



THE BRITISH VEHICLE SALVAGE FEDERATION



BVSF Monthly News End of Year 2019

Welcome to the final monthly newsletter of 2019 which means of course we are now allowed to mention “Christmas”. It has been an interesting year for the Federation, AQP qualification gained for the good of the membership, according to feedback received, one of the best AGM’s/Seminars and very well attended, a number of successful Salvage Categorisation challenges saving the member involved “thousands” of pounds, a successful challenge to the DVLA regarding a road traffic offence, again saving the member concerned his



membership fee in an instant. BVSF have attended over 20 meetings during the course of the year endeavoring to obtain suitable outcomes wherever possible although a number of meetings have been postponed until after the election. The Federation have assisted a number of members with COD's in error along with notification of export in error and repairable salvage simply left at members premises for no good reason with the member unable to sell on due to incompleteness of the claim details. These are all challenges which when rectified hopefully show one of the many benefits of membership.

Sadly, membership will show that we have lost a few, I wish those leaving would advise why, as it would therefore provide the opportunity to put right any perceived wrongs, particularly frustrating is membership loss after a large piece of work which saved the member concerned a good deal of heartache and indeed money.

The Federations office moved in June and hopefully the savings from rent expenditure will be reflected in the Annual Accounts which will be dealt with early in the New Year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank existing members for their support during 2019, I hope that you are all happy with the way in which the Federation is run. Furthermore, I wish to thank the Management Committee for offering advice, guidance and most of all "Time" in attending meetings all over the country.

So, from Percy Snow, our Honorary Chairman, Heather and myself we all wish you a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



MEETING LIST

There have been no meetings in October, a number being postponed until after the Election and Brexit (If it ever happens).

BVSF were however, invited guests at the ATF Conference organised by ATF Professional. This was an excellent event, hopefully the Federation have gained another speaker for our own event in April. My personal congratulations go to Haydn and Sian for their excellent organisational skills in this, their inaugural event.

FUTURE MEETINGS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

No meetings organised in December.

No meetings organised at this stage for January although that will change!

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OTHER MATTERS.

1)...The BVSF's Annual Convention is set for April 23rd at the Warton Hall Hotel and Spa just outside Coventry. Organisation is still in its infancy with booked speakers from the EA, Business Doctors, Synetiq and CAP HPi with unconfirmed attendance from the Institute of Automotive Assessors and Thatcham.

The invitations will be despatched on or around the first working day of the New Year. Please remember that the historical rooms are booked on a first come first served basis and once these are gone the bookings go to the more modern accommodation.

2) Combella Award nominations. If any member or strategic partner would like to nominate a person or company to receive the 2020 Combella award, then please advise by email to email@bvsf.org.uk prior to the end of January. The award is given for actions going above and beyond the call of duty in the last year.



HELP FROM BELLE TRAILERS following revised guidance (shown below) from the HSE involving the dangers of welding fumes...

HSE Guidance on Welding

Revised guidance: exposure to welding fume

In February 2019 HSE issued a safety alert to inform industry of a change in relation to the control expectations for exposure to welding fume including that from mild steel welding.

This followed new scientific evidence from the International Agency for Research on Cancer that exposure to mild steel welding fume can cause lung cancer and possibly kidney cancer in humans.

HSE has now revised its guidance.

The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health direct advice for welding to help make sure exposure to any welding fume released is adequately controlled [has been published](#), along with HSE's web pages on [how to manage exposure to welding fume](#).

In the new year, HSE inspectors will be visiting businesses across the country to check compliance with the law. By [subscribing to our newsletter](#), you will receive information about our inspection campaigns. As an employer you should know the risks, plan your work and use the right controls when welding.



Belle Trailers is pleased to offer BVSF Members 10% off of Sentinel Equipment, by quoting BVSF to our Parts Team when ordering over the phone, 01371 876111.

Every special operation needs special equipment that gets the job done, and when it comes to your helmet, SENTINEL™ is worn by the best.



Following recent updated guidelines by the HSE, Belle Trailers parts team are pleased to recommend and supply the SENTINEL A50 Air with ESAB PAPR unit.

