual General Meeting on 29–30 November at the Holiday Inn, Junction 28, M1. Delegates will have the opportunity to book exhibition stands, enter the industry awards, network with colleagues and hear the latest updates from across the Association.

If you haven't yet booked your place at the AGM, or would like more information, please contact Sarah Smithurst at sarah.smithurst@ntta.co.uk or call 07498 311739.

This year's AGM is proudly sponsored by TER, while AL-KO is sponsoring the Awards Evening on Sunday.

Don't forget to submit your award nominations by emailing info@ntta.co.uk

