

DRIVING SPRAYERS





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FEEDBACK IS VERY ENCOURAGING

To mark our fiftieth year, we launched four new Bateman models during the LAMMA show in January. The response we received was very encouraging. We've been equally delighted with



feedback from customers who have taken delivery of new machines in recent months. You'll find a top-level overview of all four models on page 8.

One area that has drawn particularly positive feedback is the new control layout and joystick. Simplicity has been a guiding principle in the development of our latest digital control functions. The system has been engineered so that operators can adopt the touchscreen interface with confidence and ease. We have also retained the familiar analogue controls for those who prefer a more traditional approach. You can explore this in more detail on page 4.

Beyond the cab, we've introduced a new chassis across all four models, forming a more robust and flexible platform for future development. Our new Generation IV Variable Geometry Boom, developed entirely in-house, is stronger, lighter and more adaptable, and provides further improvements in drift reduction. This upgrade represents another step forward in performance and efficiency, you'll find the full low-down on page 6.

As we reach the halfway point in our fiftieth year, rather than pausing for too long, we've remained firmly focused

on the future. That said, it has been a pleasure to look back through the photos many of you have shared via our monthly Facebook competition. Seeing Bateman machines at work across five decades is a

powerful reminder of the journey we've been on together. Please keep them coming, we're building something of a family album, you'll find a selection on page 12.

From day one, every machine has been built with flexibility in mind, making it easy to integrate new features and technology that suit the way you work, both now and in the future. Bateman Special Projects turns your ideas into working reality, see page 20 for details.

I'd like to finish by recognising the incredible team here at the factory. Their dedication and hard work, day in and day out, never goes unnoticed. Many have been part of the business for years, it's inspiring to see their passion for continual improvement is still as strong as ever. A heartfelt thank you to every single person involved. And of course, my thanks to our customers for your continued support across fifty fabulous years.

Best wishes for the remainder of the season.

Jason Bateman
CEO, R. J. Bateman Engineering

NEW CONTROL LAYOUT AND JOYSTICK

During LAMMA 26, we were proud to unveil our **brand-new control layout incorporating a customisable joystick**.

The new layout is the result of invaluable customer feedback and countless man-hours of research and development by our in-house design team.

Designed around the operator

From the outset, the brief was clear; create an intuitive, ergonomic control system that makes long days in the cab **even easier and more efficient**. Every contour, button placement and function has been carefully considered. Attention to detail has resulted in a joystick that feels natural in the hand, further increasing the harmony between operator and machine.

Simplicity sits at the core of the new digital control functions. The system has been engineered so that operators can adopt the new touchscreen interface with confidence, while we have retained the tried-and-tested analogue controls for those who prefer traditional operation.

Crucially, this **dual-layer approach** ensures the machine remains fully functional in the unlikely event of an electrical malfunction, providing continued, uninterrupted use in the field.

The fixed armrest buttons act almost like a dashboard, giving operators a constant visual reference of functionality. Over time,

this layout allows users to instinctively familiarise themselves with each function's position and purpose.

All buttons sit on a sealed membrane to prevent dirt ingress. In keeping with our practical engineering philosophy, individual panels can be replaced without the need to change an entire housing.

Intelligent mode management

Functionality sits at the very heart of the new system. Operators can **seamlessly switch** between road mode and three dedicated field modes, each with its own specific operational functions.

As the mode changes, the switchgear LEDs automatically change colour, providing instant visual confirmation of the sprayer's status. The colours have been carefully selected to remain highly visible in all light conditions and instantly recognisable, including for operators with limited colour vision.

“We've always believed a Bateman sprayer should feel like an extension of the operator”

