

Scottish Caravanner's Tourer Range of the Year Award 2013

By Bob Mather

IN our previous issue, we shared our initial thoughts on what might be our choices for Scottish Caravanner's Tourer Range of the Year Award. We finally came down in favour of the Swift Challenger SE as our choice for the top honour this year.



For the new season, Swift has brought a more upmarket feel to its Challenger SE range. The improvements are evident both inside and out, from the new alloy wheel design to the chrome locker handles. These well-equipped tourers have been given an even better specification, while up to 125 kg has been shaved off the weights.

Externally, smart new graphics emphasise the SE brand, while on the roof is a 20-watt solar panel which will convert daylight into energy for the on-board leisure battery. Thoughtful touches include an awning light with key fob control, so that you can switch it on as you approach the 'van.

Inside, ample LED lighting adds an opulent feel: downlighters and a striplight offer excellent illumination levels, and key

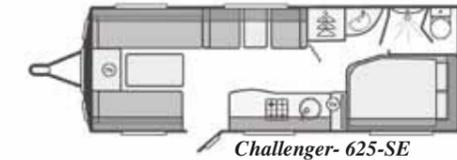
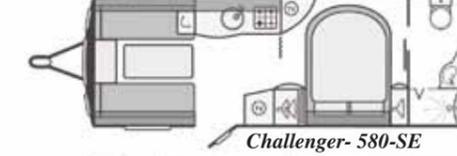
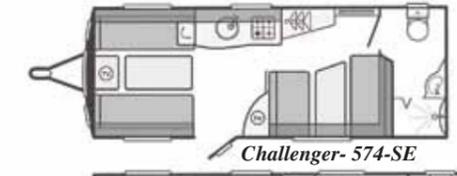
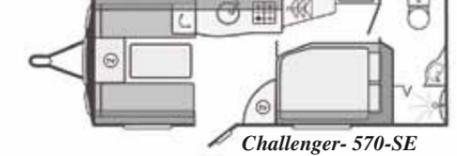
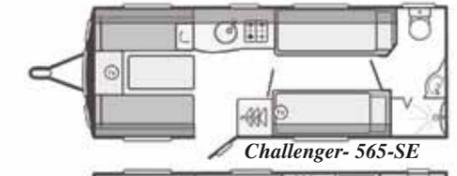
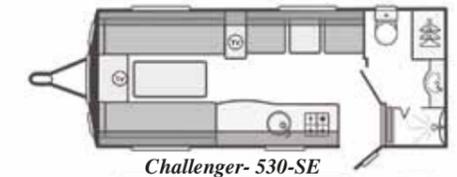
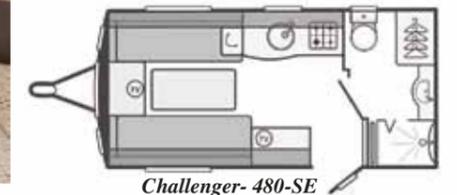
areas such as the kitchen splash-back and the washroom mirror are highlighted. The décor has been given a fresh look that includes new soft furnishings and cream locker doors with chrome handles, while double-width curtains add another touch of luxury.

Swift has also focused on comfort levels. Alde heating is standard throughout the range, operated by a new, easy-to-use control panel; and a heated towel rail is fitted in the washrooms. Other standard fittings include a Status 550 digital aerial, an Omnivent, a microwave, and Dometic's 8 series 110-litre fridge.

There are seven models in the Challenger SE range, from the two-berth 480 to the six-berth 625; a new addition is the 574, which sleeps four.



Swift's Challenger SE range gets our vote!



More information on the Challenger SE can be found at www.swiftgroup.co.uk

The presentation of the top award was carried out at the NEC Show in Birmingham.



Nick Page, Commercial Director of the Swift Group, very kindly accepted the award on their behalf.