

RHA

An Introduction

***DRIVING BUSINESS ON OUR ROADS
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ABOUT US

Established in 1944, the Road Haulage Association (RHA) is the UK's only trade association dedicated to the operators of trucks, coaches and vans.

With over 8,000 members, ranging from owner operators to those with fleets of over 2,000 vehicles, RHA membership accounts for over 250,000 commercial vehicles currently operating on UK roads.

The RHA actively campaigns on behalf of our members on an ever-increasing range of issues, from cost pressures and regulation, to tackling the skills shortage, improving driver facilities, welfare and decarbonisation. Working closely with the UK government, devolved administrations and local government has enabled the RHA to secure a range of policy wins for members and increase support for the sector across all four nations of the UK.

The RHA has a large range of membership services including compliance audits and additional support from our national helpdesk and team of field based specialists.

With a mission to be the go-to organisation for driving business on our roads, the RHA is a powerful voice for the UK's road transport industry, focused on promoting best practice and delivering change to support our members to grow, advance their interests and champion their views.

OUR VALUES

COLLABORATIVE

We are ONE organisation working together as a team to provide the very best for our membership, stakeholders and industry.

TRUSTED PARTNER

We listen to our members, stakeholders and the wider industry. Their interests are at the heart of everything we do. We are regarded as the trusted 'go to' organisation.

SUPPORTIVE

It is important to us that our members consider us to be part of their organisation providing exceptional support whenever they need it.

QUALITY

We ensure that the products and services we provide to our members and the industry are always of the highest quality.

RELEVANCE

We strive to ensure that there is always relevance and value in all that we do.

KNOWLEDGEABLE

Our staff are knowledgeable in their chosen field, accepting nothing but the best for our membership.



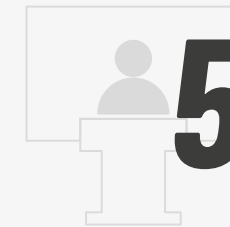
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IN NUMBERS

22

Regional Council
meetings hosted across
the country + 6 Welsh
forum + sub regions + 6
coach forums



50

member briefings held
across England, Northern
Ireland, Scotland and Wales

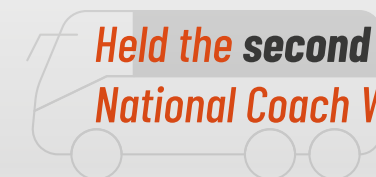
Celebrated
National Lorry Week



Responded to over
5,500
Helpdesk enquiries



Held the **second ever**
National Coach Week



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editions of Roadway
magazine published



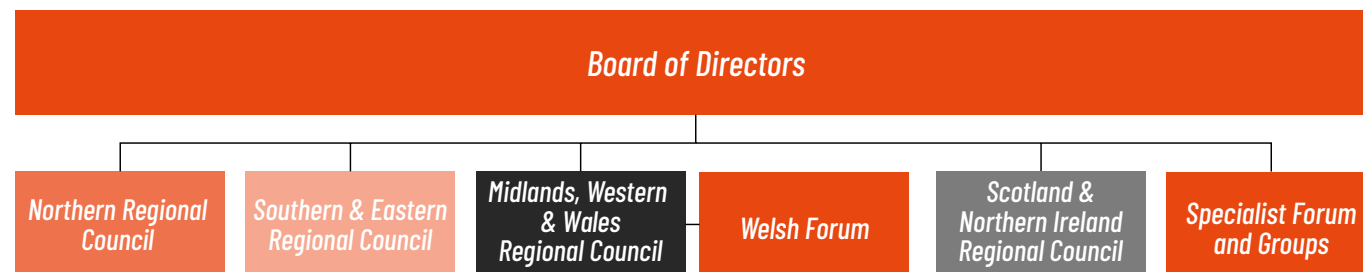
OUR MEMBERS

The RHA has been looking after its members for over 80 years, offering services that help them deliver continuous and effective management of their operations while at the same time protecting their commercial interests.