Fingertip control meets live digital feedback

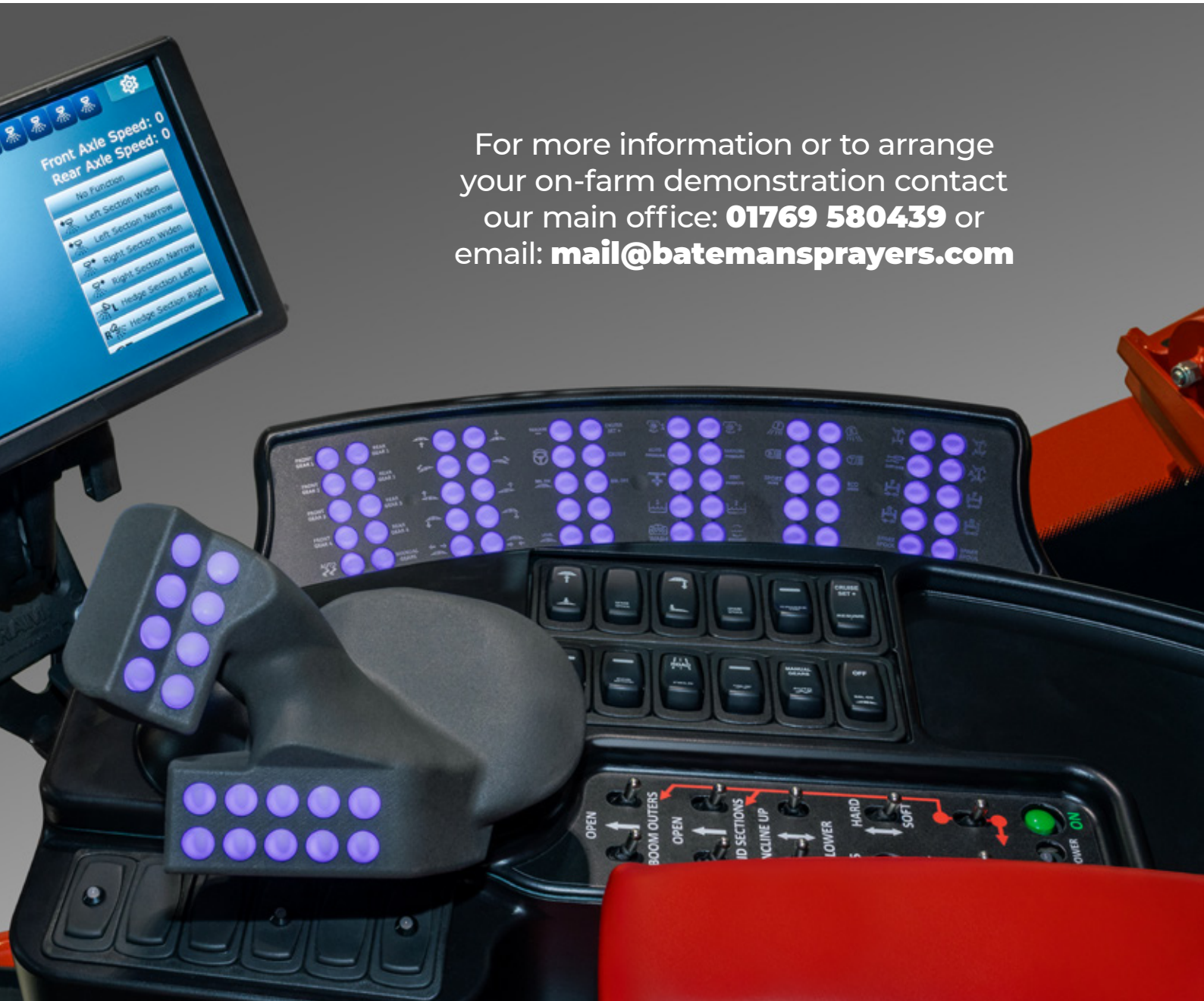
At the centre of the layout is the new ergonomic joystick. Developed in-house, the joystick delivers **all-day comfort and provides smooth,**

responsive control when engaged. Multimodal buttons give effortless access to all essential operational functions.



With key controls positioned right at the operator's fingertips, adjustments can be made quickly and confidently, keeping focus firmly on the job at hand.

The touchscreen mirrors the joystick configuration, delivering a live visual display of active inputs. When a control is engaged or adjusted on the joystick, the corresponding function is synchronised instantly on screen. Every symbol displayed includes a clear written description, ensuring operators are always fully informed about which inputs are running.



For more information or to arrange your on-farm demonstration contact our main office: **01769 580439** or email: **mail@batemansprayers.com**

The screen itself is fully interactive; operators can tap icons directly to operate individual functions. It also moves and tilts, allowing adjustment to deflect sunlight or minimise reflections. A brightness control feature enables operators to increase or dim the display and all buttons depending on daylight conditions or when spraying at night, ensuring optimal visibility at all times. The screen is also supplied with a peelable protective film to enable safe cleaning.

A standout launch at LAMMA

The response at LAMMA exceeded

expectations. Across both days of the show, there was a constant queue of visitors eager to climb into the cabs of the new RB50 and RB60 models on display and experience the new controls first-hand. Feedback was **overwhelmingly positive**, with operators praising the intuitive layout, standout visibility of the backlit buttons and the way the system naturally complements the Bateman cab environment.

