



PRESS RELEASE

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**Ian from Shrewsbury crowned 'Driver of the Year'
at national competition**

Local bus driver, Ian Greenfield, has been named 'Driver of the Year' after beating stiff competition from hundreds of bus drivers across the UK.

Ian, 45, from Shrewsbury was presented with the prestigious title at the Made a Difference Awards on 19th April, in Hinckley, Leicestershire, where the final five shortlisted drivers came together with Arriva staff from across all regions to celebrate the awards.

The Driver of the Year award, which is part of Arriva's annual 'Made a Difference' awards, recognises a driver's dedication and willingness to go the extra mile over the course of the last 12 months.

Ian, who operates the Oxon Park & Ride route has worked for the company for 21 years and commented: "I feel so honoured to have won the Driver of the Year Award and when they announced my name as the winner I was completely shell-shocked. I'm extremely humbled especially because there are so many great drivers at Arriva, and I would just like to thank all of my lovely passengers who have made this all happen, without them it wouldn't have been possible."

Ian was initially shortlisted for the award in February after being nominated by local passengers for his passion and commitment to the job. Since then, he has gone head to head with other Arriva drivers in the Midlands area and was voted as one of five to go through to the final.

Jamie Crowsley, Arriva Shropshire General Manager said: “We’re thrilled that our longstanding colleague Ian has been selected as the ‘Driver of the Year’. To have won the title ahead of so many other fantastic and talented Arriva bus drivers is an honour, and Ian should be very proud of this massive achievement.

Over his 21 years at the company, it has been a pleasure to see how patient, calm and friendly Ian is with his passengers, and he is a real asset to the company.”

Ian continued: “I really enjoy being a bus driver, every day I get to do two of the things that I love the most; driving and meeting new people, so it couldn’t be a more perfect job for me!”

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