With bespoke membership options for individuals and organisations across all commercial vehicle sectors, from haulage to coach operators, van fleet owners to professionals, becoming an RHA member provides immediate access to everything a business needs to run a compliant operation. Each type of membership has a tailor-made set of benefits. A dedicated Engagement Team and a national helpdesk that provides end to end support and guidance.



OUR MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

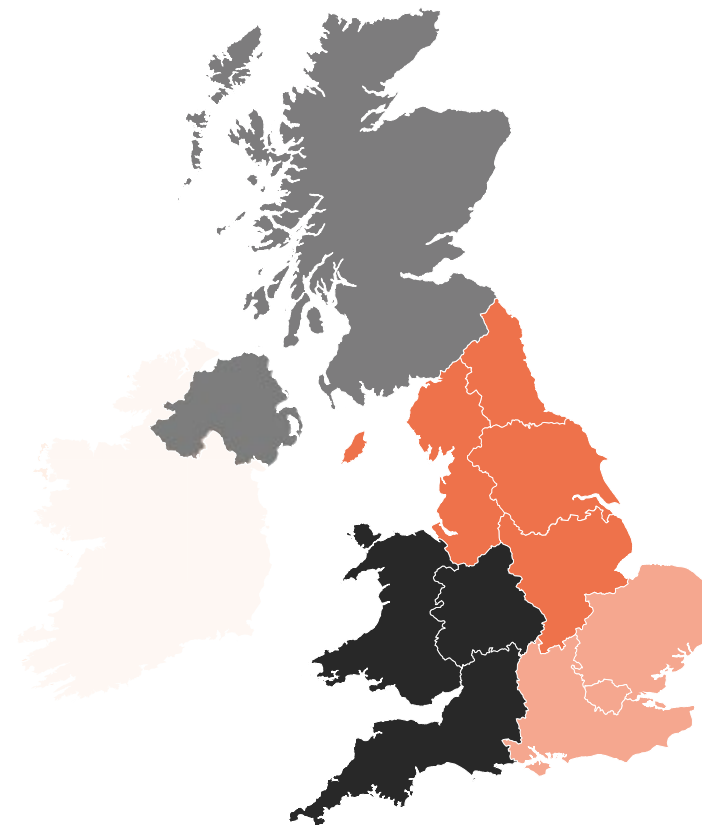


The Association has several sector-specific groups and forums which allow members to contribute thoughts and views in a structured environment.

These include the Association's sub-regions, as well as several specialist groups which support members with their specialisms such as international transport, waste transport and car transporting to name some examples.

Beyond this, there are four Regional Councils: Southern and Eastern, Northern, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and Midlands, Western and Wales. Each council has up to 30 elected members who are all representatives of member organisations and attend the regional council meetings representing their areas.

Sitting above the four Regional Councils is the Association's Board of Directors comprising three members from each Regional Council, with four from Midlands, Western and Wales due to the region's size. In addition to these 13 directors, the Board may co-opt up to three more directors to support its work.



MEMBERSHIP TYPES



Main membership

support for transport and logistics operations



Associate membership

If you're looking for a deeper, more meaningful connection with our members and mission, Associate Membership is your next step



Van membership

support for van and fleet operators in the changing landscape



Coach membership - Sector specific

support for operators providing essential transport passenger services



Professional membership

support for new and existing professionals within the sector



Clearing house membership

for transport clearing houses



Individual membership

created to benefit those who are not the owners of haulage companies



Freight forwarder membership

for freight forwarders



Trailer and container operators

for operators, owners or providers of trailers and containers

OUR SPECIALIST GROUPS AND FORUMS

RHA members can access a variety of specialist groups and forums. These are ideal for connecting with industry experts, finding out about latest industry information and sharing sector specific advice.



Abnormal Loads Group



Car Transporters Group



International Group



Livestock and Milk Group



Waste Management Group



Tanker Group



Transport Warehousing and Pallet Distribution Group



National Agricultural Foods and Tipping Group



Net Zero Forum



RHA Next Gen Group



Coach Membership Group

OUR SERVICES

Our range of services enhances your credibility and professional standing, supporting you to remain compliant.



