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The results of the twenty-seventh Caravan and Motorhome Club **Motorhome and Campervan Design Awards, sponsored by MAN**, were announced today. MAN Truck & Bus is a leading European manufacturer of commercial vehicles, with its award-winning MAN TGE forming the foundation of a wide range of high-quality motorhomes.

The results of the twenty-second **Lightweight Leisure Awards** were also revealed.

Judging took place during the Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show at the NEC in February and via desktop assessment prior to viewing the motorhome and campervan vehicles.

One hundred and five vehicles were submitted for the Motorhome and Campervan Design Awards and forty-one vehicles were entered in the Lightweight Leisure Awards. These Competitions provide the best quality, and quantity, of information to members and buyers.

The motorhome and campervan vehicles went through a rigorous desk based evaluation prior to the judges going to the show. The expert panel collectively spent over one thousand hours going through an immense amount of data from websites, brochures, handbooks and entry forms to complete in-depth evaluations via desktop.

The entries were thoroughly assessed against an extensive criteria including security, electrics, bed sizes, solar panels, kitchen, washrooms, heating, leisure batteries, technical aspects, USB sockets and entertainment. The vehicles were also evaluated regarding mechanical specifications, ISOfix points, number of seat belts provided, ease of parking assist technology and driver's aids.

At the Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show at the NEC, the judges then viewed the vehicles to complete this comprehensive judging process.

Similarly, Judges for the Lightweight Leisure Awards assessed everything from weights and measures to Thermal Insulation Grade and recommended tyre pressures. Further scrutiny awarded merit for build quality, setting up on campsite, together with sleeping and living accommodation.

Nick Lomas, Director General of the Caravan and Motorhome Club, said, "Our warmest congratulations go to this year's winners across the Motorhome and Campervan Design Awards and the Lightweight Leisure Awards. We are grateful to our industry partners for their ongoing support and for continuing to showcase innovation and excellence within the sector. The insights gathered through the judging process remain invaluable in helping existing and prospective members choose the right vehicle for their touring needs. My thanks also go to our dedicated judging panel, whose expertise and thorough assessment of the entries ensure these awards continue to set a high benchmark for the industry."

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The panel of experts Motorhome and Campervan Design Awards Judges:

Dan Cartwright

Dan has been a passionate caravan and motorhome advocate since 1989 when as an eight-year-old child he spent a wonderful week in a 1950's Willerby Wisp. Dan founded CaravanTimes in 2010 and has been there ever since. Dan is also a self-confessed petrol head and has been chief car tester and motorbike journalist at CaravanTimes since it started.

Justine Higgins

A lifelong caravanner and camper, Justine discovered campervanning during a four-month tour of Europe with her husband and has been hooked ever since. Now, 15 years later, and with a family, they love nothing more than setting off an adventure in the UK or abroad. After studying History and English literature at University, then 20 years as a HR manager, Justine turned her passion for the outdoors, travel and campervans into a career as a freelance writer. She is a regular contributor to magazines documenting her travels, giving practical advice and reviewing campsites. Justine is a member of the Caravan Writer's Guild.

Martin Dorey MBE

Martin is a writer, green activist and lifelong campervanner. He presented the BBC 2 show 'One Man and his Campervan' in 2011 and was guest judge on 'Caravanner of the Year' in 2016. Martin writes best-selling books about camping, including 'Take the Slow Road', a series covering driving beautiful routes.

Martin Spencer

A degree-qualified engineer, Martin's been Club Technical Manager for over 25 years overseeing practical advice for members while undertaking extensive industry engagement, government consultations and work on national/international standards development. His knowledge is underpinned by caravanning since the age of seven around most of the UK and Western Europe, and most recently motorhoming in Australia.

Mel Philpott

Mel is a dedicated motorhomer and a previous judge for this competition. Mel and her husband Ryan produce the YouTube vlog 'OvernightersTV' sharing their motorhoming adventures. Mel brings with her a wealth of experience in the world of motorhomes.

