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### **William Stobart Presents Park Mark Award at J.38 Services**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008, William Stobart, COO of the Stobart Group – one of the UK's largest Logistics Company visited J.38 Services and Truck stop in Tebay, Cumbria to present the Park Mark Safer Parking Award. Eddie Stobart like Westmorland Ltd is passionate about quality, individuality and its Cumbrian roots.

William Stobart commented "I was delighted to have been asked to present the Park Mark Award. I am particularly impressed with the facilities at J38 Truck stop, the new Cafe with local produce and home made food, new toilets and showers and the importance that has been given to Security. It is incredibly important that drivers carrying a large and often valuable load have somewhere safe to park their vehicle overnight".

The Park Mark Safer Parking Scheme is a National Scheme, organised in association with Chief Police Officers aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime in parking facilities. Park Mark®, is awarded to parking facilities that have met the requirements of a risk assessment conducted by the Police and that significant measures have been put in place to reduce criminal activity.

J38 Services and Truck stop has undergone a £500,000 refurbishment, which included the installation of floodlighting throughout the Park, security barriers and 24 hour CCTV and new easy to read directional signs. In addition J38 Services and Truck stop have created a dedicated parking area for refrigerated vehicles and a Change over area outside the Truck Park.

Staff at J.38 Services and Truck stop worked closely with Mark Osmond of The British Parking Association who guided them through the requirements of the

award. Once the new security features were in place, Site Manager, Sandra Counter had to go through an intensive interview process to illustrate all the security procedures on site. Only when Cumbria Constabulary's local Community Safety Officer was happy with all of these aspects, were The British Parking Authority able to issue the Park Mark Safer Parking Award.

Mark Osmond commented "J.38 Services and Truck stop now belong to a nationwide scheme. It is a prestigious award that benchmarks J.38's parking facilities as one of the best in the Country".

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#### **Notes to the Editor**

- J.38 café is open Monday-Friday, 6.30am to 11pm, Saturday, 6.30am to 8pm and Sunday 6.30am to 11.00pm
- J.38 village shop is open Monday-Friday and Sunday 7am to 10.30pm and on Saturday 7am to 7.30pm. J. 38 Fuel and new Forecourt Shop is open daily 24hrs.
- J. 38 Services is located just off the M6 at Junction 38.
- After a £500,000 transformation J.38 was relaunched by Sally Boazman aka Sally Traffic of BBC Radio 2 on the 14 May 2007.
- J. 38 is a separate site to Tebay services and specialises in catering for the Truck market. J38 however is part of the same Company – Westmorland Ltd- which own and run Tebay Services and Farm Shops, plus Westmorland Hotel, Westmorland Caravan Park and the Rheged Centre