



In January 2022, Richard Best put his faith into the CLAAS TORION 535, and it hasn't skipped a beat since...

FSM James Poad, from HAMBLYS Launceston depot, had offered Richard the loader as a demo machine. At the time, the farm hadn't been in the market for a new machine.

"The demo really changed our minds. We were very impressed with the lifting capabilities of the 535 considering how small it was. The fact it was produced in association with Liebherr was a real selling point for us, we knew it was going to be built well."

And so with that, the small CLAAS loader never left the yard.

"Prior to the TORION, we had always run side boom machines. However, we have completely converted to pivot steer machines now. They're very handy to use and with all of our sheds being quite narrow with tight turns, the TORION works very well for us."

"It's mainly used for sanding the cubicles, cleaning out calf sheds, bedding up, cleaning out sand pens, it's a general all rounder really. It's very manoeuvrable, comfortable and easy to drive - any of the team on the farm can jump into and know how to work with it. We've had it 2 years, it doesn't get an easy life, but it starts everyday and that's all that matters."

"We try and purchase kit that's reliable - so we buy a fair bit of machinery from HAMBLYS. Whenever it needs a service, they're right here. It's been a brilliant loader, when it comes to changing it we can see ourselves going for another CLAAS - perhaps the next model up this time!"

