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Welcome to Autoh!

This is the 14th edition of Autoh! the North East's own motoring magazine. For this edition we're also incorporating DriveHome. All of our magazines are delivered to carefully chosen households across NE, SR and DH postcodes and to over 150 businesses. We are the region's leading magazine for anyone who is interested in cars and now we're keeping you up to date with new-build developments in the region.

As usual, there will be a full round-up of latest news and products from your local franchise car dealers.

In this edition we're joined by another North East footballing legend, ex Sunderland, Gary Bennett. He tells us about his life in cars.

We tell you about two big takeovers of familiar regional car dealers. Mill Volvo and Hodgson Toyota / Mazda / Suzuki, have been bought by the Stoneacre Group.

Stoneacre are another family company so Mill and Hodgson are in safe hands.

We'll look at some of the latest electric and hybrid cars and we delve into the history books to look at the rise and rise of the Nissan factory in Sunderland.

There are road tests of the Kia Stonic, Volvo XC40, Fiat Tipo and a pair of pick-ups from SsangYong and Isuzu. There's an in-depth look at what's going on at Volkswagen, Hyundai and Renault and we sample our first LPG powered car, the Dacia Duster Bi-Fuel.

Meanwhile, we're looking closely at one of the region's new building companies who're busy working on a stunning development in Wooler.

Oh, and if you'd like to keep in touch with us, you can go onto our website www.autoh.co.uk

Graham Courtney, Editor.



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TIPO IS A SPACE CRUISER

If you're looking for a roomy, comfortable car, many people don't consider the Fiat Tipo and especially the Tipo Station Wagon. Pity, because it's one of the most refined estate cars on the market.



It's also well priced with the entry level 'Easy' trim starting off at £16,820. It really is the classic case of getting a lot of car for your money.

Three engines are on offer. There's a pair of 1.4 litre petrol engines offering either 94 or 118 bhp, but the one we like is the 118 bhp 1.6 litre diesel. The main reason for buying an estate car is that it's likely to be used as a workhorse, spending a lot of time either carrying a decent number of occupants and their baggage, or being loaded to the gunwales with kit. To get it though, you need to move up to Mirror trim. You'll find that the petrol engines are fine if the Tipo Station Wagon is being used as a commuter mobile, but if you

intend making this Tipo work for its living, you'll appreciate not only the power of the diesel unit, but also the economy and performance.

0-60mph takes around ten seconds but go easily and you won't be far away from 60mpg. The larger of the 1.4 litre petrol engines has a similar 0-60 time, but fuel consumption will drop to low 40s mpg. Granted, diesel power and higher trim level bumps the price to £18,070, so do your sums and work out how many miles you expect to cover and how long you intend to keep your Tipo.

If you flop the rear seats forward, you end up with a flat load floor and a space that's 1.8 metres long. With the seats in place,

there's plenty of legroom for rear passengers. Headroom is good too.

Up front, the driving position is comfortable with good all-round visibility.

In terms of kit, we'd go for the top level 'Lounge' trim. It's only around £750 more than the mid-level 'Mirror' trim, but it adds sat nav, reversing camera and bigger alloy wheels. It's worth the extra outlay and makes the car feel a tad more special. You already get DAB radio, powered windows and mirrors, air con and parking sensors.

If value for money is top of your list, then the entry level version of the Fiat Tipo Station Wagon will make you smile, but we reckon the best all-rounder is the diesel with a few extra goodies.





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These are crazy times for Jeff Aynsley and his team at Bristol Street Motors Hyundai on the Silverlink at Wallsend.

Why? Because Hyundai is a tricky company to keep up with. The speed at which they introduce new and updated models is nothing short of staggering.

And you'll find them all at the Silverlink dealership plus news of some other very exciting Hyundais which will be at the North Tyneside dealership by the end of this year.

Oh, and if you need proof of just how good the latest Hyundai models really are, they continue to rack-up awards. Take the last couple of months for example.

The 2020 What Car? magazine Electric Car Awards have just been announced and the Hyundai Ioniq Electric romped away with the gong for being Best Electric Family Car. Judges praised the Ioniq Electric for offering a better package 'than any other rival', praising its value for money, its equipment and its technology. They added that the car makes the transition to zero-emissions as easy as possible.