For Bateman CEO and Chief Designer Jason Bateman, the new control layout follows Bateman's engineering philosophy

of "innovative thinking simply applied" to the letter:

"We've always believed a Bateman sprayer should feel like an extension of the operator. When you're in the cab for long days, that connection really matters. Our aim with this new control system was to make it more intuitive, simple to use and straightforward to maintain, without losing the unique driving experience people associate with Bateman. I'm genuinely proud of what the team has achieved and I'm confident operators will feel the difference straight away."



NEW GENERATION IV VARIABLE GEOMETRY BOOM - THE FUTURE - NOW

Launched at LAMMA 26, our new Variable Geometry (VG) boom is the result of over twenty five years design evolution. Developed entirely in-house, the new boom is stronger, lighter, offers greater flexibility and further drift reduction.

Flexible Nozzle Spacing for Improved Spray Accuracy

One of the standout features is the flexibility of nozzle spacing. Operators can now choose between a standard 0.50cm spacing or a tighter 0.25cm configuration. The narrower option has been specifically

designed to allow for a lower boom height during application, helping to significantly reduce drift.

Proven Design Enhanced for Durability and Serviceability

The new boom stays true to our design principles – lightness, strength

and accessibility. A key function of this evolution is the focus on serviceability. Wearing parts have been redesigned so they can be replaced more easily and without major expense, reducing downtime and keeping machines working during critical spraying windows.

“We’ve engineered our latest boom to provide a spraying platform that goes lower, is more stable and resistant to the demands of intensive crop spraying”

Advanced Sensor Technology for Reliability in Field Conditions

Sensor technology has also been improved. The new system incorporates high-spec sensors with excellent IP ratings, meaning they are better protected against dust, liquids and harsh field conditions. Importantly, these sensors have no moving or wearing parts, which not only improves reliability but also reduces maintenance requirements over time.

Future-Proof Boom Design with Wider Working Options

The boom has been designed with future expansion in mind. The structure is capable of accommodating wider boom options. This future-proofing approach reflects a broader trend in agricultural engineering – equipment that evolves alongside farm businesses rather than limiting them. The modular design of our VG boom means it can be relatively straightforward to fit further sections retrospectively.

Improved Balance and Efficiency with Integrated Tank and Plumbing Design

Balance and efficiency have been central to the development process. The boom has been designed to work in harmony with the new tank and plumbing configurations. This achieves a lower centre of gravity and improved weight distribution, which translates into even better stability in the field, particularly across uneven terrain.

Refined Hydraulics and Seamless Boom Levelling Performance

Hydraulic systems and rams have also been refined. These improvements ensure smoother, more responsive performance, working seamlessly with Bateman’s established BBL boom levelling system. For operators, this means greater confidence in maintaining consistent spray height and coverage, even in challenging conditions.



Key Features of the New Bateman Sprayer Boom

- Choice of 0.50m (standard) or 0.25m nozzle spacing
- 0.25m spacing enables lower boom height to reduce spray drift
- Built on proven VG design with enhanced durability
- Stronger and lighter than ever
- Replaceable wearing parts for reduced downtime and lower maintenance costs
- High-spec sensors with excellent IP ratings and no moving parts
- Future-ready design compatible with wider boom configurations
- Integrated with new tank and plumbing for improved balance and low centre of gravity
- Refined hydraulics and rams for smoother, more precise operation
- Seamless performance with Bateman Boom Levelling system
- Available in widths from 24m to 42m

The new Generation IV VG boom represents a considered progression, combining proven concepts with targeted innovations to deliver a more flexible, efficient and operator-friendly spraying solution.

Bateman CEO and Chief Designer Jason Bateman believes this new boom will enable operators to work in conditions previously unthinkable:

“Our VG boom has always come into its own when spraying on more challenging and undulating ground. We’ve engineered our latest boom to provide a spraying platform that goes lower, is more stable and resistant to the demands of intensive crop spraying.”

Bespoke boom configurations are available through Bateman Special Projects

BATEMAN RB30 & RB40



RB30 - LIGHTWEIGHT DESIGN, HEAVYWEIGHT PERFORMANCE

RB30_{2S+} RB30_{3S+}

Compact, agile and exceptionally efficient, the **RB30** is the perfect entry point to the Bateman range. With its **3,000-litre fully-baffled tank, 185 bhp engine** and **45 kph** top speed, this machine delivers serious performance while maintaining impressively low ground pressure.

