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Autumn Restoration Show hailed a success

- 5000 visitors experience 1000 classic cars
- Best stand: Norton and Radstock Classic Vehicle Club
- Ferrari replica makes £14,500 at auction
- Plans underway for 2011

The nation's love of car restoration is going from strength to strength, according to the organisers of the largest restoration show in the south west.

More than 5,000 people descended upon the Royal Bath & West Show Ground, Shepton Mallet last weekend (6-7 November). They were treated to a wealth of restorers and classic car clubs running live displays, and offering advice to restorers or those contemplating a restoration project.

The show also featured more than 1000 exhibition and visiting classic cars, together with 140 stands and stalls displaying and selling everything motorists need to restore and maintain their classic car.

Show organiser Nigel Stevens says that the two sunny days helped to persuade the enthusiasts to arrive in their classics, which provided a great display on both days.

"Visitors said they enjoyed the enthusiasm of exhibitors and car clubs, and the sheer scale of the classic car park," he says.

"The car clubs say that it was a really interactive weekend, with visitors engaging them for advice on restoration, and not just walking past the displays taking photographs.

"The show was a great success for all involved and we are already planning for our shows next year," he says.

For car clubs and exhibitors, the highlight of the weekend is the show awards. The prize for best club stand was won by the Norton and Radstock Classic Vehicle Club for their focus on engine repairs and suspension replacement.

The Exeter Motorcycle and Light Car Club took runner-up spot with their stand offering advice on car chassis, cleaning and paint, together with the overhaul of brakes, electrics and general repairs.

The Imp Club won the best demonstration category with their continuous work on an Imp which they had on a stand which enabled them to roll the car to any position to make access easy, whilst the trade stand winners were Stevson Motors, who displayed a huge range of essentials for restoring and maintaining classic vehicles.

Sunday's Auction by Charterhouse was a tremendous success. The automobilia section realised exceptional prices, and highlights from the vehicles include: an original Ford Escort (£5,000); a beautifully-restored Morris Minor convertible (£6,000); a 40-year ownership Armstrong Siddeley 15 hp Tourer (£8,350); and a Ferrari Daytona replica (£14,500).

Plans underway for 2010

The first classic motoring indoor event of the year takes place at the Royal Bath and West Show Ground and is the 2nd Great Western Autojumble, and Charterhouse auction on 12 & 13 February 2011.

"Plans are currently being drawn up, but we are working on both a huge autojumble, together with two other specialist areas," says show manager, Josette Corbett.

"We are hoping to have displays in the main hall, plus two more huge halls full of autojumble stalls, and a classic car boot area for private sellers of real autojumble."

Already consigned for the event's auction are a large collection of Shell and other fuel-related memorabilia to

include signs and posters. Vehicles include a fully-restored 1973 Ford Escort Mexico historic group two rally car.

The highlight of the annual calendar will be the UK's longest running classic car show. The 32nd Footman James Bristol Classic Car Show (30 April – 1 May) will exhibit around 200 cars indoors, together with other exhibitors, an autojumble and Charterhouse auction. The hugely popular classic car park will have 1000 cars on display each day.

Organisers hope to have new attractions, including further one-make parking areas, a market square area and a car boot sale of autojumble.

To book a stand at either of these shows, please contact the organisers on 0117 907 1000 or info@bccsl.co.uk

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For high resolution versions of the restoration show prize winners, an interview with Nigel Stevens or media passes to the 2011 shows, please contact Gareth Dupre: 07833 364291 or gareth@magicbeanspr.com.