The Ioniq range also picked up another award, named as the UK's most highly rated car in the Honest John Customer Satisfaction Index.

Maintaining the awards theme, the Kona Electric wasn't to be left out. It's been named as Best Small Family Car in Top Gear magazine's inaugural electric awards.

Hyundai already offers the broadest range of electrified powertrains in the UK, but by the end of this year, three quarters of the entire Hyundai range will be offered with an electric option...whether it's hybrid, PHEV (plug-in hybrid) or fully electric. You can already get the Kona Hybrid and Kona Electric; the Ioniq range offers all three options...Ioniq hybrid, Ioniq Plug-In Hybrid and Ioniq Electric and there are the mild hybrid Tucson models.

By the end of the year there will be the brand new mild hybrid Hyundai i20 & i30 and hybrid & plug-in hybrid versions of the Hyundai Santa Fe.



In fact, the brand new Santa Fe is arriving shortly at Silverlink Hyundai. It is the most stunning car to look at and drive. A new platform allows for significant improvements in performance, handling, fuel efficiency and safety. The interior is hi-tech and will be offered in either 5 or 7 seat configuration. All-wheel drive is available and there will be a selection of driving modes for sand, snow and mud, as well as the driving modes eco, sport and comfort.

If you are looking for a family hatchback, you'll love the Hyundai i30 and for those who need or prefer smaller dimensions, the Hyundai i20 will be ideal.

If you spend most of your time in built-up areas, make a beeline for the Hyundai i10. It's one of the best city cars around.

One thing's for certain; Hyundai has a car that can fit in with your needs and your lifestyle. If you fancy an SUV, family hatchback, estate or city runabout, you'll find them all within the Hyundai range... and you'll find them all at the Bristol Street Hyundai Silverlink dealership.



You should also contact Jeff and his team if you qualify for the Motability scheme, because the Hyundai range has some fantastic offers to get you moving.

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Having said that, we think the best option for anyone looking for a new or used Hyundai, is for you to just call in and have a chat. The sales team will find you exactly the right Hyundai.



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DACIA GOES LPG BI-FUEL ACROSS ITS RANGE

If you head up into the Dales or over to the Lake District you'll frequently see an additional pump at the local filling station. LPG is a favourite amongst the rural community because it gives you another option from petrol and, in-effect, provides you with a second tank on your car.

Dacia is a big fan of LPG because the fuel is massively popular on the Continent where in many cases it's half the price of petrol. Bearing in mind that there is a market for LPG in the UK, Dacia has responded to this by making every model in its range available with a Bi-Fuel option. They're all badged TCe 100 Bi-Fuel and use a new 1.0-litre turbocharged dual-fuel powertrain which combines petrol and LPG capabilities. You even get additional torque in LPG mode which will suit anyone who uses their Dacia for towing.

Dacia reckon that if you use LPG to its full extent, owners will benefit from an average of £594 savings on their annual fuel bill or nearly £2,400 over a four-year PCP. You'll reduce your emissions / carbon footprint too.

Other than a second tank which takes the place of the spare wheel and a second filler tube under the petrol flap, the Dacia Duster Bi-Fuel is just like its stablemates plus you also get a seriously useful range in excess of 600 miles.

Inside, you'll spot a button to the right of the steering wheel. This allows you to switch to and from LPG. A series of diodes shows you how much LPG is left. On the dashboard there's the standard fuel gauge. There is no hesitation when switching from petrol to LPG...it's seamless.

Other than that, this is standard Dacia Duster fare, which means you have one of the best value cars on the UK market. Prices for the Duster range start at a

seriously competitive £11,245. If you are interested in the Bi-Fuel option, you'll need to up from entry level Access to Essential trim. Want the Bi-Fuel version? Add just £400. You'll recoup the difference in about a year. The only downside is that you can't get the Bi-Fuel Dacia with all-wheel drive. Pity, because that would have made this an even more attractive car for those of you who live out in the sticks.

Go for Comfort trim and you'll get air con, Apple CarPlay, electric front windows, chunky alloys, tinted windows, DAB radio, roof bars and smarter upholstery.

