

Firm expands as demand for classic cars increases

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A FAMILY-run classic car business is expanding ahead of its 30th anniversary,

Malton-based Classic & Sportscar Centre has seen an unprecedented demand for its services this year despite the coronavirus pandemic.

Run by James Szkiler, son of founder Nick Szkiler, the business has also increased its staff with 30 working across its showroom, restoration, servicing, body and trim division.

James said: "As our company approaches its 30th anniversary we are delighted to announce yet another milestone in our expansion - new premises for our growing automotive trim department at Malton Coachworks.

"This has been an extremely challenging year for anyone in business, but after a short furlough this spring we experienced unprecedented demand for our



James Szkiler, CEO, David Birtwhistle, service director, and Joe Sawyer, trim department manager, at Classic & Sportscar Centre

products, services and specialist skills.

"Existing owners continue to invest in improving their classics and consistent sales of 20 to 25 classic cars per month has seen increased requirements for paint, bodywork, mechanical services and trim work.

"Our plan remains to invest in a

purpose-built new development at West Knapton, but the coronavirus disruption has inevitably delayed that project until next year."

James added: "Our two premises in Malton have been running at capacity since the summer and we needed a quick solution to our shortage of working space.

"Malton Coachworks trim shop moved earlier this month into separate premises on Showfield Industrial Estate in Malton where our garage and body shop are located."

James said the trim shop carried out repairs and complete interior refurbishments, including leather seating, wool carpeting and traditional cloth head-linings on every type of classic and modern car.

Established in 1991, the company was originally based in Huddersfield, but relocated to Malton in 1998.

The family firm has sold more than £60 million of classics worldwide since its foundation

James said: "Aston Martin, Jaguar, Mercedes, Land Rover, Porsche and Ferrari are amongst the prestige marques we regularly work on.

"Our four departments, including the West Knapton showroom, have now grown to 30 staff and we have an active apprentice scheme reflecting our commitment to securing the future of these specialist skills and our important motoring heritage."