

Bell B20Es are a real find for archaeological specialist LK Construction



LK Construction, the UK operated plant hire and ground works contractor renowned for its archaeological excavation expertise, has bolstered its fleet with the purchase of three Bell Equipment B20E Articulated Dump Trucks, all within sixteen months.

With its ability to provide a highly skilled archaeological dig service, the LK Construction team has developed a strong national reputation for archaeological evaluations and excavations of all sizes, resulting in a sizeable portfolio of pre-construction archaeology clients.

Leading a team with thousands of hours of experience excavating archaeology, the company's Managing Director, Lloyd White, was looking to build a 'more dexterous' fleet of vehicles for his expanding operation. Having previously rented ADTs, Lloyd wanted to create a workforce of his own, comprising of more nimble vehicles with oscillating frames and high flotation tyres, designed to prevent ruts and minimise the chance of becoming stuck.

"Our archaeology clients operate onsite in all weathers," he explains, "which means we do too. Often we work on land with challenging

ground conditions, which easily create the potential to damage the archaeology below. We wanted a vehicle that would complement our drivers' skilled operation; a compact solution that would operate with accuracy. That's why we became interested in Bell Equipment's B20E."

A physically smaller incarnation of the Bell B25E and B30E, but with comparable capabilities, the B20E 6x6 ADT has already proved itself as a popular machine within housebuilding markets. With its emissions-compliant Mercedes Benz engine, this economical ADT delivers excellent tonnes per litre ratios and is considered a small site 'access enabler' owing to its compact design.

"Working within the archaeology sector, it's vital that we get the dig right first time, avoiding damage and working efficiently," Lloyd continues. "This makes the B20E's light ground pressure and flotation

tyres perfect for the task.

"Having purchased our first model 16-months ago, I was quickly sold on the vehicle's capabilities. Our clients have been very pleased with the level at which the machine is able to perform, combined with our drivers' skilled operation. In fact, I've been so pleased, that I went on to purchase a second B20E a year ago, and a third back in May.

"Together, the machines have presented us with very little downtime, other than general wear and tear, and the result and levels of efficiency we've achieved through using them has been impressive.

"They're ideal for this specific line of delicate work, but also perform extremely well within our other sectors of groundworks, earthworks, enabling works and site clearance. All-in-all, a great machine."

