

ARION 650 – “I love it”



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Mr Keith Cambidge works with his brother managing their 150-cow dairy herd, plus 250 calves, 200 acres of arable land, the same of grassland and maize for the cattle. They both do a lot of contract work locally and seasonally drive combines for local farmers.

“We have been dealing with MORRIS CORFIELD for a long time. We used to have all Massey Ferguson machinery, we ended up changing because of a few reasons. We knew that the after sales service was good from MORRIS CORFIELD,” explains Mr Cambidge.

“The first CLAAS tractor that I bought was an ARION 640 with the HEXASHIFT transmission. It was a good tractor. I ended up swapping another one of our Massey Fergusons for another ARION 640 with the same specification. They both had front PTO and front linkage and I really liked them, they worked great for us.

“Most recently I swapped the original ARION 640 we had for an ARION 650, which is what we have now. I’ve just bought the steering GPS system for it with the S10 screen. I love the GPS, I wouldn’t be without it. I use the GPS for drilling, spraying, fertiliser spreading, contract mowing and sometimes on the slurry tanker.”

The ARION 650 does all the main work for Mr Cambidge, it has done just under 4,000 hours from new, averaging

about 1,000 hours a year. The ARION 640 does between 600-800 hours a year, so they both work a decent amount. They also own a SCORPION, their second, which his brother predominantly uses.

“The MORRIS CORFIELD after sales service is next to none, the lads are brilliant,” comments Mr Cambidge. “I have never had anything really awful go wrong, but you know if it did, MORRIS CORFIELD would have a replacement sent out to you in no time. With the combine work I have had two different engine problems and MORRIS CORFIELD got us going the same day with a loaned machine.

“Within a day and a half, our machine was back with us and up and running. When you compare them to other local dealers in the area, we count ourselves lucky. That’s why it’s a big factor to consider when buying a machine.

“Even though I love CLAAS machines and think I’m a loyal customer, I always get a competitive quote when I’m thinking of changing a machine. With the most recent swap I had two quotes side by side, both similar in price, both the type of specification I wanted, so on paper there wasn’t much in it. But then you come back to the dealer back up and MORRIS CORFIELD wins hands down so that made the decision easy.

“You also get brilliant support from CLAAS themselves. They have really helped us out over the years, they are very good.”

