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Welcome

It has been just over a year since we last gathered for this event. In that time we have seen a change of government, civil unrest, and another summer of sport where our national teams have fallen just short. Our industry alone is getting to grips with the Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Mandate, changing business models, and the promise of new market entrants at a frequency not seen before.

All these factors influence confidence. Pessimism sees belts tighten, while optimism fuels growth. The leasing broker sector has always shown itself to be resilient in the face of turbulence. This breeds positivity. Our latest Leasing Outlook data shows that the vehicle leasing industry remains hopeful about the UK economy and its immediate future. Business confidence among our sector has seen a steady improvement since 2022.

Growing confidence should not be seen as arrogance or complacency though. Concerns remain over margins and relationships with OEMs, while the ZEV Mandate is changing how – and which – vehicles flow through the supply chain. All this alongside an ever-evolving regulatory backdrop.

Today's agenda covers all that and more. Our expert speakers will look at where the sector is succeeding, the opportunities to leasing broker members in the short- and long-term, and the challenges that we collectively will overcome.

Thank you to our headline sponsor QV Systems plus supporting sponsors, Fleet Procure, Voyc, and Webfleet Solutions. Broker News remains our valued media partner, and please do take the time to visit the stands of our exhibitors throughout the day. The support of these organisations makes this event possible.

Finally, I would like to thank you for taking the time to attend our Conference. I am confident it will be a valuable day.

Gerry Keaney, Chief Executive, BVRLA



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Change has been the only constant for everyone in the past few years. Whether the global impacts of COVID-19, economic instability, increased conflict, climate change and the rise of generative Al or the semiconductor supply crisis, consumer duty, variable commission rulings, ZEV mandate and BEV residual value uncertainty affecting us in particular; coping with an onslaught of events has become the new normal.

The waves of change can feel relentless, disruptive and unsettling, but time and time again, the BVRLA broker community has responded to relentless change with relentless innovation, ultimately driving forward our industry and the products offered to our customers.

Events like the BVRLA Leasing Broker Conference offer a respite from the maelstrom and give us all space to celebrate our resilience and, together, prepare for what's coming next! I'm excited to spend a day learning from you all, and hopefully contributing in a small way to our shared success.

Thanks for joining us today and enjoy!

Daniel Layne Founder and CEO QV Systems

Agenda

09:30 >	Registration: delegates arrive, tea/coffee, networking
10:15 >	Welcome from conference chair Rod Lloyd, lcv group
10:25 >	Introduction from Headline Sponsor Daniel Layne, QV Systems
10:35 >	Session 1: The Regulatory Roadmap for Leasing Brokers – an FCA perspective Costas Pittas, Financial Conduct Authority
11:20 >	SPONSOR: Voyc
11:25 >	Tea/Coffee Break (Affinity 2)
11:55 >	Session 2: Economic Outlook David Smith, The Sunday Times Economic Editor
12:25 >	SPONSOR: Motorcomplete
12:30 >	Session 3: Automotive Aspirations Owen Edwards, Grant Thornton
13:00 >	SPONSOR: leasing.com
13:05 >	Lunch & Networking (Affinity 2)

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14:05 >	SPONSOR: Clear Vehicle Data
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14:50 >	SPONSOR: Warranty Solutions Group
14:55 >	Session 5: Leasing Broker Look Ahead Chair: Rod Lloyd, lcv group Panel: • Paul Harrison, leasing.com • David Robertson, Leasys • Laura Muir, Fleet Alliance • Lee Jones, Fleet Procure • Luke Mears, VIP Gateway • Toby Poston, BVRLA
15:35 >	Session 6: 353 Charity Short presentation from Tony Lewis
15:55 >	Conference Chair Closing Comments
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At Voyc, we provide sophisticated AI-powered conversation intelligence and call quality monitoring software expertly tailored for the UK Motor Finance sector. Relied upon by over 80 finance firms and having processed 50 million calls, Voyc ensures that 100% of your customer conversations are monitored, giving you peace of mind knowing that your agents are FCA compliant and your customers are happy.

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Drivvn - www.drivvn.com

Recognised for the strength of its automotive digital retail proposition, drivvn launched as a standalone agency on 1 August 2020. Originally part of Summit Media, drivvn today compliments The Continuity Company suite of businesses as a wholly owned subsidiary of the TCC group.

Building upon its heritage in e-commerce optimisation and retailing excellence, drivvn continues to innovate, supporting organisations wanting to accelerate online sales by empowering customer journeys with products and wraparound consultative services.

Clear Vehicle Data - www.clearvehicledata.com

CVD's Team led by Tim Hudson and Graham Prince who between them have over 50 years working in the Broker sector on both sides of the table, Tim having worked for LeasePlan and Lex, Graham having founded, developed and sold his own Broker business.

