

Lothian's Adam is named UK Bus Driver of the Year

Adam Stitt from Mayfield drives for Lothian and has been named the UK Bus Driver of the Year this week in the competition held in Blackpool.



Adam Stitt the Lothian driver who has won UK Bus Driver of the Year award

The bus drivers have to prove their technical skills in the theory and practical aspects of bus driving.

Adam, who has been working for Lothian for 9 years, said: "To win the UK bus driver of the year is brilliant and not something I was expecting when I entered the competition. It was a great experience to attend the event and our full range of skills were put to the test by the organisers – it was even more challenging when you are up against some great colleagues from across the industry.

"We have a fantastic group here at Lothian and we're helped enormously by the training and support we receive from the company. I'm delighted to win the title but I'm sure my friends in the garage won't let the success go to my head too much!"

The winner was one of a group of five Lothian drivers represented at the competition, including Stephen Wibden who finished in fourth place.

Lothian Managing Director Richard Hall, who set up an internal competition three years ago to allow drivers to demonstrate their skills before going forward to the National finals, also attended the event in Blackpool and said he was really thrilled for Adam and his colleagues on their achievements.

Richard said: "It is great news for Adam to be crowned UK Bus Driver of the Year against really difficult competition from operators across the country. It is a remarkable achievement and our congratulations go to him and our other drivers who were nominated for the event and attended with their partners and families.

"Lothian prides itself on its high standard of training and development and we are working hard to further professionalise the role of the bus driver. This then allows us to deliver an

increasingly higher level of service to all our customers across the region.

“We’re really pleased for Adam and he is a prime example of some of the great staff we have across the Lothian group.”