

**V8**

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**V8 prices continue to rise**

Whilst there are signs the effects of the "alternative investment" activity in the classic car market have reduced over the 12 months to May 2017, our analysis of our online MGV8 Pricewatch reports indicates MGBGT V8 Condition 1 prices have risen by between 7% and 10% to £21,330 for a chrome bumper example. Condition 1 RV8 prices have risen by 8% and 11% to £18,445 for a Woodcote Green example and £20,000 for "other colours". "Exceptional" cars are more.

A key feature is the relatively small supply of cars on offer in the market, particularly good quality examples. So potential buyers have to work hard to keep up with the adverts and

auctions and also the various online websites where MGV8s are advertised, not least on the V8 website, and then visit cars promptly to view them before they are sold.

See our market reviews and price charts for both models on the V8 website and follow our online MGV8 Pricewatch reports via the links on our "More" webpage at:

[www.v8register.net/more.htm](http://www.v8register.net/more.htm)

**RV8 at Shelsley Walsh**

Nic Houslip has been competing for two years in hillclimbs and sprints in his RV8 which was formerly owned by his good friend, the late Bill Wallis, who was President of the MG Car Club. The RV8 (photo alongside by Derek Hibbert) performed



well at at a Shelsley Walsh hillclimb in June when Nic did his best ever time of 44 sec, breaking his handicap twice in one day. He broke it in practice and then got a new one after lunch which went on the first competitive run.

Nic mentioned "they had the Aston Martin Vulcan there for a demonstration run. It's a 7 litre naturally aspirated V12 with only 820 bhp - the sound was glorious. The war began as he

left the line - after the battle of wills between the 345-section rubber, the tarmac and the traction control and the rev limiter (I think it was a draw for all of them), it wailed up the hill, down the box into bottom Esse and then coming out of the top Esse, we could hear it bellowing from the paddock. Politically incorrect, completely impractical as anything other than a track day car, but it would have been rude not to enjoy it!"