This is one of the most cost-effective cars on UK roads...and with Bi-Fuel it just got even more penny pinching. It's a winner.



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Honda is JAZZING UP the Supermini Market

The Honda Jazz has been a hugely successful car for the Honda car company. It manages to blend the boundaries of young couples wanting something nippy around town yet capable enough for holiday trips, with those folk of an older generation who want a car that they know will be ultra-reliable, comfortable and good to drive.

It also acts as the sort of car which leads people further up the Honda range into the Civic, HR-V and CR-V models.

No surprise therefore to find that the 4th generation of the Honda Jazz sticks very closely to the tried and tested formula of its predecessors.

Only that it's better and comes with the option of a sporty SUV type of version called the Jazz Crosstar. More about the latter version in a moment.

The 'standard' Honda Jazz is still instantly recognisable. This is something of an achievement in an increasingly bland motoring world. The big change is under the bonnet. Every Jazz (including the Crosstar) is now powered by an incredibly efficient hybrid powertrain. A 1.5 litre petrol engine is joined by two electric motors. Working in tandem they produced 104bhp which, if you go easily, will crack 60mpg. Honda reckon a full tank of fuel should get you beyond 500 miles. Wow. Low emissions are a gimme.

For those of you who've not tried hybrid power before, there's a trick you need to discover. Around town, make sure you ease away from junctions or try to keep the car rolling slowly rather than stop-start. If you do this, the car will run silently



on electric power alone. If you need some extra oomph, not a problem. Simply ease the throttle further and the petrol engine seamlessly bursts into life to lend a hand. The power goes to the wheels via an automatic CVT gearbox. If simplicity of driving is what you want, the Honda Jazz will tick all of your boxes.

It's nippy too with 0-60 taking 9.5 seconds; top speed is 108 mph...all of which means that when it comes to travelling on the motorway, the Honda Jazz will easily keep pace.

Inside, there's still the incredibly roomy interior for which the Jazz has always been famed. The new seats are even more comfy and the dashboard with its really smart colour touchscreen is incredibly user friendly while being hi-tech.

There are 3 grades of trim available in the Honda Jazz...SE, SR and top of the range EX. Prices start at £18, 985.

The SE comes with all of the essentials... but we'd recommend splashing out a further £2400 and going for top of the range EX because it makes the Honda Jazz feel really special. You get satellite navigation, wonderful audio system, parking sensors front and rear, Apple Carplay, air conditioning, powered windows and mirrors, heated front seats, heated steering wheel, DAB radio, Bluetooth and, of course, a comprehensive list of safety list...it is a Honda after all.

If you want a more hunky look to your Honda Jazz, then head for the Jazz



Crosstar. It is only available in top of the range EX trim and starts at £22,635.

The Crosstar is a mini SUV which is aimed at drivers who want a mini 4x4 appearance and probably enjoy some outdoor adventure...walking in the Lake District, trips to the Northumberland beaches etc. The giveaway inside is that the seating material is washable!!! Outside you'll notice a raised ride height, a different grille to the 'standard' Jazz, chunky 16inch alloy wheels and cladding around the wheel arches and sills to ward off any scratches. Roof rails are also standard. We think it looks really cool.

Under the bonnet, you'll find the same oily bits as the Jazz...which is a good thing.

In a nutshell, the Crosstar broadens the appeal of the Honda Jazz.

The Honda Jazz has moved onwards, and in the case of the Crosstar, upwards. It's stylish, user-friendly, good to drive, instantly recognisable, well equipped and good value.

It'll also be utterly reliable and will hang onto its value like a limpet. It can't fail.

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NISSAN SUNDERLAND. BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

It's hard to believe that next year will see the 35th year of car manufacturing at the Sunderland Nissan factory.

Last year saw the 10 millionth car roll off the production line... a Vivid Blue Nissan Qashqai Tekna...making it the fastest car factory in the UK to reach that figure. On average, a new car has been built in Sunderland every two minutes since production started in 1986.

