



**COMMERCIAL CONTRACT ENGINEERS LTD**  
**CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF BUSINESS**

Rochdale based Commercial Contract Engineers Ltd (CCE) is one of the major players in the vehicle maintenance and repair industry, with a strong reputation for high quality service.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006 CCE celebrated 25 years of business– a major milestone and a tremendous mark of achievement, following a record financial year in 2006, having achieved an annual turnover of £3.4 million. The company is now in the top four accident repair and vehicle maintenance specialists in the country for commercial vehicles, trailers, vans, 4X4s and cars.

The celebration black-tie ball was held at The Marquee, The Belfry House Hotel, Handforth, Wilmslow, Cheshire, where over 450 friends, family, employees, clients and local and national journalists attended a glittering evening.

Building on the early development through the Middleton premises, CCE moved to its current location in 2000 and has invested heavily in both a state of the art facility (27,000 sq ft of workplace- and 6,000 sq ft of office and store space on a 33,000 sq ft site) and equipment to cover all aspects of vehicle repair from vehicle recovery to paint work and from commercial vehicles to cars. The high tech facility also includes a massive 100,000 sq ft of vehicle parking/storage area and hard standing which is totally floodlit and has the security benefit of the latest CCTV technology. This maximises productivity and

performance in all departments of the business enabling projects to be undertaken with total confidence in terms of both delivery and security and most importantly, deadlines.

A key service offering, believed to be unique in the sector, is a replacement hire vehicle (in a variety of sizes) so that distributors can avoid expensive downtime – a service much appreciated by drivers and fleet operators alike. This innovative service was recognised by the industry when CCE received the Bodyshop Magazine Award in 1999. Also in the same year, CCE was nominated for the Bodyshop Commercial Vehicle Award, which the company actually won in 2001 and were runners up in 2006.

An important service from Commercial Contract Engineers Ltd is planned maintenance, which allows the operator to control costs through a fixed maintenance agreement (for example servicing agreements between three and five years, dependent on the customer's requirements) and also minimises downtime between repairs.

CCE's key markets are insurance companies and general fleet clients with HGV maintenance at 20 per cent+, HGV repairs at 45 per cent and car/light vehicle repairs accounting for 35 per cent of the business.

Major blue-chip clients include household names such as Tesco, Wincanton Logistics, Bibby Distribution and DHL. CCE's high levels of service quality has received praise from many well-known names in the motor industry and its reputation is confirmed by the fact that CCE is a recognised supplier to the major insurance companies; approved by SAGA Motor Claims, Cornhill, Royal Sun Alliance, Zurich and Norwich Union. CCE is also a fully fledged member of the PPG Paints Fleetwatch repair network.

Commercial Contract Engineers is very much a family business, with Phil Ewbank, 49, Managing Director, and his wife, Wendy, Financial Director. Their daughter, Michelle, is the Sales Administration Manager and son, Lee, has an estimating role. They are supported by a workforce of 48 employees.

Phil Ewbank is keen to develop the company's profile on a national level, confident that its Rochdale location is centrally suited to the industry's requirements. His philosophy is one of fostering staff loyalty and delivering a first class and competitive service; through a state of the art facility, modern equipment and technical knowledge underpinned by the ability to provide a total service package under one roof.

His personal commitment to the local community has been recognised by his appointment as Chairman of the Rochdale Development Agency.

Phil Ewbank would like to say a personal thank you to everyone involved in the success story that is Commercial Contract Engineers: "Without our clients, and most importantly our employees, we would not be in the position we are today. I hope everyone enjoyed the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration – our way of saying 'thank you' to you all."

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