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Yorkshire compact tractor specialist adds McCormick X10 Series for professional use

- Yorkshire Compact Tractors appointed sales, parts and service dealer
- Supplying 22hp to 54hp McCormick X10 Series open and cab tractors
- Valpadana specialist reverse-drive tractors for versatility and stability

Big power farm tractors tend to catch the limelight but there is still a place for their little counterparts with modest power but great manoeuvrability for yard work in and around buildings, and for landscaping and grounds maintenance operations.

"But there's no reason why these smaller tractors shouldn't be as well built," says Alistair Matthews of Yorkshire Compact Tractors. "They need to be just as reliable and durable to perform and provide a long service life."

To cater for professional users of such machines, Mr Matthews has started supplying the McCormick X10 Series, a range of compact tractors from 22hp to 54hp that can be used as yard scraping tractors on farms and to power a wide range of groundscare machinery – from rotary and cylinder gang mowers to turf aerators and sand spreaders.

"I started the business supplying low-cost compact tractors, mostly to private users and smallholders who don't put a lot of hours on them," he says. "But there's also a market for well-built machines produced by major manufacturers among golf courses and groundscare and landscaping contractors, so I jumped at the chance to supply the McCormick X10 range."

Mr Matthews is from a farming family and took a keen interest in tractors at an early age. He is a mechanic by trade and started servicing and repairing machines locally before starting his business to supply new tractors together with a range of implements from rotary slashers to handy trailers.

"I visited the McCormick distributor's premises at Harworth near Doncaster and could see that the X10 tractors are up there with the best," he says. "I'm ambitious to grow my business and move to bigger, better premises, so taking on a professional range was a no-brainer to expand my potential customer base."

A new website presents information on the McCormick compacts, which offer a choice of mechanical and hydrostatic drive, open platforms and cabs, and a range of power outputs to suit different implements and applications.

Parts support at this stage will be provided by the extensive stock held by distributor AgriArgo at Harworth, backed up by a European parts distribution centre in northern France.

"If you're using a compact tractor professionally, it needs to be durable and robust, and it needs to be supported by a professional parts and service operation," says Mr Matthews. "That's what buyers get when they put a McCormick X10 into their business."

In addition to these general purpose power units, Yorkshire Compact Tractors is also an agent for the Valpadana range of 'alpine' tractors distributed by AgriArgo. These heavy-duty machines are designed for maximum stability and traction to work in challenging locations or provide a highly versatile power unit.

"The Valpadana models take a lot of beating for safety and performance in difficult grounds maintenance situations, or where reversible driving controls are handy to create a versatile machine for a range of different jobs," says Mr Matthews. "They may be relatively small in size but with power outputs up to 100hp they can tackle all sorts of demanding jobs."

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Alistair Matthews of Yorkshire Compact Tractors (left) is congratulated on his appointment as a McCormick X10 Series dealer by Phil Maw, area sales manager at distributor AgriArgo UK. The McCormick X10 pictured is a 35hp example with hydrostatic drive and open driver's platform.



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McCormick X10.55M + Amazone flail mower-scarifier-collector 01.jpg

The 54hp McCormick X10.55M has a 12x12 transmission, lifts 1200kg on its three-point linkage and can have a safety cab to protect the driver in poor weather.



Valpadana 9600 01.jpg

The Valpadana 9600 Series is the largest of a range of specialist four-wheel drive tractors with articulated chassis or axle steering and optional two-way driving capability.



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