The RB30 offers an intuitive transition for operators:

- Moving from legacy Bateman sprayers such as the **RB17** and **RB25**
- Switching from smaller self-propelled, trailed or tractor-mounted sprayers
- Seeking improved balance, efficiency and daily output in a truly lightweight chassis.

Despite its compact footprint, the RB30 carries all the hallmarks of Bateman engineering – smooth handling, low maintenance costs and exceptional fuel economy.

RB40 - CAPABLE ON ALL TERRAINS

RB40_{4S+} RB40_{E+}

Built for operators who demand more, the **RB40** raises the bar with a **4,000-litre fully-baffled tank, 225 bhp engine** and **60 kph** top speed. Its power and stability make it a natural performer on **hilly, uneven and variable terrain**.

Designed to deliver productivity day after day, the RB40 is ideal for:

- Farmers and growers requiring **greater capacity** and **higher road speed**
- Contractors managing multiple sites and diverse field conditions
- Operators upgrading from smaller sprayers and seeking true professional output
- The RB40 features our latest ergonomic joystick featuring interchangeable and multi-modal buttons.

A perfect balance of power and comfort, the RB40 is engineered for long days and demanding workloads – without the running costs you might expect from a machine in its class.



RB50 - EXTRA VOLUME, MORE OUTPUT

RB50_{4S+} RB50_{E+}

When acres increase and timelines tighten, the **RB50** steps in. With a **5,000-litre tank**, **12–36 metre boom options**, a **225 bhp engine** and **60 kph** top speed, it offers a compelling blend of capacity and flexibility.

The RB50 is the smart choice for:

- Operators covering **high acreages** and **long distances**
- Growers working in challenging terrain and requiring consistent spray quality
- Businesses seeking maximum flexibility on a compact, highly capable chassis
- The RB50 features our latest ergonomic joystick featuring interchangeable and multi-modal buttons.

Designed for reliability and longevity, the RB50 helps reduce downtime and running costs – keeping productivity high and ownership costs low.



RB60 - MORE CAPACITY, LESS COMPACTION

RB60_{E+}

For large-scale farms and contractors, the new **RB60** delivers unmatched capacity combined with Bateman's renowned gentle footprint. Its **6,000-litre fully-baffled tank**, **12–42 metre boom widths**, **275 bhp engine** and **60 kph** top speed offer exceptional output with reduced soil compaction compared with other machines in its class.

Perfectly suited to:

- Farms and estates covering large areas and long distances
- Contractors managing multiple large fields across a wide operating radius
- The RB60 features our latest ergonomic joystick featuring interchangeable and multi-modal buttons.

The RB60 is built for big days, big acreage, and big expectations – while maintaining the low running costs and durability Bateman machines are known for.

NEW RB50 CHANGES THE GAME

Warwickshire farmer David Jones is no stranger to Bateman sprayers. Currently operating an RB35 with a 32m boom, David has worked with the RB platform for almost three decades.





When the opportunity arose to test drive the new RB50 on home ground, it provided the ideal opportunity for David to see how the latest machine compares with a setup he knows inside out. This is what David had to say...

Straight away, the console on the right-hand side is noticeably very different. The minute I sat into the seat, you naturally settle into the armrest and console, everything comes nicely to hand. When you activate a function, it immediately appears on the screen, you know exactly what you've done at that moment, I really liked that.

For me, that's a big part of operating efficiently. Nowadays machines do so much via automation, it's still important to know exactly what command you've given. That clarity is a real step forward.

The new joystick also stood out. The transition from standstill into forward or reverse was smooth and progressive, you could gently move from zero into working speed. It felt positive and works with you.

Cruise control resume settings and forward speed functions are obviously in slightly different places, compared with what I'm used to. However, it all becomes clearer when you make a selection, there's an immediate illumination and confirmation on the screen. You know exactly what

function you've engaged.

There are functional buttons on the back of the joystick, you can tell a lot of thought has gone into the

layout to access these controls. It feels much more like the modern tractors and combines we use, where a lot is done through thumb movements and rear switches.

Boom control was very impressive. Our current machine is fitted with Bateman Boom Levelling, but this was noticeably more responsive, especially across our steep banks and contours, which can be very challenging.

“All these refinements have clearly come from conversations out in the field.”



Speed braking downhill is even better on the RB50. Using the E-Drive+ system to maintain target speed both uphill and downhill, the machine, when left to its own devices, felt completely in control at all times.

For us, improving efficiency has always meant looking at more capacity. Moving up to the RB50 gives us the opportunity to go to a 5,000-litre tank, but importantly within a machine size that still feels familiar.