The Nissan Qashqai crossover is the most produced model at the plant, contributing more than 3.4 million to the overall figure. The Nissan Micra is the second most produced car, with close to 2.4 million. The Qashqai is sold in 84 different countries and when it reached the half million production mark, it got there faster than any other car in the history of car production in the UK. It achieved the feat in a record-breaking 21 months with a new Qashqai rolling off the assembly every 62 seconds. Around 20 per cent of them are sold in the UK. The Qashqai beat previous records set by the MK1 Ford Cortina, which took 34 months to hit the half million landmark, and the Austin / Morris 1100 / 1300 which reached the same total in 29 months.

Qashqai is one of ten main models to be built at the plant since the first Bluebird was built in 1986 and it is one of three currently made at the plant, alongside the

all-electric LEAF and Juke. Last year production of the Juke passed one million, with Primera the only other model to hit seven figures at just under 1.5 million.

In other words, the factory has been a massive success. It has created thousands of jobs, both within the factory itself and also in the multitude of supply companies in the region.

When Nissan decided to choose Sunderland as the base for a new factory, it was big news. It's built on the site of a former airfield. The ground breaking ceremony took place in July 1984. The first Bluebird rolled off the assembly line two years later in 1986. Production for the first year was, understandably, fairly low at just 5,139. Many of the early workers

had spent time in Japan getting to know how the Japanese operated assembly lines. There was also a move to make the Sunderland factory a single union workforce. Nissan made that one of their main stipulations.

Oh, and if you'd like to see the first Bluebird that was built at Sunderland, (it's known as JOB 1), it's on display at the Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens.

Margaret Thatcher, who was Prime Minister at the time, travelled to the North East in September 1986 to perform the opening ceremony. Five years later, the factory made its first annual profit. Production was now up to over 100,000 cars per year. The Nissan Bluebird had been replaced by the Nissan Primera.

By then, the Nissan Sunderland factory was into its stride and the high quality of the cars being produced there was recognised worldwide. It was no surprise therefore that the Nissan bosses decided





to award the production of other models to Sunderland.

1992 saw the introduction of the Micra. It was an instant hit and became a top seller across Europe.

The turn of the century saw continued success for Sunderland. Additional lines were added and the plant was given a third car to produce...the Almera.

2006 was arguably the biggest year up to that point because while the Almera was replaced by the Nissan NOTE, it saw the unveiling of the Nissan Qashqai.

Within two years, such was the demand for the Qashqai that the Primera was removed from the Sunderland production list. The plant would concentrate on the Qashqai, Micra and NOTE. The Qashqai also became the first car built by Nissan

outside of Japan, to be exported to Japan.

Nissan then decided to build a second model on the Qashqai platform, but one that would appeal to younger buyers. It was the Nissan Juke. Production started in July 2010 but something had to give because the plant was running at full capacity, so the Nissan Micra was taken away from Sunderland. It's now produced for the European market in France.

2011 saw Sunderland awarded another new car...the all-electric LEAF. A separate area was constructed at the plant so that the LEAF's lithium battery could be made there. The LEAF is now the world's best-selling all-electric car.

2015 saw further development at the Sunderland plant. Nissan has a luxury brand called Infiniti. It's a bit like Toyota have with Lexus. A decision was taken to award production of the Infiniti Q30 and QX30. Work lasted for three years, but the Infiniti brand never took off in the UK



and it has now been dropped altogether.

The Sunderland Nissan factory is the most productive car plant in Europe, but 2020 has been an uncertain time for everyone, including the Nissan Sunderland plant. Car sales plummeted and there were concerns for the future of the factory and the 7000 people who work there. However, although it's difficult to predict the future, everything certainly looks more secure at the moment. Sadly that has come at the expense of the 3000 workers at the Nissan plant in Barcelona which will close by the end of the year.

Nissan is also now part of an alliance with Renault and Mitsubishi. It remains to be seen whether that will affect the future of the plant, especially if Renault becomes the major player in the European part of the alliance. Time will tell.





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One of the UK's most successful car dealers is now a major name on the region's car scene. Stoneacre Motor Group is soon to become home for Toyota, Mazda, Suzuki and Volvo in the North East.

Many of you will have already seen the name of Stoneacre appearing on car dealerships across the region. However, Stoneacre is now a force to be reckoned with here in the North East because, since the turn of the year, they've taken over Mill Garages, which has enjoyed a long relationship with Volvo, and the Hodgson Group which represents Toyota, Mazda and Suzuki.