The BVRLA conference has come at a great time for us as we have been expanding our customer base in the Broker Sector with our Images and Data products. The CVD team that include Brad Challen and Sarah Franklin, are excited about meeting with our customers and prospects at the conference.

CVD has powered websites, dealer systems and the wider automotive world with vehicle & provenance data, images, and cost of ownership tools since 2013, supporting a broad range of customers engaged in the automotive ecosystem by delivering value for money, agnostic and flexible products and services.

Warranty Solutions Group - www.warrantysolutionsgroup.co.uk

Warranty Solutions Group Ltd (WSG) is a multi-award-winning provider of automotive warranties and after-sales support, specialising in tailored solutions, which are ideal for leasing companies. With a deep understanding of the leasing industry, WSG offers bespoke warranty programs designed to enhance the customer experience while protecting leasing companies from costly repairs and vehicle downtime.

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Leasys specialises in multi-brand operational leasing, offering a wide range of tailored mobility services, from short, medium, and long-term rentals to vehicle management solutions, for private individuals and businesses. Leasys vision is to shape the future of mobility by offering sustainable, innovative, and tailored solutions designed around its customers for a best-in-class experience, providing expert, dedicated consultation, and personal customer care.

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Speakers



Andy Short

CLM Fleet Management

Andy joined CLM in 2015 and is a resultsfocused commercial leader experienced in strategy development and delivery, team leadership, operations management, business development and customer satisfaction. Andy has many years' experience gained in a variety of motor industry roles, with the Bank of Scotland, Masterlease and the RAC.



Anthony Lewis

Stellantis

Tony Lewis, following University Tony attended The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as an officer in the RCT, and then followed a 35 year career in the Automotive industry, primarily in the LCV sector with Ford, LDV, Nissan, Infiniti, Jardine VW, WestWay Nissan and currently Stellantis as the LCV Business Development Director in the global Pro-One team.



Costas Pittas

FCA

Costas is one of the FCA's Heads of Consumer Finance Supervision. He joined the FCA in 2014 and has spent the last 10 years leading teams responsible for regulating various consumer finance portfolios and mortgage firms. His Department supervises the motor finance and retail finance markets and also runs cross-market supervisory projects. An Australian-qualified lawyer, Costas has worked in regulation for around 22 years, serving in a range of investigation/ enforcement and supervision roles. Costas has previously worked at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Financial Services Authority, KPMG and Ofcom.



Daniel Layne

Founder & CEO, QV Systems

With 24 years in the industry, Daniel has designed and implemented some of the largest-scale automotive finance systems, as well as spending time in leasing, telematics and auction/logistics companies. He launched QV Systems in 2015 with the aim of bringing the benefits of SaaS to the automotive finance vertical for both brokers and funders. He is married with three children and his interests include law, regulation, the future of technology, cycling and travel.

David Smith

The Sunday Times

David Smith has been economics editor of The Sunday Times since 1989. He is also an assistant editor and policy adviser. He has won a number of awards, including the Harold Wincott award for Senior Financial Journalist of the Year (2004). He is a regular contributor to the CBI's Business Voice. Before joining The Sunday Times, he worked for The Times, Financial Weekly, Now! Magazine, the Henley Centre for Forecasting and Lloyds Bank. Smith is the author of several books, including The Rise and Fall of Monetarism, From Boom to Bust, Eurofutures, Will Europe Work?, Free Lunch: Easily Digestible Economics and The Dragon & the Elephant: China, India and the New World Order. The Age of Instability, about the banking crisis and the global recession, was published in March 2010.

Donna Kelly

Nationwide

Donna Kelly is the Digital Marketing Manager at Nationwide Vehicle Contracts. She has over 15 years of experience in the industry, with a background in broadcast media, working for the BBC and ITV. Donna specialises in search technologies, AI, and digital innovation, and holds a CIM Specialist Award in AI Marketing.

Speakers



Jason Gill

Webfleet

Jason is the Strategic Partnerships Director at Webfleet, part of Bridgestone Mobility Solutions, where he oversees strategic partnerships across the UK and Ireland. With deep expertise in telematics, vehicle leasing, and fleet management, Jason has held pivotal roles at Michelin Connected Fleet, Lex Autolease, Fleet Logistics, Epyx, Halfords, and Arval. His skill set encompasses client relations, international sales, and market expansion, with a focus on delivering innovative, data-driven solutions. Passionate about technology and sustainability, Jason is committed to transforming the mobility sector and shaping the future of fleet management.



Laura Muir

Fleet Alliance

Laura Muir is the Head of Appointed Representative and Partner at Fleet Alliance, where she has led the team since 2016. With extensive expertise in fleet management and business partnerships, Laura plays a pivotal role in supporting partners and Appointed Representatives within the company. Fleet Alliance's partner division, established in 2002, benefits from a highly skilled team, delivering comprehensive solutions to help vehicle leasing businesses to grow. Laura is passionate about creating value for partners and is open to exploring new collaborations to drive mutual success.