When you look the RB50, the machine doesn't seem any bigger than our RB35, although the tank is slightly taller and wider. It still feels very agile yet stable

- the same 'planted' feel as our current machine. To gain another thousand litres and potentially step up to a 36m boom, genuinely doesn't feel like moving into a larger machine.

The obvious updates are impressive, but some of the smaller details stood out equally as well.

I liked the soft-lift induction bowl. It isn't about using it once or twice a day, it's about those fifteen or sixteen hour long

spraying days when you're constantly handling it. Having that soft up and down movement makes a real difference.

I also liked the adjustable mudguards. We like to keep our machines tidy because presentation matters. Looking after the paintwork and keeping everything smart makes a huge difference to second-hand values and helps maintain the reputation of the machine.

We're not changing wheels regularly like some vegetable or potato growers, but having a system where it's simply one pin and a clip to move the mudguards in and out is a simple improvement that makes life easier.

To sum up the new RB50, I would say it's a game changer.

The obvious talking points are the new controls, increased capacity, updated boom and filling systems, but it's the smaller changes that stand out – the beefed-up pins and rams, larger hoses and couplings, better boom sensors and the soft damping on the final breakback section.

All these refinements and others have clearly come from conversations out in the field. I'm delighted Bateman have taken that feedback on board and I'm very confident a lot of farmers will be impressed with these new machines. I certainly was.

CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF MAKING THINGS HAPPEN FOR YOU

When Richard Bateman first built the Agilator in 1976, he wasn't chasing innovation for its own sake, he just needed a sprayer that could get the job done. It worked so well that neighbouring farmers soon wanted one too and R.J. Bateman Engineering was born.

Across five decades farmers and contractors have relied on Bateman through countless long days and challenging seasons. Machines like the Agilator, Hi-Lo, RB15, RB25 and RB35 have helped shape British spraying, many of those earlier machines are still going strong today.

We've been inviting Bateman enthusiasts to send in their submissions for our Photo Of The Month selection for several years, and over that time have received literally hundreds of fantastic images of our machines, past and present.

To mark fifty years of Bateman in 2026, we're creating a photo wall of your machines from every era of Bateman. Here is just a selection, take a look through and see if you recognise any of the sprayers included.

And if you want to appear on our 50 Years of Bateman Sprayers photo wall, head over to our Facebook page for details on how to submit your own photo of the month.

The year started in a big way for us with the launch of four new models at LAMMA, and looking back, this really set the tone for everything that has followed.

The response was fantastic. We received a huge amount of interest and, more importantly, it gave people a reason to start looking at changing machines again rather than simply replacing like-for-like.

The number of enquiries coming in and the demand for demonstrations has definitely increased, there's a real energy around the range. But that's not all, this year also means something extra for us because Bateman is celebrating fifty years in business. I feel privileged to be part of the story.

One of the biggest talking points has been the new RB50. The idea of having the larger tank capacity on what is effectively a smaller chassis platform has



really captured people's attention. For a lot of customers, the RB50 becomes a very natural step because it gives them more capacity without moving into a machine that feels significantly bigger.

There has been significant demand for the new RB60. The move from the previous 5,600-litre platform into a true 6,000-litre

machine has helped streamline the range. It puts the models more clearly in line with the wider market and, from a quoting and specification point of view, it makes conversations with customers much simpler.

Our new joystick control has certainly attracted attention. Bateman has always had a strong reputation for reliability and customer support, but as technology moves forward you have to keep progressing.





The new controls have sparked interest not only from existing Bateman customers, but also from operators running competitive machines. That's probably one of the most encouraging things I've noticed this year, we're talking to people who maybe weren't previously looking our way.

It feels like there is more confidence coming back into the industry. I don't think the market is back to where it once was, but it does feel like it has turned a corner. Launching our new model range during a period of uncertainty says a lot about where Bateman is, where we want to go and our confidence in the market.

More recently, we took the RB50 to the Essex Show. This is always a good event to attend, there's a strong agricultural feel because of links to the young farmers movement, but it still attracts a really good mix of visitors.

The RB50 drew plenty of attention, several customers put their names down for demonstrations later this year. In amongst the number of existing Bateman owners visiting the stand were several still running legacy Hi-Lo machines.

Some of these machines date back to the 1990s, customers still enjoy coming for a chat about how Bateman has progressed and the reliability of the machines they run.

Time and again you hear the same thing, they value being able to ring the office, speak to somebody who knows their machine and still be able to order parts for a model some thirty odd years old.

