

A Family Tradition

Celebrating 25 Years in Business



Impressive view of the Classic & Sportscar showroom



Lotus Elan, Jensen CV8 and Sunbeam all being serviced at Malton Coachworks



Ferrari Dino undergoing total restoration



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Yorkshire based Classic Car specialists, Classic & Sportscar Centre are celebrating 25 years in business. The Company was set up in 1991, then named Grundy Mack Classic Cars in Huddersfield by Nick Szkiler. In 1998 they moved to the Malton area, North Yorkshire and in 2006 Nick's son James took over the running of the business having graduated with a business degree at York several years earlier. In 2006 the Company was re-branded Classic & Sportscar Centre and in 2010 set up another division of the business named Malton Coachworks offering classic car restoration, paintwork, bodywork and maintenance.

More recently in October 2014 a new five bay mechanical workshop was also set up in Malton adding to the range of services offered.

Classic & Sportscar Centre have now sold close to £40 million of classic cars worldwide and are one of the UK's premier dealerships. They stock around 60 classics and sell between 15-20 vehicles every month. Their stock typically ranges from the early 1920s to 1980s with an interesting selection always on show. Whether looking for a pre-war Morris or Austin to a highly desirable 60s sports cars such as the Jaguar E-Type, Austin Healey 3000 or MGA, Classic & Sportscar Centre is the place to look. They also tend to have a selection of Rolls Royce, Bentley and Mercedes Benz motor cars and really cater for the whole market ranging from a Morris Minor for £3750 to an AC Ace with a £195,000 price tag. Malton Coachworks prepare all the vehicles sold by Classic & Sportscar and also carry out work for clients worldwide. A typical look into their workshops today reveals a Ferrari Dino being restored for a Manchester client and a Rolls Royce Phantom VI restoration for a collector based in the Middle East. Malton Coachworks have recently carried out a complete ground-up rebuild on an MGA Roadster for a customer in New York and they also repair and service modern cars in their Garage Services department. The Coachworks bodyshop also carry out accident repair work on modern cars and a wide range of paint and bodywork.

Over the past 18 months the long established dealership made the transition to become a growth business and as part of this process

have seen staff levels double to almost 30 in this period with group turnover doubling to almost £6.5 million. Classic car sales alone are now £5.5 million per annum with Malton Coachworks growing at a fast pace as that company's reputation grows. The business is continually seeking additional staff in their bodyshop and workshop

teams with current vacancies for spray painters, panel beaters, interior trimmers and vehicle technicians available. The Company is also looking to offer apprenticeships in classic car restoration, building key skills for the future. Another exciting opportunity is for an Operations



James Szkiler

Manager with the potential to turn into a Directorship. Detailed plans for further growth promise exciting developments for the future.

In April the business will be celebrating 25 years with a black tie dinner at the National Railway Museum in York. They will be celebrating with clients old and new, and celebrity motor journalist Quentin Willson will be speaking. CEO, James Szkiler is arranging various events throughout the year to mark this occasion and continues to demonstrate the Company's ethos and sense of social responsibility with a recent corporate partnership with 'Resco,' a dynamic training programme, engineered to effectively combat long term unemployment and 'A Call to Business,' an international charity bringing social impact businesses to Sierra Leone and Kenya. This includes providing practical third world support by sending experienced and trained staff to teach others basic automotive skills on the African continent.

The classic car industry is now worth £5 billion to the UK economy and classic cars continue to be in high demand. As uncertainty continues in the stock market and savings offer low interest rates, people continue to invest in these beautiful appreciating assets that can be used, enjoyed and cherished. If you're looking for a classic car, or would just like to browse at some wonderful pieces of history, take a visit to their showroom near Malton or browse online at their ever changing website. Also, for classic car maintenance, restoration or servicing call Malton Coachworks on 01653 692090. **N**