

Josh wins his wings at RRS

At the tender age of 17, Josh Sparrow is the latest recruit to join the rapidly expanding team at Yorkshire-based RRS and must be one of the leading contenders for the title of 'Youngest Recovery Driver of the Year'.

Son of RRS founders Anthony and Becky Sparrow, Josh joined the company last year straight from school, but as he was only 16 years old, and couldn't even hold a provisional driving licence, he set about learning everything about the trade. Whether it was basics like



cleaning the yard, office duties or going out on call-outs with the experienced crews he wanted to get to grips with all aspects of being a professional recovery operator.

It didn't take long for Josh to realise that actually being on the road was what he really enjoyed, so even though he was too young to drive, he began formal training under the IVR system achieving categories 1 2 and 3 while still 16 - surely one of the youngest in the country.

As soon as he turned 17, he applied for his driving licence, passed his test and was raring to go. "With the business getting busier and busier, especially since we opened the new depot in Goole, it was important that I get out on the recovery side as soon as possible" said Josh. "At 17 I can only drive a category B vehicle, so my Dad called Mac at Recovery World to see if he had anything that would be suitable. They had a new RW20 beavertail, based on a Peugeot boxer 3.5 tonne chassis, in stock, ready and waiting so we bought it there and then. I then travelled down to Hatfield and drove it home. As soon as it was decaled I was out there on the road doing the job and it's been absolutely brilliant."

Having been well taught by owner Anthony, Josh is out every day on his own, and playing his part, not just recovering vehicles, but doing all the paperwork and even building his own client base. Josh added "Maybe I don't have the experience of some of the other lads, but

arriving with a clean truck, looking smart, having a smiling face and doing the job quickly and efficiently is so important in making sure that RRS presents a totally professional image and continues it's success."

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Editor's notes

High resolution photos available on request

More about Recovery World

<u>Recovery World</u> was established in January 2001 to supply both new & used vehicles to the UK & Europe. With now over 150 vehicles on the site at any one time it has to be the largest collection of recovery vehicles in Europe if not the world. The Recovery World website has become a community focus for all those involved in the vehicle recovery industry, not just for vehicle sales, but a central information point. The forum is very active with drivers and operators able to air their views and opinions and maintain contact with each other.

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