Looking ahead, the next major stop is Cereals. The location and scale of the event this year means we expect footfall to increase. We're the only manufacturer offering machines across all three tank-size classes in the demo arena. I hope this will help to generate even more interest in our all new model line-up.

Then our attention turns back to pre-harvest demonstrations. The RB50 demonstrator will be moving between shows and customer visits, trying to get in front of as many people as possible. With so much interest we'll keep going until only the weather stops us.

I look forward to catching up with many of you during the summer shows and on farm demos over the coming months.

MY STORY IN FIFTY WORDS

To mark 50 years of Bateman, members of our team are sharing their story in just fifty words, offering a small insight into the people behind the brand.



Ryan

I joined Bateman fourteen years ago, starting in the factory before helping with service visits and later becoming a service engineer. Today, I'm part of our in-house technical support team. Bateman feels like family to me, and over the years I've made many good friends here whom I value greatly.



Fraser

I joined Bateman in September 2023 as a field service engineer and recently moved to our in-house technical support team. It's a real family atmosphere here, everyone helps each other. Nothing's ever too much trouble, we all work together towards the same goal - keeping our customers happy every day.



Keith

I became involved over ten years ago to introduce a new stores system. This involved stock control and purchasing. Having visited many places, this is easily the friendliest and most positive work ethic here really stands out. It's a really enjoyable environment for every





Matt

I first worked in the Bateman design studio during university breaks before joining as a full-time designer after graduating. I enjoy being involved in every aspect of machine design and working closely with the workshop team. Their experience and practical knowledge are invaluable to everything we create here at Bateman.

I joined Bateman three years ago, starting in the boom bay before moving through PDI into research and development. There's a great team spirit here and a really good group of people. Even during the busiest times, there's always plenty of laughter around the place, which makes work genuinely enjoyable.



Dan

I joined Bateman in October 2015 in the hydraulic bay and now work on the cab. There's a real passion for excellence throughout the business, and standards are always high. Seeing a Bateman machine out working always makes me feel incredibly proud to be part of such a dedicated team.



Alex

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I started at Bateman in January 1996 in the stores, later working across the workshop, hydraulic and cab bays. Today, I help customers with technical support, while also working on in-house special projects. It's a great place to work, good people, a strong sense of teamwork, and real pride throughout.



Mark

BOOM OR BUST | SAM BAGSHAW

DIARY OF A YOUNG OPERATOR

I'm Sam Bagshaw, a farmer and agricultural contractor based in Warwickshire. Alongside the day-to-day demands of livestock and arable farming, I spend much of the spring chasing weather windows in my 2013 Bateman RB35.

This is my diary from April, a month where every forecast feels like a gamble. One minute it's too wet, the next too windy and if the rain misses you again, crops begin crying out for moisture while disease pressure keeps building. Welcome to my spring balancing act.



Racing the weather

The prospect of spraying didn't look promising for the entire week. Wind and rain had dominated the forecast, but remarkably, by Wednesday evening, spraying on Thursday suddenly looked achievable, at least until mid-afternoon. If I could get going early enough, I reckoned I'd finish the job before conditions turned.

I arrived at the farm around 8am, a heavy dew was still hanging over the crop. For this regular customer I spray a large 112-hectare block of winter barley, so logistics matter. I tow a trailer behind the sprayer with all my chemical in ready to go, a bowser is already left in the field for me. It saves a huge amount of time when you're working through multiple fills in a tight weather window.

By 9am I was underway. There was already a breeze building, predicted to gust up to 30mph later on, however, early conditions were steady, the leaf had dried nicely. The job was a T2 fungicide and growth regulator pass on the barley, most likely the final pass through that crop.

The wind became uncomfortable by late morning, but then, almost unexpectedly, it dropped around midday and conditions turned to perfect. Running 100-litre/ha Amnistar air-induction nozzles, the sprayer settled into its stride and I finished the block by 2pm.

Answering the call

That same week, I was contacted by a farm a few miles away. Their sprayer had broken down (not a Bateman), they needed urgent help to keep up with

fungicide timings on forward cereal crops. Conveniently, my machine also runs a 32-metre boom, so I was able to slot straight into their tramlines.

We started with a 22-hectare block of wheat, before parking up ahead of forecast rain. I left the sprayer there overnight and borrowed one of their vehicles to drive

home, which made the logistics easier.

The next morning conditions were favourable again. Wheat first, then onto forward winter barley. The wind picked up through the afternoon, so I switched from my standard setup to 3D 90 nozzles and ran at 180 litres per hectare. They produce a coarser droplet and cope

brilliantly in breezy conditions with very little drift.