Helpdesk

Our experts are on hand to offer free guidance exclusively to RHA members.



Vehicle Inspections

Our vehicle inspection services help operators maintain roadworthy vehicles.



Active Campaigning

A track record of working with government, industry officials and local authorities to shape the policies and legislation.



Conditions of Carriage

The RHA Conditions of Carriage are recognised as the industry standard and are copyrighted for the exclusive use of RHA members. The RHA Conditions of Carriage are designed to clearly define the legal relationship between the carrier and the customer.



Technical Services

RHA Analysis, RHA Fleet and Defect app.



RHA Training

Our training courses are some of the most respected in the UK available to members at exclusive discounted rates.



Specialist Advice and Information

Access to specialist groups who provide specific sector representation, expert intelligence and insight on security, infrastructure and more.



Truck Cartel

RHA is bringing the only UK collective claim against the Truck Cartel to obtain compensation for road transport operators who purchased or leased trucks from 1997 onwards.



Compliance

Supporting operators to remain compliant.



Member Assistance Programme (MAP)

A confidential service to help people deal with personal or work-related challenges.



Intelligence and Insight

Our reports such as the fuel survey, pay survey and costs movement survey are compiled and circulated regularly to help members run more efficient and profitable operations.



RHA Weekly Fuel Service

Our weekly fuel service provides members with up-to-date fuel price information and market insight, helping operators monitor changing costs and make informed business decisions.



The Operators' Handbook

The RHA Operators' Handbook is recognised as one of the key membership benefits.



Legal Services

Exclusive to members, Legal service from the RHA provides comprehensive advice, support and representation through its qualified and industry specific lawyers.



Dedicated Field Based Teams

Our highly experienced experts, sourced from across the industry, represent the RHA on the ground and are able to provide you with local support and access to key decision makers in your area.

Our Business Partners offer you the products and services which can help you stay compliant and operational, and support you with any day-to-day needs your business may have.

- RHA Legal
- RHA Fuel Card
- RHA Insurance Services
- RHA Medical
- RHA Business Finances
- Drug and Alcohol
- RHA Drivers Handbook
- RHA Technology
- Customs

For more details, see our full membership services brochure.

MORE WAYS RHA SUPPORTS YOUR BUSINESS

RHA Shop

Access essential transport and compliance products through the RHA Shop, helping members source trusted items for their day-to-day operations.



RHA Business Skills / Funded Career Pathways

Support to access funded training routes and career pathways that help bring new talent into the sector and upskill existing teams.



Credit Control / Debt Recovery Support

Support to help members manage late payments, improve cashflow and reduce the burden of chasing debt.



RHA eLearning / RHA Academy

Flexible online learning designed for busy transport operations, giving members access to relevant training when and where they need it.



RHA Exchange / HaulageHub

A member-focused freight exchange platform helping operators find opportunities, improve utilisation and build trusted industry connections.



Compliance Audits

Independent compliance audits to help operators identify risk, evidence best practice and prepare for regulatory scrutiny.

RHA Tacho & Asset / RHA Analysis

Tachograph analysis and reporting tools to help members manage driver hours, reduce infringements and evidence compliance.

RHA Defect App / Fleet & Workshop Tools

Digital fleet, defect and workshop tools to help members manage maintenance, inspections and compliance records more efficiently.

Sponsorship and Associate Member Opportunities

Opportunities for industry suppliers to raise their profile, engage with members and support RHA events, campaigns and sector initiatives.

Technology, AI and Digitalisation Partner Support

Access to trusted technology partners and guidance to help members identify practical solutions that support their operations.

Events, Sponsorship and Exhibitor Benefits

Roadway Podcast, webinars, member events, briefings and forums that provide networking, insight, supplier access and opportunities to influence the future of the sector.

RHA Van Standards

Practical best-practice guidance to help van operators navigate compliance, reduce uncertainty and protect their businesses.



Supporting the industry *with the latest advice and guidance*



Download our publications

CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

The RHA campaigns on issues affecting the road transport sector, highlighting the vital role of our members in keeping the country running. Working closely with the UK government, devolved administrations and local government, the RHA is a leading authority on the needs of the industry, providing insight and contributing to policy making and legislative development.