The ESAB PAPR (Powered Air Purifying Respirator) system combined with the ESAB welding helmets, offers heavy duty protection from welding fume and dust when welding, gouging & grinding. The unit features the latest in PCB Board technology, allowing the welder to adjust the air flow from 170 l/min to 220 l/min to suit the environment and application.

Featured

- Revolutionary Shell Design. High Impact Resistance Nylon
- Halo™ Headgear. Ergonomic, infinitely-adjustable 5 point head gear provides extreme comfort and balance. Low-profile design, central pivot point allows for maximum head clearance while helmet is in the up position.
- 100 x 60mm 1/1/1/2 –5-13 ADF
- Externally activated Grind Button. Shade 4 Grind Mode



- Colour touch screen control panel
 - 8 separate memory settings
 - Replacing spare parts made easy. Front cover lens replaceable within 10 seconds, without removing helmet (front loaded)
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Welding Process

- Plasma Cutting
- Oxy-Fuel Cutting
- SMAW/MMA (Stick)
- GTAW (TIG - Tungsten Inert Gas)
- GMAW (MIG/MAG - Metal Inert Gas / Metal Active Gas)
- Grinding

Give us a call on: 01371 876111



DVLA CHRISTMAS 2019 OPNING TIMES

Date	Contact centre opening hours
Monday 23 December	8am to 5.30pm
Christmas Eve	8am to midday (Drivers premium line open until 4pm)
Christmas Day	closed
Boxing Day	closed
Friday 27 December	8am to 5.30pm
Saturday 28 December	8am to 2pm (normal opening hours)
Sunday 29 December	closed
Monday 30 December	8am to 5.30pm
New Year's Eve	8am to 5.30pm
New Year's Day	closed
Thursday 2 January	8am to 7pm



Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency





SYNETIQ PRESS RELEASE'S

SYNETIQ Ltd has been named as one of the most ambitious, innovative and disruptive companies as part of ELITE's Future Shapers Report.

The Future Shapers campaign recognises the most consistently impressive, diverse and growing businesses. SYNETIQ is one of just 25 UK companies recognised and is delighted to have been chosen for its innovation and leadership within its industry.

Since SYNETIQ was born in March 2019, following the merger of Motorhog, Car Transplants, DH Systems and FAB Recycling, the business has been hard at work developing its offering to customers and clients. Recent developments include a brand-new vehicle auction platform, utilised by many other salvage agents across the UK.

Tom Rumboll, Chairman, SYNETIQ:

"We're honoured to be included in ELITE's Future Shapers Programme. Our innovation throughout 2019 is just the beginning and I'd like to thank our colleagues for their part in making it possible."

Luca Peyrano, CEO, ELITE:

"We are delighted to launch our ELITE Future Shapers Report. We have featured 50 organisations from our 1,300+ ELITE global community. We have shone a spotlight on stories of disruption, expansion and growth.

Through the success stories that fill the pages of our report we can be inspired by ELITE businesses and understand how best to address their challenges in building resilient businesses for the long term."

Also:

Monday 18th November saw the launch of a brand-new auction platform – built by SYNETIQ and utilised by many of the UK's leading salvage agents.

SYNETIQ's new auction succeeds the current Salvage Market version, which has been in use for the last nine years. Although user



subscription fees remain unchanged, the look, feel and capabilities will be completely transformed.

What's new?

Users can now see more information than ever when viewing items, thanks to the Specification Data feature. From engine power to optional extras, this information can be vital for users when making an informed decision while bidding.

Proof of identification can now be uploaded via an online portal, replacing the outdated manual process currently in place. This new process is also more secure, helping agents to remain GDPR compliant.

Another new feature is Bundle vehicles; these items are split into segments. Users can simply bid on the vehicle sections they require, such as engine & gearbox or seats & door cards.

Why change platforms?

The current site runs on older technology which is no longer supported. SYNETIQs development team have written a brand-new auction from the ground up using the very latest in cloud technology. The new site is designed to scale up with demand, breaking away from the limitations of the current site.

