

Tree surgeon discovers the many benefits of an Avant compact tool carrier

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When a Bridgwater based tree surgeon secured a contract to deal with over 80 tonnes of wood in connection with a major site clearance contract he was at last able to justify the purchase of an Avant compact tool carrier.

Sedgemoor Tree Services, established some ten years ago by Jim Doble and his wife Nicola, specialises mainly in private garden contracts and was very keen to acquire an Avant in order to make life easier when working in tight access areas.

Commenting on his acquisition, Mr. Doble said: "The machine has proved a real bonus for our type of work, particularly as we have also purchased a range of highly useful attachments including pallet forks, log grab, ripper and a flail mower."

Mr. Doble had initially looked at skid steer machines but decided that the wheel mounted and articulated chassis of the Avant design would cause far less damage to sensitive surfaces such as grass.

Mr. Doble continued: "The Avant has now changed the way we tackle bigger jobs by minimising back-breaking hand work and it also has the added bonus of being very easy to transport to site behind my 4x4 truck."

Supplied by local dealer Avant Equipment of Glastonbury, the 528 model chosen by Sedgemoor is powered by a fuel-efficient Kubota diesel engine developing 21 kW (28 hp) and is able to lift 800 kg to a maximum height of 2790 mm thanks to its telescopic boom.

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