Early RV8 restored to “as new condition” and sold to an RV8 enthusiast

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An early RV8 in Oxford Blue (VIN 0024) has been sold by Brown & Gammons to an RV8 enthusiast, Marion Quarrington, who says it “was built on 2nd April 1993, registered as K70 MGR on 14th May 1993 and sold to Rover Group Company Sales at Canley in Coventry where it was a press and dealer demonstration car. The car then passed through three female and two male owners. The previous owner obtained records from DVLA of all its former owners, so I have a very full history on the car".

Marion adds "there is some debate about the phrase "press car" and K70 MGR would appear to be one of a number of cars sold and registered by Rover Group to be used by dealers. This car was in London for nearly 12 months as a demonstrator before being sold to a lady with a Sloane Square address in London. I have the selling price at that time, some £5,000 less than the cars were originally on sale for at £26,000. The dealer handling the sale was Park Lane Garages."

The car was registered with the V8 Database way back in the 1990s by an enthusiast in Hertfordshire and interestingly Ron Gammons says they “purchased the RV8 as a car in need of restoration from a father and son who had moved to Cheshire from Hertfordshire. It has been through their workshop and is now in “almost as new condition” with only 43,000 miles showing”.

Marion had owned another RV8 (Woodcote Green 2150) for many years and part exchanged it at Brown & Gammons for Oxford Blue 0024. Both Marion and Ian Quarrington had enjoyed that RV8 a great deal for many years and Marion says “I had always tried to use 2150 on my marshalling duties wherever they are in the country and see no reason why I should not use 0024 in the same way. I started my marshalling with the MG Car Club and now also enjoy working with HSCC and VSCC among others, and have been marshalling at the British Grand Prix and the Silverstone Classic for a number of years. There are a huge number of lady volunteers in the Club doing a variety of work including marshalling and long may that continue."

Woodcote Green 2150

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