The auction has been designed and built in-house by SYNETIQs sixteen-strong team of developers, based in Edinburgh. The team will be managing the switchover, following over 12 months of development and testing. Some disruption may be noticed by users and sellers during the switchover; this will be managed by SYNETIQ and kept to a minimum.

SYNETIQ has worked closely with many agents ahead of the switchover, providing extensive training and Q&A sessions; initial feedback has been positive. The launch date is just the beginning - developments and improvements will continue throughout 2020.

Police Auction - Synetiq

SYNETIQs Police auction: register for free today

Trade sales can be a fantastic route to a great value vehicle... SYNETIQs Police Auction is exactly that. Log on to the site and you'll find hundreds of vehicles live on the site, with the virtual hammer prices at a fraction of what you'd expect to pay.



How does it work?

SYNETIQ is the UK's largest salvage and dismantling company. It has contracts with many insurance and fleet companies, as well as many UK Police Forces - this is where Police auction items come from.

The Police auction was relaunched last week on a new dedicated platform in tandem with SYNETIQ's main salvage auction, which has thousands of vehicles listed six days a week.

How much does it cost to register?

Unlike SYNETIQ's main auction, registration for the Police auction is free. Once you've registered, you'll need to upload proof of identification before you can bid. This ID must be approved by a member of SYNETIQ's team, so leave plenty of time for this if you're keen to bid on a vehicle.

For more information, or to register on the Police auction click here:

<https://www.police-auction.org.uk/>



PRESS RELEASE FROM COPART.

Online vehicle remarketing company Copart UK has won the Senior Finance Leader of the Year Award at the 2019 Robert Walters Finance Awards.

The Awards, which were created in partnership between ICAEW, RSM, HSBC and specialist recruitment company Robert Walters, promote the outstanding achievements of businesses and individuals within Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Hertfordshire and Essex and celebrate their contribution to the economy and employment in these regions.

Copart's European Finance Director, Gavin Renfrew, was presented with the award for Senior Finance Leader of the Year - £100-£500m Turnover, which recognises individuals who have provided strategic direction to their company alongside a demonstrable legacy of delivery in financial performance, leadership and management.



Copart was also shortlisted for the Business Innovation Award and Rising Star of the Year Award, in which runner up Jonathan Simons, Head of European FP&A at Copart was highly commended for his individual passion, drive and delivery focus.

Copart has seen rapid and successful expansion across Europe, including significant growth in Germany and the acquisition of Autovahinkokeskus Oy, the largest motor salvage disposal company in Finland. Renfrew's nomination emphasised his commitment to creating and developing a European Finance team with the right skills to support both the continued growth of the business and the personal development and career objectives of employees.

"My focus has been on building finance teams for the future by introducing new roles across Europe, establishing our European Finance team in the UK and investing in training and development to ensure that the right skills are in place to support the continued growth of our business." Renfrew said. "I am very proud to personally receive the award for Senior Finance Leader of the Year, which would not have been possible without the support of the Copart Finance team and all their hard work over the last year.

OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM SEVERN COMPLIANCE

BVSF were contacted recently by one Adam Wilson whose company Severn Compliance could offer Federation members the following services-

- Environmental Permitting - Applications, variations, transfers and surrenders.
- Compliance audits against environmental permits
- Writing management systems
- Advice on pollution prevention

Adam has (as an EA official) regulated a number of vehicle salvage sites, as a result he knows the problems that members may come across and can provide the advice to help them become compliant.

With regards to costs it would depend on the complexity of the work that members require, but federation members would receive a discount.

It is also hoped that Adam will become a Strategic Partner of the Federation and attend the annual event in April

Adams contact telephone number is 07790040075



And finally, I need to recharge my batteries so will be taking a few days off over the festive period.

Therefore, the Federation office will close at 5pm on December 23rd and re-open at 8am on January 6th.

However, as usual, in case of a genuine emergency I will be monitoring emails over the break but far less often than usual and if a real disaster strikes please feel free to call the BVSF landline number and the message will provide an emergency number.

I shall raise a glass of “orange juice” to you all on the 25th, have a great Christmas and New Year and see you all at the Annual gathering in April!

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