Everything we sprayed was at a critical stage, fungicides and plant growth regulators on crops that were well forward after early drilling and a warm spring. The barley was already pushing towards ear emergence and timings couldn't really wait. By the

time I headed for home, the heavens opened. Luckily, it had held off just long enough.

Keeping the wheels turning

A few weeks earlier I'd noticed an oil leak developing on one of the sprayer pumps. It was nothing major, but enough that every couple of days I was topping it back up.

Andy from Bateman rang on Thursday evening, he would be passing through the area on his way back from Scotland on Saturday. He offered to stop by early morning.

True to his word, Andy arrived at 7am sharp. By the time I reached the yard, the pump was already stripped down, he tightened everything, checked it over and had it rebuilt before most people had finished breakfast.

We ran water through the system, which was clear. I

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tested it all day afterwards and never saw another drop of oil.

Life beyond the boom

Spraying might dominate the diary at this time of year, but livestock work doesn't stop. When the weather turned too windy to spray, my attention shifted back to the farm.

Feeding cattle came first every morning. Our cattle are all on mixed ad-lib rations fed through hoppers, which takes a lot of strain out of feeding compared with bagging by hand. Next up was mixing another ration to cover the next few days.

Then there were sheep to check. Lambs and ewes needed drenching; dirty sheep had to be dagged to prevent fly strike - warmer weather had already started bringing blowflies out far earlier than normal.

No cause for alarm

You don't need an alarm clock when you've a baby in the house. As I was already awake, I headed for a customer's field before dawn and got on with applying TT's on winter wheat which consisted of a fungicide

and a PGR. I was finished in time to attend our friend's baby's first birthday party, which, of course, was never in doubt!

Despite a lack of rainfall, crops still looked strong, especially the winter barley, but gravel patches were beginning to show where moisture was running out. The wheat, meanwhile, remained impressively clean.

A new variety of wheat we're growing this year, Bamford, a group 3, is looking promising for yield and can go for biscuit if it makes the grade. I know of a lot of people who are growing it, although brown rust susceptibility remains a concern.

Making the most of it

Uncertainty has always been part of farming and spraying. You learn to work with what you've got, make the most of every weather window and keep looking ahead to the next opportunity.

However busy or unpredictable it gets; I love the lifestyle, the long days in the Bateman and seeing the results later in the season make it all worthwhile.



The beauty of a Bateman sprayer lies in its intelligent, adaptable design. From the beginning, our machines have been engineered to evolve, making it easy to integrate features that match the way you work.

Bateman Special Projects is our dedicated bespoke engineering service, created to help you tailor your Bateman sprayer so it performs exactly as your operation demands.

Built around your needs

Whether your goal is higher productivity, added versatility or practical touches that simplify daily tasks, our design team will shape a solution around you.

Past Special Projects include:

Multi-Purpose Machinery

A sprayer configured to operate as a seed drill and fertiliser spinner, reducing machinery needs, minimising downtime and maximising efficiency.

Hydraulic Flip-Over Booms

Enhancing manoeuvrability and practicality, with smooth transitions from

fieldwork to road travel.

Central Tyre Inflation Systems (CTIS)

Adjust tyre pressures on the move to protect soil structure, improve traction and optimise performance in changing conditions.

Practical Personalisation

From tailored storage to bespoke mounting systems—even simple touches like a dedicated holder for essential paperwork.

Collaborative design, exceptional results

Our engineers work closely with you to refine your idea. We'll develop the concept and deliver a solution that integrates seamlessly with the Bateman platform, without compromising the reliability, accuracy and cohesion of the machine.

Every project includes:

- Expert consultation and concept development
- Fully engineered, fully integrated bespoke solutions
- Bateman build quality, reliability and support
- A sprayer that feels uniquely yours.

If you can imagine it, we can build it

Bateman Special Projects transforms your ideas into practical, high-performance reality, creating a machine that reflects your farming style, your challenges and your ambition.

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So far, this season has been one to forget here at Bycott. We were almost into October before we could begin drilling, some two weeks behind schedule. Ground conditions were marginal, but with the season moving on there was little option other than to keep going.

Once the crops emerged, the rain barely stopped and, looking back through the diary, it continued until around mid-March. We lost half the wheat acreage and half the barley acreage, the oats survived, but only just.

Anything that failed was replanted with spring oats during April ready for wholecrop this summer. We've recently planted winter bird food plots, headlands and field corners.

The contrast with last season could hardly be greater. In many ways, we have gone from one of the best harvests in the last twenty-five years to one of the most difficult seasons in recent memory. However, on a more positive note, grain prices are rising, albeit slowly.

