At 13.10 on 30.01.18 the Hotbox was returning to site after being fuelled up at a nearby petrol station when an oncoming vehicle (a white transit van) in the opposite direction was approaching at high speed taking what witnesses have described as a racing line around the sharp bend.

The driver of the hotbox swerved to avoid a head on collision with the van and slide into a ditch on the side of the road.

The supervisor was immediately of were advised of the situation and attended site. Details were taken from the witnesses and the driver was spoken to and reassured, as he was very shaken by the incident.

Due to the 2no. 47kg gas bottles on board the hotbox the emergency services were immediately advised and attended the scene at 14.30. We nullified and shut down the hotbox and the road was closed until the 1630 where the vehicle was recovered.

The police have approached local businesses to see if any of them are able to pick up the registration number of the white transit van.

The vehicle was then driven from site and returned to depot. The damage to the hotbox was only cosmetic.

This safety alert has been prepared by the RSTA. Completed forms for adding to the RSTA website should be submitted to Kathy McCracken kathy@rsta-uk.org For further information regarding this safety alert please email Kathy.

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