



Bernie Worth

In spring 2023, the Worth family were looking for a new workhorse to join their fleet. Along came the ARION 660...

"We had dealt with HAMBLYS before when we had bought a second hand JAGUAR 870 in 2008, so we were familiar with the CLAAS brand. During first cut silage last year, we tried out the ARION 660 alongside a few other makes of tractor, and fell in love with it. Although we only tried it on a trailer at the time, we couldn't get over how comfortable it was. We were hauling silage along the roughest track you could imagine, and the comfort is what sold it."

The Worth's ended up buying the ARION they had demo'd, and they haven't looked back since.

"Since then we invested in another new ARION 660 in April 2024, and followed by second hand ARION 640 a couple of months later. The original ARION 660 does everything on the farm - tillage, mowing, trawling, as well as anything that needs 3 point linkage. The CLAAS is great for work in the field, we've definitely tested it's pulling capabilities."

Gary is normally found behind the wheel of the ARION 660, and he had a lot to say about the CLAAS tractor's features.

"I personally had never used GPS before, but I use it for everything now. It's not massively complicated to work out, and after the initial installation Keith from HAMBLYS was able to explain the majority of it over the phone. Now the tractor has all the mappings set up for the farm, and we use it in nearly every job, other than trawling."

*"We demo'd the CLAAS and haven't looked back, and now we have 3 ARIONs because of it."*

"The first job I used it for was drilling grass seeds. I ran out of seed on the Friday, left it for the weekend and when I pulled back into the field on the Monday the system was exactly as I'd left it ready to start the job. We definitely prefer the CLAAS GPS over our other tractors for how it stores the maps."



"I also think the stretch brake is fantastic. We used to run tractors with exhaust brakes, and at the time we thought we wouldn't be without it, but since trying the CLAAS stretch brake it's in another league! There's a long hill down to the entrance of the farm here, and if you're sensible, even with a trailer full of maize you don't have to touch the brakes on the tractor whatsoever. It works the brakes on the trailer to slow you as you come along the road to safely pull into the farm."

"With the other CLAAS tractors, the second 660 is a CEMIS with all the bells and whistles involved, so it's ready to take over if there were ever any issues with the original. The 640 would be the tractor that anyone in the yard would hop into; they all seem to love it, and get along really well with the HEXASHIFT gearbox. It does exactly what it says on the tin."

"Both the 660's have service contracts, and the 0% finance offer from CLAAS is great. We'd had enough of second hand tractors with hire purchase agreements and then paying the maintenance for them. The 5 year warranty on the ARIONs meant there was one less thing to worry about and the service contract means we haven't got any unexpected bills other than paying the monthly installments. The service we get from HAMBLYS at Torrington is brilliant, they come out to the farm to service the tractors. We're big fans of Sam Willoughby & Fraser Daw, and Andrew the service manager is always on top of things. We can't fault the team down there. The Sales Manager, Steve Peryman, has been a great man to deal with when it comes to the ARIONs."



*'We can't fault the service team at HAMBLYS Torrington'*