As a regular visitor to the factory, I couldn't help but be swept along with the excitement behind the launch of the new machines. I was lucky enough to take the new RB50 for a run up one of the lanes.

It's over sixteen years since I stepped out of the cab of an RB35 VG and my previous spraying life. Driving the new machine, the difference compared to the older models is remarkable, the cab, screens and controls are a huge step forwards, yet despite all the upgrades it still feels unmistakably Bateman.



As Bateman is celebrating fifty years this year, it's provided the opportunity to reflect on my long connection with the brand. One of my earliest memories of Bateman is visiting a winter agricultural show in Barnstaple during the late 1980s. I was eight years old and can still remember picking up the Hi-Lo brochure and being fascinated by it.

Fast forward to 2002 and I drove an RB15 whilst working near Cambridge, before returning to Devon and driving an RB25 whilst contract spraying for the Bateman family on this very farm.

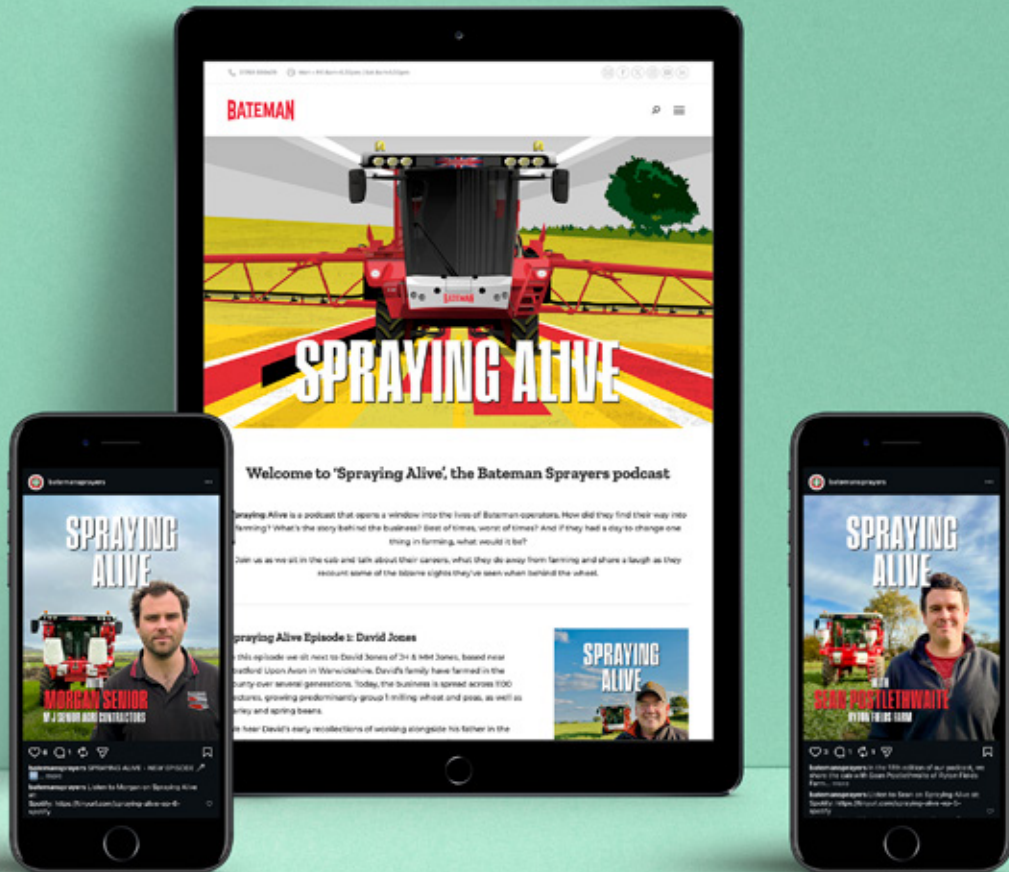
Which brings me nicely back to the farm and the rest of this season. Harvest will be what it will be. Our focus will then turn to regrouping ready for drilling on the 10th of September, that's our target date, maybe this year nature will oblige.

Wishing you all the very best for your harvest.



Spraying Alive

Our 'Spraying Alive' podcast is recorded in the one place where the hum of farming life never stops; the cab of a Bateman sprayer.



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We dive into their stories; how they got started in farming, the highest highs and lowest lows of life on the land, their hopes (and fears) for the future of farming and even the strangest things they've spotted from the cab.

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