Lee Jones

Fleet Procure

Lee Jones is the founder and Managing Director of Fleet Procure. He has been in the automotive industry for 21 years which included founding and selling a leasing broker business. Having founded Fleet Procure in 2017 initially to develop a procurement portal for that business, he quickly found other leasing broker businesses keen to also use the portal having faced the same challenges. With over 200 BVRLA members now using the portal plus some of the major leasing companies, he is enthusiastic about using technology to drive efficiencies in the industry.



Lethabo Motsoaledi

CoFounder, Voyc

Lethabo Motsoaledi is the Co-Founder and CTO of Voyc, a company that provides compliance monitoring software to ensure that regulated firms consistently handle interactions with care. Voyc serves clients in the UK, US, and South Africa. Voyc's advanced AI and Machine Learning technologies have helped firms monitor compliance in over 48 million customer interactions.

Recognised in 2023 as a Forbes 30 Under 30 Europe honouree in Technology, Lethabo has also been acknowledged by Forbes Africa, Financial Times' Sifted magazine, and more. She holds a degree in Geomatics Engineering from UCT and has received numerous academic awards including a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship.

Luke Mears

VIP Gateway

Luke Mears is the founder and Managing Director of VIP Gateway. Luke has scaled VIP Gateway from the ground up and despite the challenges, experienced significant growth at a strong rate within the leasing market. The key to VIP Gateway's success are based on a number of values that operate purely based on team culture and people, outstanding service at a high level across every area, data driven analytics and attention to detail.



Owen Edwards

Grant Thornton

Owen is a member of the Grant Thornton Automotive Advisory practice, with responsibility for Automotive Retail Business Consulting. He worked for seven years at Inchcape Plc, the world's largest independent motor retailer and distributor. For four years, he was the Director of Business Development, undertaking acquisitions and focusing on the strategic positioning of the business across the globe. Prior to this, as Group Strategy Manager, his projects included introducing new brands into emerging markets, restructuring a number of the groups overseas underperforming operations, and compiling the group's fiveyear strategy plan.

Speakers



Richard Whittall

Salford University

Dr Richard Whittle holds a fellowship in Al and Human Behaviour at the University of Salford and a visiting fellowship in Al preparedness at University College London. Richard's research is published in world leading journals such as Public Administration, and Work, Employment and Society, his last book examined the impact of algorithmic decision making on economy and society. Dr Whittle has received research funding from numerous prestigious sources including UKRI and the ESRC as well as a CAPE fellowship hosted in the Institute of Innovation and Public Purpose at UCL.



Rob Pilkington

Ebbon Group

Rob is joint CEO of the Ebbon Group. His primary focus is on longer-term growth opportunities for the group and building a great enterprise culture. He was a founder of the initial Ebbon business.

Originally a Computer Scientist, he joined an automotive graduate training programme in 1995 and has been in the automotive sector ever since. He was instrumental in setting up the Ebbon Intelligence business and outside work has been studying Artificial Intelligence for many years, both at a mathematical and practical level. He is deeply interested in genuinely practical and ethical applications of A.I. technologies for business.



Rod Lloyd

Rod Lloyd is the CEO of the lcv group, one of the UK's leading providers of commercial vehicles based in South Wales. He has been an active member of the BVRLA's Leasing Broker committee since 2017, taking on the position of Chair in 2023. The move also saw him join the association's Committee of Management. He purchased the lcv group in 2006 (then Low Cost Vans) and has developed relationships with major OEMS to allow lcv to sell, lease and contract hire commercial vehicles to businesses in the UK. In 2022, Rod oversaw the lcv group's acquisition of TR Fleet to expand the companies offering into bespoke fleet services. Away from the boardroom, Rod is a keen sportsman, having played rugby union until the age of 45 and being a lifetime supporter of Swansea City AFC.

Shashi Maharaj

Legal and Membership Director, BVRLA

Shashi joined the BVRLA in May 2020 as legal and membership director, responsible for the association's governance, compliance and membership functions. As the former BMW Financial Services head of strategy, he has spent more than 20 years with BMW in a variety of senior legal, strategy and compliance roles.



William Richmond-Coggan Freeths

Will Richmond-Coggan is a partner at top 50 law firm Freeths LLP, specialising exclusively in data, Al and information law. He heads the firm's data and information law disputes team and is regularly instructed in large scale data breach litigation. He also supports a wide-range of clients with strategic data, Al and other technology related issues. Those clients range in size from start ups to multinationals, primarily in the manufacturing, retail and automotive sectors. Will is currently ranked as a Next Generation Partner by Legal 500 who describe him as 'excellent on data law issues' and 'very knowledgeable'.

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