



## Sam takes on the baton



SAM BURKE of Burke Brothers Recovery is showing the entrepreneurial spirit that will help take his business on to the next level, as they say.

Sam told us: "We have taken over Wolverhampton Recovery Service.

"Michael Reece was one of the big boys in town in the 1960s. Mick had over 30 recovery trucks back in his day.

"Mick was operating police schemes with no contract! He had trucks based all over Wolverhampton, tuning into police radios. First on the scene had the job! It's not like today's police jobs, where it's all contracted!

"Mick was doing recovery before PAS43 and IA09001 was introduced. Michael has now retired."

As well as taking over work undertaken by Mick at Wolverhampton Recovery Service, Sam has added another new recovery vehicle to his fleet, a rather handsome new Iveco from Dysons.



## WAKEFIELD AUTOS MAKE FOR A HAPPY J & J CUSTOMER



**W**ITH OVER 30 years experience in recovery and repair, nurturing the company to grow into a very successful multifaceted family business which now sees the third generation of Wakefield's joining the team. Lee Wakefield is passionate to keep the business current and up to date with the latest technologies, products and legislation.

It was whilst considering extending his fleet of some 25 vehicles Lee made contact with J & J Conversions. Having previously owned and not been completely satisfied with the initial builds of similar, cruder systems, he still valued the concept, benefits and advantages of a towing system.

Lee arranged a factory visit to J & J Conversions in Andover - quite a commitment in time alone when his business is based in rural Lincolnshire - to check it out for himself.

J & J were delighted to demonstrate the VRS Evolution Mark II and how the product has progressed in design, technology and functionality over the years. It was obvious that both Lee

and Matt, Wakefield's operating technicians were experts in their profession, asking many pertinent questions and spent a good deal of time with Graham as he showed them "hands on", how simple and efficient the Evolution had become. It transpired in conversation that by giving up his 7.5 T power lift, Matt's main concern was where he was going to put all of his kit, tools and most importantly sandwiches! This was slightly less of a priority to Lee as the VRS is half the price and achieves twice the fuel economy of such a power lift. That said, however, we are happy to know that Matt has been able to store all of his equipment, sandwiches and much more, the comment was, "It's like a tardis!"

J & J fit all vehicles with a sleek and compact Bott racking system/ workshop which is so elegant in design that it wouldn't look a miss in a high tech laboratory and it obviously exceeded Matt's expectations and needs!

Wakefield Autos are headquartered in Boston, Lincolnshire with satellite bases scattered around the county. They deal with a variety of recov-

ery including specialist recovery and transportation in rural locations. Working for many of the large clubs in a tourist location on the East Coast, Wakefield are often called out to assist customers at holiday/caravan parks. The agility of VRS has proven to be a bit of a God's send when attending these type of call outs with limited space VRS's manoeuvrability is far less intimidating than getting a 7.5T spec lift on site!

As J & J already have European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval and hold stock of Vauxhall Vivaro's it was a quick turn around before inviting Wakefields back for a full handover and operational/ safety briefing. This enabled them to put together their own user training package and have the vehicle registered and a driver on the road within four weeks from order date. Compact, efficient, user friendly, economical, reliable and practically off the shelf, Wakefield couldn't be happier with their purchase.

For more information on VRS Evolution II or any other J & J Products visit [www.j-jconversions.co.uk](http://www.j-jconversions.co.uk) or email [glynn.lawrence@j-jconversions.co.uk](mailto:glynn.lawrence@j-jconversions.co.uk).