Nick Harding

Nick brings with him some four decades' journalistic experience of reviewing leisure vehicles. You'll see his motorhome write-ups in the Club Magazine each month. He's also owned a variety of leisure vehicles and toured extensively throughout the UK, Europe and beyond.

Rob McCabe

Rob's involvement with the caravan and motorhome world stretches back all of 30 years, during which time he has edited both Practical Caravan and Caravan magazines - and for much of that time he has been a contributor to the Caravan and Motorhome Club Magazine. His long career in journalism also includes spells on a range of publications that include the Sunday Post, Motor Cycle News, What Car?, Land Rover Owner, Classic Cars and Take A Break. He recently retired from his position as head of production at Bauer Media's motoring division.

Siobhan Daniels

Solo motorhomer, explorer, podcaster and author of 'Retirement Rebel'. Siobhan had a 30 year career working as a reporter, presenter and producer in local news. In 2019, aged sixty, she took early retirement, sold her belongings, bought a motorhome and embarked on her solo trip around Great Britain.

Charles Patrick

A keen caravanner and a member of the Caravan and Motorhome Club for 25 years. Owner of a small family run garage business with MOT experience. Charles has served on many committees including his local Club centre as Secretary and Chairman and has a passion for the social side of rallying. Currently serving on the Club's Technical committee, Charles likes to keep up with technology and supports off grid use with good knowledge of solar power and advantages of lithium batteries.

Lightweight Leisure Trailer Judges:

Barrie Livesey

Barrie has been a caravanner for over fifty years and worked in the lightweight leisure industry for 20 years. Barrie was instrumental in bringing the Lightweight Leisure Awards to fruition 21 years ago. His wealth of experience, knowledge of the sector and the products, was invaluable in shaping these awards. Barrie enjoys time away from home in his caravan with his wife and spending time in the great outdoors.

Cameron Burns

Cameron Burns runs the social media account 'NotAnotherWhiteBox', celebrating all that's cool, quirky and unusual in the caravan world. He has a keen interest in caravan design, owning a small collection of vintage caravans from the 1960s - 1980s which he has restored himself. His grandparents first joined the CAMC over 50 years ago, and he still has the little 1966 Sprite 400 caravan that they joined the Club with way back then. With a lifetime of caravanning experience both in the UK and Europe, he's a great addition to the judging panel. Cameron also tours with a roof tent and enjoys glamping breaks.

James Lewis

Having grown up camping in traditional ground tents, James moved into the world of overlanding utilising vehicular based solutions to allow him to explore more easily. Building and improving upon a vehicle built from the ground up over years with the sole purpose to allow James to travel, cook, camp and relax all in great comfort. Using different products and being willing to experiment with new innovations in the market whilst travelling the length of the UK and across Europe has given James vast experience in the industry as a consumer.

Jules Mark

Jules has fond memories of family holidays in a trailer tent. Around 20 years ago, when her children were toddlers, she and her family started touring with a folding camper, quickly upgrading to a larger model and falling in love with the freedom it offered. With a background in early years education as a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator (SENDCO), Jules understands the needs of young families when choosing the right camping gear. Now, with her children grown, she enjoys touring in her small caravan with her husband. Recent trips include a three-week tour of the NC500 in Scotland and a six-week European adventure, along with local weekend getaways.

Jeff Allen

Jeff has been camping and caravanning all his life and now enjoys the freedom of caravanning in retirement. He has travelled extensively across Europe and is currently planning a tour of southern Ireland. Jeff has volunteered on the Technical Committee for three years and values the breadth of its work. He holds a Diploma in Marketing and an MBA, and has a professional background in technical sales, marketing and business management, working with national and international companies in the commercial vehicle sector.

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About the Caravan and Motorhome Club

With over **1 million members and 118 years of experience**, the Caravan and Motorhome Club is the UK's No 1 touring club - as rated on TrustPilot - and helps its members get more from the great outdoors, whether glamping or touring.

- Membership: £69 per year
- Access to 2,700+ campsites across the UK and Europe
- Escorted tours in Europe, North America, Australasia & Africa
- Expert travel advice and member offers
- Visit UK holiday deals & offers to see the range of offers

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