Mill Garages has dealerships across the region and North Yorkshire while Hodgson has two multi-franchise sites next to the Metro Centre in Gateshead and the Silverlink on Tyneside.

The acquisition of Mill Garages means that Stoneacre has become one of the UK's biggest Volvo dealers, adding their sites in Newcastle, Sunderland, Stockton and Harrogate to those in Derbyshire and Lincolnshire. If they don't have the exact model you want at your local Volvo dealership, there's a really good chance they'll have one at another branch. They'll bring the car to you.

It's a similar story at Hodgson Toyota, Mazda and Suzuki. Stoneacre already has several Mazda and Suzuki dealerships across the UK but the acquisition of Hodgson Group sees the Toyota brand joining Stoneacre for the first time. It's something that all parties are looking forward to and Toyota sees a wonderful opportunity for Stoneacre to build on the firm foundations already laid by Hodgson.

Actually, there are a lot of similarities between Mill Garages, Hodgson Group and the Stoneacre Motor Group.

Mill Garages has been privately owned for



over 70 years and have worked closely with Volvo for over 50 years.

Hodgson Group has recently celebrated moving into its seventh decade of family ownership.

And now they're both owned by Stoneacre Motor Group which is also family owned. Stoneacre was launched in 1994 and is one of the fastest growing car dealers in the UK. It's also one of the most successful. They have 102 locations across the country which means there's always a Stoneacre dealership near you. They supply new cars from 25 of the leading car manufacturers. No matter which brand you are looking for, Stoneacre will be able to source it for you.

Mill Garages and Hodgson Group always prided themselves on having some of the highest retention rates of any car dealers in the UK. In other words, people who buy their cars from their dealerships keep going back for more.

Now things are about to get even better.

Okay, there's a new name above the door. All Mill and Hodgson dealerships will now be part of Stoneacre Motor Group and the name of Stoneacre will appear on their forecourt signs.

But rest assured, many of the same faces will be there. There'll still be the same devotion to customer service; there will

be the same, meticulous attention to detail and, of course, there will be even better deals on new and used Volvo, Toyota, Mazda and Suzuki cars due to Stoneacre's buying power.

Oh...and if you fancy buying a previously owned car, Stoneacre has an enormous selection. They regularly have over 6000 cars to choose from in group stock. Part-exchange is welcome and Stoneacre will beat any on-line valuation.

You can guarantee unbelievable deals because Stoneacre has a lot of influence in the car world which means better deals for you. They have serious buying power. This is great news for loyal Mill and Hodgson customers because it guarantees even better prices and more choice.

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RENAULT ZOE PLUG AND PLAY

Electric cars are making more and more sense to more and more people.

Take the Renault Zoe for instance. It was one of the early cars to appear on the EV scene and it has always been arguably the best one. What Car? magazine named it their 2020 Small Electric Car of the Year.

Well, Renault have moved things on with the latest Zoe. The headlines are increased power and range, vastly improved interior design and a host of new tech.

Let's start with the important stuff. You can now get a Zoe with a 100kW R135 electric motor and new 52kWh battery which gives better acceleration (0-60mph in around 10 seconds and 0-30mph in under 4 seconds) and improved range. In the right conditions and if you go easily you could get 245 miles on a full charge. Talking of charging, there's a new 50kW DC charging option which re-charges the battery from zero to 80% in just over an hour. If you're tight for time, a 30-minute charge is enough for a 90-mile boost in range.

If you haven't got a wallbox charger...no problem because Renault provide one free.

Out on the road, the Zoe is huge fun to drive. It's real point and squirt driving and even makes town driving enjoyable



because it's so nippy. You can also use what Renault calls 'B Mode'. This increases the level of engine braking so, rather than coasting along when you lift off, the engine braking becomes a generator and tops up your battery. Once you get the hang of it you can drive in traffic using just one pedal and never touch the brakes.

It's also worth mentioning that the Renault Zoe comes with a 5-year 100,000 mile warranty and an 8 year warranty for the battery.

