

Crossroads Truck & Bus was founded by Arthur (Tex) Smith and Fred Barber in 1956 initially selling quality used vehicles to UK and export markets. They were based at Gildersome near Leeds until 1962 when they moved premises to Gomersal.

In 1967 Crossroads was one of the first companies in the country to be appointed as an independent Volvo Distributor for Yorkshire.

Due to the growth and needs of our customers it was recognised that more sites were needed to cater for the increased demand for supply of parts and provide more facilities for the service of Volvo trucks. Hull depot opened in 1972 which covers the East Yorkshire area. In 1983 Thirsk depot opened covering North Yorkshire and a Sheffield depot was acquired which by 1986 had been replaced by a new custom built depot in Rotherham to cover South Yorkshire.

By 1988 Alvin Jarvis and Brian Emsley had controlling interest in the company with 3i Plc and Charterhouse with minority stakes. In 1991 when Brian Emsley retired, Alvin Jarvis held the controlling interest in Crossroads Commercials Group Limited.

In 1994 the head office and Gomersal depot moved to a new larger purpose built site to its present position at Birstall, situated near the junction of the M62 and M621 motorways.

Crossroads also expanded further to incorporate:

Normanton (Shearings Coaches)

Since 1995 we have been responsible for managing the service and repair of all Shearings coaches at their West Yorkshire Normanton passenger terminal. This is part of a national arrangement between Volvo Contract Services and Shearings on a national level. In 2002 we opened a purpose built service centre in Normanton extending our opening times to 24 hours a day 7 days a week offering a wide range of services & repairs.

Tadcaster (Courage Brewery)

From 1997 we have been responsible for the Scottish Courage fleet of vehicles at their Tadcaster Brewery facility. The rental agreement for this site also allows us to maintain any third party vehicles and provides significant opportunities in the area. In November 2002 we relocated our Tadcaster site to Coors Brewery allowing us to further develop our customer base.

In 1999 we entered into an agreement with Freighliner to manage this vehicle maintenance depot at Stourton, giving us the opportunity to bring a local service into the Leeds area.

In 1999 Crossroads acquired the Lincoln territory franchise formerly (John Hebbs). The area consists of two depots at Scunthorpe and Wootton, and an independent dealer point (G A Smalley) for which Crossroads is responsible.

In April 2002 a key distribution hub at Normanton was opened to support major fleet customers in that area.

In August 2002 we re-located our North Lincolnshire depot of Wootton to Stallingborough, a new purpose-built facility. A dedicated used vehicle operation at Scunthorpe also opened in 2002, allowing us to hold a greater amount of selected used trucks.

Thirsk depot relocated to Boroughbridge in 2005, to more modern, customised workshops. This has helped us to provide a better service level in the North Yorkshire area.

Martin Cronin became our MD in April 2005, having joined us from Volvo Trucks Ltd, where he was National Sales Director. In August 2005, he led the management buyout of the company from Alvin Jarvis, alongside Finance Director Andrew Fletcher and Divisional Directors Paddy Limb and Keith Bradley. Ken Meddes also joined us to take the role of Chairman,

The success of the organisation has been based on a very simple philosophy of providing customers with a first class level of local service. The commitment and pride from our employees has been a key feature in our success.