Members are supported through effective lobbying, networking opportunities and strong relationships with policy makers. The RHA provides a powerful voice for the UK's road transport industry, focused on delivering change to support our members to grow, advance their interests and champion their views.

The RHA is focussed on six priority areas, covering key issues affecting operators across the industry:



SKILLS

Ensure we have a diverse skilled workforce across the whole industry now and in the future.

DRIVER FACILITIES

More parking spaces, better facilities, stronger security.

ENVIRONMENT

Embracing opportunities and protecting businesses on the road to net zero.

INTERNATIONAL

Removing obstacles to doing business internationally both at the border and on the roads.

COST & REGULATION

Making it easier for businesses to do business through lower costs and simpler regulation.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Encouraging investment in roads, new technology and connectivity for economic growth.



It can often be difficult for an individual business to make their voice heard by government.

We leverage the joint strength of our members to amplify their impact on policy decisions. By uniting businesses within the road haulage and coach industry, our policy team have the authority to collectively advocate for positive change.

With lobbying and advocacy being a key focus of the RHA, we have strong resources to influence those making decisions, maintain relationships with legislators, and launch campaigns that advocate for positive change for the road haulage and coach industry, and we advocate on our members' behalf against unhelpful legislation and regulations.

We have deep industry and technical knowledge, historical insight into legislative and regulatory issues, and an extensive network of policymakers. This helps put forward legislative and regulatory solutions for challenges hindering the growth within the industry.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

The role that we play in influencing policy decisions to promote the road haulage and coach sectors is vital. Through collective advocacy, expertise, relationship building, lobbying, and campaigning the RHA exerts a significant influence on the formation of legislation.

REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT

We make use of the avenues to represent our members directly to Parliamentarians. There are several methods of achieving this, we regularly meet with MPs regarding issues most closely affecting our members, we table Parliamentary questions. We provide briefing materials ahead of debates. We also engage with Select Committees and host Parliamentary receptions to support our campaigns.

ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS

The RHA acts as the secretariat for the Freight and Logistics APPG which brings together Parliamentarians and industry experts to discuss the most pressing needs of the sector. We also represent the RHA at several other APPGs related to road freight, skills, fuel and logistics.



POLICY INFLUENCE

As part of our engagement, we seek to share our knowledge to positively influence policy. We do this by responding to consultations, publishing policy papers on the issues that impact the sector and meeting with senior civil servants at government departments to effect change.

We have a strong track record of ensuring that industry's concerns are heard by policy-makers. Our team links the industry to decision makers and help shape regulation nationally and locally.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Some programmes like Clean Air Zones are not administered by Parliament but by local councils, authorities, and Metro Mayors. Because of this we work to influence local transport plans by engaging directly with the decision makers who impact the business of our members.

MEMBER VISITS

As well as representing our members to policy makers, we bring policy makers directly to our members. We regularly organise site visits for high level Parliamentary stakeholders so that they can hear our members' voices and concerns directly.

SEAT AT THE TOP TABLE

The RHA is trusted as one of the government's key industry stakeholders. This allows us to regularly be the face of the road haulage industry, representing our members at the top table.

The RHA works to build strong relationships with key decision-makers within government agencies, parliamentary bodies, and regulatory authorities, establishing ourselves as the trusted voice on issues affecting the road haulage industry. By providing industry data and insights, we contribute to policy discussions, emphasising the economic and societal significance of efficient and reliable road haulage.

Frequently we meet with government and shadow ministers, influential members of Parliament and sit on key departmental groups like the Department for Transport's Freight Council.



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FUTURE FORUM
PREPARING FOR THE ROAD AHEAD

webfleet

DP WORLD

oneAdv

EXEROS

VIGO

BACKHOUSE JONES

the fuelcard company

EURORA



OUR EVENTS



MEMBER BRIEFINGS

Our member briefings across the country provide industry updates from RHA regional teams covering hot topics of interest to Coach, HGV, and van members including regulation, compliance, employment and legal support and covering the basics of operator licensing. We work with Traffic Commissioners, industry stakeholders, enforcement bodies and third parties to provide guidance for operators.



