

En Route

with...

Edition September 2026



**Hilton-Ames
– Chauffeurs –**

Chauffeur Operator of the Year 2025

EN ROUTE IS BACK!

**Sorry for the radio silence but a lot has been
happening this year.**

We have a new Managing Director in the shape of Paul Newman ably backed up by our new Operations Manager, Eva Conibear. Our thanks to our wonderful shareholder Louise Carden for her continued support. So, a new MD, a new logo and even more new awards under our belts but, still the same exemplary services levels, amazing chauffeurs and stunning cars.



Our new Managing Director Paul Newman and shareholder Louise Carden (nee Ames)

A message from our new MD, Paul Newman



So much has happened in the global arena since we last published En Route and so much has happened in our own Hilton-Ames arena.

Let's start with the changes in the business. Unfortunately, co-founder and previous MD, Andy Hilton, left the business due to health issues which left me running all aspects of the business. In November I took over ownership of the business alongside Louise Carden, who has been so stunningly supportive. Very quickly I realised that I couldn't be business development director, finance director and operations director as well as MD. The business has grown so much over the previous three years and I really needed help. Step up the amazing Eva Conibear, our Head Chauffeur. Louise and I appointed Eva as Operations Manager and she has been brilliant. She now takes care of the day-to-day operation of the business, freeing me up to look after the other aspects. At this point I really want to sing the praises of our chauffeur team. They put their trust in us to lead the business into 2026 and beyond. When we needed them to continue their stunning service levels in the wake of the changes we were making to the business, they delivered a seamless transition. I really can't thank them enough...a brilliant group of hard-working people. They are the reason we are so successful.

Then add in the global influences on the businesses, such as the situation in the Strait of Hormuz, the change of leadership in the UK government, regulatory compliance, global inflation and a whole host more. It's quite easy to see what a challenging ten months it has been. With all this happening it has been a big ask for the team to produce our newsletter. Well, its back and we will welcome contributions again from all our readers.

Hilton-Ames is continuing to win awards at national level and we will endeavour to carry on doing so.

I hope the past ten months has been kind to you all and if you need our services, please reach out in the normal ways.

Thanks for reading...

Paul



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While En Route has been away, we've been busy winning yet more national awards. This year we picked up a Gold Award for our community work raising money for Hospiscare. That's our third Gold in as many years. Something we are justifiably proud of.



THREE YEARS
8 AWARDS
3 GOLDS

FUNDER 2026 GAMES

Here we go again with 13 brilliant companies signed up for a summer of fun in aid of Hospiscare.

Last year the games raised over £6500 for our chosen charity and this year we have already surpassed that!

Business Teams compete in 11 events from May until late September in a variety of sports from dodgeball to rowing and everything in between. For a full list of sports and the team positions visit www.thefundergames.com

A massive shout out to our main sponsors Nexus Open Systems. Here's a flavour of the summer so far.



Some of the all-lady Hospiscare Dodgeball team



Exeter Golf and Country Club have performed well in every event. Here they are smashing the Dodgeball



Rowing on the quay gave us some of the funniest moments and also the most testing!

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FUNDER 2026 GAMES

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Football is always the most popular event



The Hilton-Ames Ten Pin team



Sarah Bailey of Nexus trying to gain an edge with two bats.



Nexus working through the Escape Room



The successful Progressive ten pin team

If you would like to get involved in the Funder Games next year email Paul Newman on paul@hiltonameschauffeurs.com
Alternatively, why not book a table at the Funder Ball. Full details are on page ten of this newsletter.

FUNDER 2026 GAMES



We visited venue sponsors, Exeter Golf and Country Club in the height of the heatwave for our Golf event. What a lovely evening.



Exeter College escapes room team



More table tennis action involving Tozers and LED

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The Simpkins Edwards escape rooms winning team



Thank you to our event, and venue sponsors



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A Hilton-Ames “Did you know” feature

TOP BRANDS BY INDUSTRY

- TOYOTA – sold more than any other brand
- SAMSUNG – leading global sales of smartphones in 2026
- PLAYSTATION – the world’s highest –revenue grossing gaming business
- CHAT GPT – the worlds most used AI chatbot
- NETFLIX – most paid members of any streaming service
- BYD – sold more electric cars than any other car brand
- MCDONALD’S – more fast-food sales than any other chain
- NIKE – the world’s richest sports brand
- COCA-COLA – the world’s most valuable food and drink
- LOUIS VUITTON – the world’s most valuable luxury brand
- LEGO – the world’s largest toy company
- APPLE – the world’s most valuable brand – full stop!



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Awards Update



2023 -2026

Chauffeur Operator of the Year x2

Professional Driver of the Year (Eva Conibear)

Community Champions Awards x3

Marketing Award x2



Chauffeur Operator of the Year 2024



Corporate Live Wire Magazine – Global Award Winner - Chauffeur Operator of the Year 2024



UK Best Executive Chauffeur Service

Devon's Best Executive Chauffeur Service

UK Transport Awards - Chauffeur Operator of the Year 2024

Who knows where our journey will take us next? One thing we do know is that if you travel with us our multi award winning team will take you there smoothly, safely and with the utmost courtesy.



MULTI AWARD WINNING

Executive Chauffeur Service

Let us take you there: Premier League match day wait and returns

PICTURE



PERFECT

Some images of our fleet

In this new monthly feature,
we will feature one of our
magnificent fleet so you see
what you're getting.



BMW 750e Petrol/Hybrid



16TH October 2026

Three-course dinner

7pm – late

James Bond Theme (Best Dressed
Bond Award)

Bond-inspired casino tables

Live party to dance the night away

Funder Games Awards Ceremony

Fundraiser for Hospiscare

Raffle and Auction



£55 per ticket or a table of 10

for £500. Book via

thefundergames.com

Proceeds go to Hospiscare.

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