The interior is really smart with a premium feel. There are three trim

options...Play, Iconic and GT Line. Prices start at £26,495 which includes the government £3k grant. We'd recommend spending a further £2000 and moving up to Iconic trim with the new, more powerful electric motor. It makes the Zoe at home in quicker traffic. As for kit, Iconic trim comes with air con, rear parking sensors, powered windows and mirrors, auto lights and wipers and cruise control. The instrument cluster is a smart, customisable 10 inch screen behind the steering wheel.

The Renault Zoe is still one of the best electric cars around. It can seat 5 adults, looks smart inside and out, is fun to drive and ultra-economical. It's our favourite small electric car.



E-TECH IS HI-TECH VA VA VOOM



Renault is at the forefront of electric vehicle technology and, with the newly unveiled E-Tech Clio and Captur, they're showing what they can do with hybrids.

This is important for Nissan at Sunderland. Nissan is part of an alliance with Renault and Mitsubishi. Renault is the dominant European partner. We could see Renault cars being built on Wearside.

One thing's for certain is that boffins at all partners will work closely. We'll see technology shared.

So, what about the new Renault E-Tech models.

The really good Renault Clio and Captur are receiving the new hybrid powertrains. The difference is that the Clio is hybrid only; the Captur has a PHEV facility whereby you can charge the battery separately in addition to the normal hybrid recharging. Renault throw in a free wall charger for Captur E-Tech buyers.

Reminder of how hybrids work. A 1.6 litre petrol engine and an electric motor work



in tandem. The electric motor is powered by a battery which recharges whenever you decelerate. The advantage of being able to charge the battery separately is that you can start the day with a full battery and can drive for almost 30 miles purely on battery power.

Renault reckon you'll manage 80% of town driving on battery alone and save around 40% on fuel. They're nippy too because the electric motor develops 100% of its power instantly. The gearbox is automatic but has four stepped gears which means you avoid the buzzy engine note which some hybrids cars suffer from. The gearbox uses know-how derived from Renault's involvement in Formula One.

Both cars make sense for business users with Benefit In Kind rates of 22% for the Clio Hybrid and 10% for Captur PHEV. Prices start at £19,595 for the E-Tech Clio and £30,495 for the E-Tech Captur.

The Captur has the best potential mpg. Renault reckon if you charge regularly and use electric power only, you'll crack 180mpg. It's worth bearing in mind that the E-Tech Clio and Captur are the most powerful of their ranges. Add the engine and electric motor together and you end up with 158bhp and a 0-60 time of 10 seconds.

The Clio hybrid will manage around 63mpg.

Out on the road, both are really good to drive. They're comfortable, well equipped and look smart.

You need to do your sums. Compare prices of other models in the range, figure out your average weekly driving routine and calculate the fuel savings.

These two cars are very welcome additions to the excellent Renault Clio and Captur range and could turn out to be two of the most popular models.



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Citroën Range Official Government Fuel Consumption Figures MPG (litres per 100km) and CO2 Emissions (g/km); Highest: Citroën C5 Aircross SUV: Combined 35.2 (8.0) to 58.6 (4.8), CO2 emissions: 130 – 100g/km. Lowest: Citroën C3: Combined 41.6 (6.8) to 67.0 (4.2), CO2 emissions: 107 – 85g/km.

The grouped figures shown above show the lowest and highest performing results for this model. Consult your dealer for information on specific examples. The fuel consumption you achieve, and CO2 produced, in real world conditions will depend upon a number of factors: including the accessories fitted (post registration), variations in weather, driving styles and vehicle load. There is a new test WLTP (Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicles Test Procedure) used to measure fuel consumption and CO2 figures. These CO2 figures, however, are based on the outgoing test cycle NEDCeq (New European Driving Cycle Equivalent), calculated using an EC correlation tool which converts WLTP figures to NEDC. These figures are used to calculate tax for first registration. You should only compare fuel consumption and CO2 figures with other vehicles tested using the same technical standard.

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WINGROVE MOTOR COMPANY CELEBRATES 95TH ANNIVERSARY WITH £750,000 SILVERLINK DEALERSHIP INVESTMENT

A family-owned North East car dealership group has completed a £750,000 investment in its future growth as it celebrates its 95th birthday.

