## Suspected scam with an RV8 offered for sale on eBay



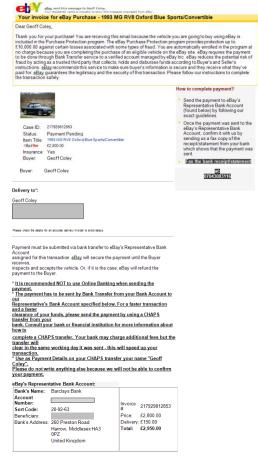
**Geoff Coley** report "I have become aware of a scam on the internet involving an RV8 offered for sale on eBay. An advert first appeared on eBay on 29th February 2012 and quoted a Buy Now price if an email was sent to ARZ123@gmail.com which was sent. Within two hours the advert disappeared from eBay. To see what happened I did contact ARZ123 and got a response that due to personal circumstances, the "sell now" price was £2,800 and the car was an Oxford Blue RV8 with 61,863 miles on the clock. I asked for photos and they were duly sent to me showing the car as a UK market spec Oxford Blue RV8 with the registration number L907 DPB. The seller was "Joe Barlow" and the car was claimed to be located in Dundee. So far so good - a very cheap RV8!

I was asked to pay for the car via bank transfer to an eBay "Purchase Protection Program" following the issue of a genuine looking eBay Invoice - except it didn't have my eBay registered name on it. So I was suspicious and used the eBay help Chat button on that invoice and exchanged information with the supposed eBay Chatline operative. Again, I asked why my eBay registered name was not being used and this was ignored, so I declined to go any further and withdrew, After "Joe Barlow" sent me another bogus eBay buy now document, which like the invoice sent earlier and the Help Chatline, did not check out with eBay Inc. themselves when I spoke to them.

I have to say that up to that point the whole thing looked plausible, but I would like to make sure that that fellow V8 Register members are aware of this likely scam. Any emails and other documentation I received during my contact with this seller have been forwarded to eBay so they are also aware.

**Geoff Coley** later added "I reported it to Tayside Police Friday and intend to do the same with Norfolk Police tomorrow. I have seen a photo of this car and recall the car was featured somewhere in the V8 Register site some ten years ago. I think it was perhaps one of the photos in the RV8 Workshop Notes CD. The DVLA show the car as untaxed and duty due since August 2010 and it's not on SORN. An HPI check shows one previous owner and the last change being 2002. Another thing which made me suspicious was the seller could not or would not quote a VIN number for the car."

Later Geoff sent a copy of the "eBay invoice" he received from the seller "Joe Barlow" but on examining the "invoice" the payment section showed a beneficiary (which was not Joe Barlow) at a branch of Barclays Bank in northwest London.



If you need more help please click below to Chat with an eBay Live Help agent.

So check carefully for possible scammers when buying or selling a car.