FUTURE FORUM

Our annual conference brings together industry experts, thought leaders and visionaries to discuss pressing issues and explore sustainable solutions for a better future, offering transport operators vital insights on future-proofing their businesses. Topics include making your business future fit, decarbonisation, regulation and much more.



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SHOW



The Commercial Vehicle Show is a key event for the road transport and logistics industry, bringing together vehicle manufacturers, operators, suppliers, technology providers and industry bodies in one place.

It provides an important opportunity to showcase innovation, explore new products and services, share best practice and discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the sector.

The event also supports collaboration and networking across the industry, helping businesses stay informed, build new relationships and prepare for changes in areas such as technology, compliance, safety, skills and decarbonisation.



NATIONAL LORRY WEEK

National Lorry Week (NLW) is the RHA's annual campaign showcasing the road haulage industry and shining a light on the businesses and people who keep us all fed, clothed and supplied. National Lorry Week aims to challenge the misconceptions people have about road haulage and promote the wide ranging, exciting and fulfilling careers available in transport and logistics for people of all ages and backgrounds.

NLW see the RHA visit farms, producers, factories, warehouses, truck stops, small businesses and colleges across all four nations of the UK, meeting members, industry partners, councillors, and Members of the UK, Scottish and Welsh Parliaments, and showcasing the sector through first-hand experience of driving a lorry.

Our annual parliamentary reception provides members with the opportunity to meet MPs and Peers and discuss key issues facing the road haulage sector.



NATIONAL COACH WEEK

National Coach Week celebrates the unique role of coaches in public transport and the wider economy, securing support from politicians to help celebrate the role of coaches, establish the different needs of the coach industry to the bus industry and garnering support for key policy priorities amongst decision makers.

The week aims to raise the profile of the work which the industry does, day in day out. Whether it's for leisure, tourism, sport or educational purposes, coaches provide an essential service to thousands of passengers every year.



ROADWAY

Roadway is the RHA's official magazine, available to all members.

It features the road transport industry's news, views and developments, and is the first port of call for comprehensive policy, employment, compliance and legislative updates for road haulage, coach and van operators.

Written by experienced industry professionals, including RHA policy, technical and legal experts who work with legislators and regulators to help shape the future of the industry, Roadway provides the complete business picture for road haulage and logistics.



We believe that improved wellbeing is essential to wider strategic conversations and regulation. The six pillars of the RHA Wellbeing Charter are shaped around a commitment to delivering one million moments of improvement across the industry for people, productivity and economic growth.

What is the Wellbeing Charter?

The Wellbeing Charter is a long-term commitment from the RHA to support the people who work across the commercial vehicle and logistics sectors.

It will act as a framework for awareness, engagement, education, collaboration, and advocacy over the next ten years.

The Charter is not intended to be a single campaign or standalone document. Instead, it is designed to evolve with the needs of the industry and become a platform for continuous improvement.



RHA Wellbeing Charter: A million positive moments.

10-year industry commitment to improve the health, resilience and wellbeing of people working across the HGV, coach and van sectors.

Learning and development	✓
Mental wellbeing	✓
Leadership and resilience	✓
Connecting with others	✓
Exercise	✓
Food and nutrition	✓

OUR TEAMS





OUR PARTNERS



RHA | **Benevolent Fund** 

A helping hand in times of need

How we can help

We provide practical and financial support to people and their families in the road transport industry who are facing hardship.

■ Support available

- Essential household items
- Help with mortgage or rent arrears and priority debts
- Funeral care costs
- Aid equipment – wheelchairs, specialist beds, etc.
- Essential home improvements
- Training support – redundant drivers may apply for a free Driver CPC or driver medical to help them return to work

■ Who can apply?

Anyone with a proven RHA connection. All applications are completely confidential and free from judgement.

■ Get in touch

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BECOME A MEMBER



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Scan the QR code or visit

www.rha.uk.net/Membership/Types-of-Membership

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