Wingrove Motor Company operates the official North East franchises for global brands Citroën, Peugeot and DS, and employs around 90 people across its Silverlink, Newcastle West Road, Cramlington and Ashington dealerships and service centres.

It was founded on 10 August 1925 by Newcastle cattle auctioneer John Myers Dalkin Snr and has been run by successive generations of the family ever since.

Current managing director Josh Parker is part of the fifth generation to be involved, while his mum Louise Parker, dad Ian Parker and grandad Peter Dalkin, who joined the firm back in 1962, are all still part of the business.

A refurbishment of its Silverlink dealership has been completed just in time for the anniversary, with improvements including the addition of the Peugeot franchise to the site as well as a new service reception, new waiting areas, new furniture and the installation of 10 new electric charging points.

Wingrove is the largest family-owned and operated motor company in the North East and has run a wide range of motor

franchises right across the region during its 95 years.

Around 150 apprentices have begun their careers with the dealership so far, with several of them going on to take up senior positions with the business, while it has also backed a wide range of community projects over the years, including supporting the set-up of the Jesmond Dene Parkrun and investing in the soon to be refurbished Gallagher Park BMX track in Bedlington in partnership with Barnesbury BMX Club.

In April this year, Wingrove gave over its main distribution centre and warehouse facility on the Nelson Industrial Estate in Cramlington to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for use as a new PPE manufacturing facility, a project which is still ongoing.

Managing director Josh Parker says: "Our anniversary celebrations are rather lower key than we'd originally planned, but while this year has clearly been challenging for everyone, the business remains in good shape and we're confident of continuing to grow in the years leading up to our 100th anniversary.

"The enduring quality of our staff and the

service they provide has always been the key to our success, and as well as having five generations of the family involved with the business, we also have local families that have been customers for just as long.

"Our industry has gone through incredible change during our lifetime, and most especially over the last few years. We began to offer electric vehicles very soon after they became available, have over a dozen different electric/plug in hybrid vehicles on display and are ready to capitalise on further growth in this area of the market.

"The Silverlink dealership refurbishment looks really impressive, and we're excited by the potential that it and our recently-refurbished West Road site have to help us deliver on our growth plans.

"Contributing to the well-being of our communities has long been part of our make-up and we've got lots of plans in place to do even more in the future.

"Supporting the NHS over the last few months has been a particular honour for us and we're very pleased to have been able to make a contribution to its incredible work during the pandemic."

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MUSSO - FOR WHEN SIZE MATTERS

SsangYong is a company to keep an eye on. Remember when people used to turn their nose up at SKODA, Dacia, Kia, Hyundai etc? Not any longer.

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SsangYong is going through the same routine, but there is light at the end of the tunnel because the latest models from this South Korean manufacturer are worthy of very close inspection. Take the latest SsangYong Musso for example.

If you are VAT registered, this pick-up kicks off at £21,995 ex VAT. But even at just over £26,000 for the rest of us, this is incredibly good value for a big, versatile and spacious vehicle. Oh, and don't think that your local gardener, farmer and brickie is going to be the only person driving a Musso. They are becoming a lifestyle statement and seen as a genuine alternative to humdrum saloons, hatchbacks and SUVs.

SsangYong thrives on no-nonsense vehicles that represent terrific value for money, and the Musso is one of the best. If you want proof, it's worth noting that



the Musso has been named What Car? magazine's best pick-up for under £28,000... twice. 4x4 magazine gave it the gong for best value pick-up, and Diesel Car & Eco Awards voted Musso as best overall pick-up. Musso shares its platform with the SsangYong Rexton - 4x4 Magazine's 4x4 Of The Year three years in a row 2018, 2019 and 2020.

Praise indeed.

But not surprising. The SsangYong Musso comes with a staggering 7-year - 150,000 mile warranty; go for the automatic gearbox and you can tow 3500kg and carry 1140kg at the same time. It has selectable all-wheel drive and with the Rhino LWB model you'll get the longest load bed of any UK pick-up...1.61 metres.

This is a serious workhorse and, bearing in mind the warranty that SsangYong include as standard, they've plainly got a stack of confidence in it being tough and

reliable.

