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Waddesdon Farms, Waddesdon, Aylesbury

LEXION 780TT with CONVIO 1230 Cutterbar (2019)

Since 2010, Waddesdon Farms has reduced the number of combines they run from two to one, and as of last year a LEXION 780TT, fitted with a pre-series CONVIO draper type cutterbar.

The reduction in combines not only highlights the increased capacity of a 780TT, but also the move by the estate towards more regenerative, sustainable farming.

With up to nine different crop types to harvest across 1214ha of arable cropping, including crops such as soya, peas and linseed, farm manager Leon Shepherd admits that he expects a lot out of the combine.

To help the LEXION meet his expectations, it was specified with operator aids such as CEMOS AUTOMATIC and TELEMATICS, but just as important to Leon is the support he gets from the OLIVERS team at Tingewick.

“I need to get the best out of the combine. The LEXION is a high capacity machine and the automated systems available are important if the operator is to get the best out of it.



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“Last year was a long tough harvest. The final crops were harvested in late October, by which time the LEXION had worked hard in some very difficult conditions; at times we had water flowing down the tracks. It’s in seasons like that where you are very reliant on the dealer and I want to know that if we have a problem that they will be there for us. For instance we had a problem with the CONVO cutterbar, but by the following morning another had arrived that OLIVERS had sourced from Saxham.

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“Also Will who looks after the LEXION is exceptional. He’s a great lad who knows the combine backwards and was an absolute godsend last summer. He is totally dedicated to the machines he looks after and it is Will who really makes the combine.

He is always the first port of call if there is a problem and it’s great I can speak to him direct and so shorten the lines of communication.

“The choice of combine came down to two, but it was the full package that I know comes with a LEXION; a very good product, MAXICARE extended warranty and the service and support I know I will get from OLIVERS. It’s a big investment and the LEXION is a fantastic bit of kit, but service and support is a critical part of the system.

“I am also very meticulous about maintenance. The LEXION will always have a full winter service and anything it needs it will get, so that on the day it goes out of the yard into the field, I know it will go. Increasingly we seem to have very short windows in which to harvest, so I have to be confident that when we can go, we can go.”



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