Under the bonnet there's a 2.2 litre 179bhp diesel engine. You should be able to manage mid-30s mpg, but one thing you definitely get is loads of lugging power. If you need to tow a hefty trailer, boat, horsebox or caravan, you'll hardly know it's there.

You get plenty of kit. In something like the Rhino you'll find sat nav, air con, heated steering wheel, powered leather seats which are heated and ventilated for those up front, cruise control, wiper de-icer, front and rear parking sensors, rear view camera, DAB radio. The list goes on.

In other words, don't be fooled by the price; the SsangYong Musso is tough, up to the job, laden with kit and amazing value. If you go for the Rhino long wheelbase, you get the biggest double cab pick-up with the biggest load bed on the market.

If size matters, they don't come any better than the SsangYong Musso.





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The Audi range has something for everyone; estates, hatchbacks, saloons, coupés, drop tops, SUVs, 4x4s. Power plants vary from economical petrol and diesel, to PHEV hybrid and full electric.

Here's a quick look at our favourite three latest Audis. We'll go in order of size and power.

£18,670 gets you into the four rings club with the A1 Sportback and if you want to spend a little more...£4630 to be exact... that buys you the entry level A3 Sportback. For those who are unaware, German cars are far from poorly-equipped. The entry A3 comes with sat nav, air con, LED headlights, cracking audio system, a 10.1" touch screen and new safety features including lane departure warning. You can have petrol or diesel power and either manual or auto gearbox. You can even have the

wonderful all-wheel drive quattro system and join the Quattro club too! The Audi motto, Vorsprung Durch Technik literally translates as 'Progress Through Technology'. We couldn't agree more!

When it comes to excellent family motoring, the A3 Sportback covers most bases.



The latest trend in cars is the SUV. You can't move for them. Thankfully the Audi Q range stands out from an increasingly dull crowd. The Audi Q2 and Q3 are a bit like an A3 with attitude. At the top end of the Q range there are the seriously hunky Q7 and Q8. In the middle is the Q5 which is a terrific all-rounder. Its popular 2.0 litre diesel engine gives you 0-60 in a shade over 7 seconds, but go easily and you'll get 44mpg. A 7-speed auto box comes as standard. So does all-wheel drive. This is a proper SUV. If you need to tow a horsebox or reverse a boat into a lake, the Audi Q5 will easily cope.

Performance is at the heart of every Audi. Okay, economy is there too, but certain Audi models stand out as being aimed at those drivers who enjoy a bit of oomph and love the sound of a growling exhaust. The pick of the bunch is the recently launched Audi RS6 Avant. The fourth-generation model has just gone on sale. 592bhp from a 4.0 litre 6-cylinder petrol engine gives you 0-60 in 3.6 seconds. Wow. Make sure you secure the Labrador in the boot. When it comes to quick estate cars, there are none better than the RS6 Avant.

Interested? The best idea is to telephone, email or call into Wearside Audi, Newcastle Road, Sunderland. Things are a bit different at the moment, but rest assured, Wearside Audi have your wellbeing as their number one priority. They've taken every precaution to make any visit to their dealerships a safe...and still enjoyable...occasion. Their sales, parts and servicing departments are operating as normal so why not pop in for a socially distanced chat and find out what's going on at Audi.

If you haven't driven an Audi lately, why not see what you've been missing.

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In conversation with... Gary Bennett

tells us about his favourite and not so favourite cars.

'BENNO' 0 - 1 STREET LAMP

Gary Bennett is a true Sunderland legend. Born and bred in Manchester, he began his footballing career with the youth set-up at Manchester City. In 1981 he joined Cardiff City and then, after three seasons in Wales, Gary arrived on Wearside, signed in 1984 for £65,000.

He went on to spend eleven years at Sunderland...most of them as captain... and made 443 appearances. He scored 26 goals and was 'Player of the Season' twice.

Gary scored on his debut. It was August 1984 at Roker Park against Southampton. He headed past the England no.1 at the time, Peter Shilton, and put Sunderland on their way to a 3-1 win. When it comes to winning over the fans, it doesn't come any better. He's never looked back. Here's the Sunderland team on that day. Turner; Pickering, Chisholm, Elliott, Bennett; Venison, Proctor, Berry, West; Gayle, Walker.

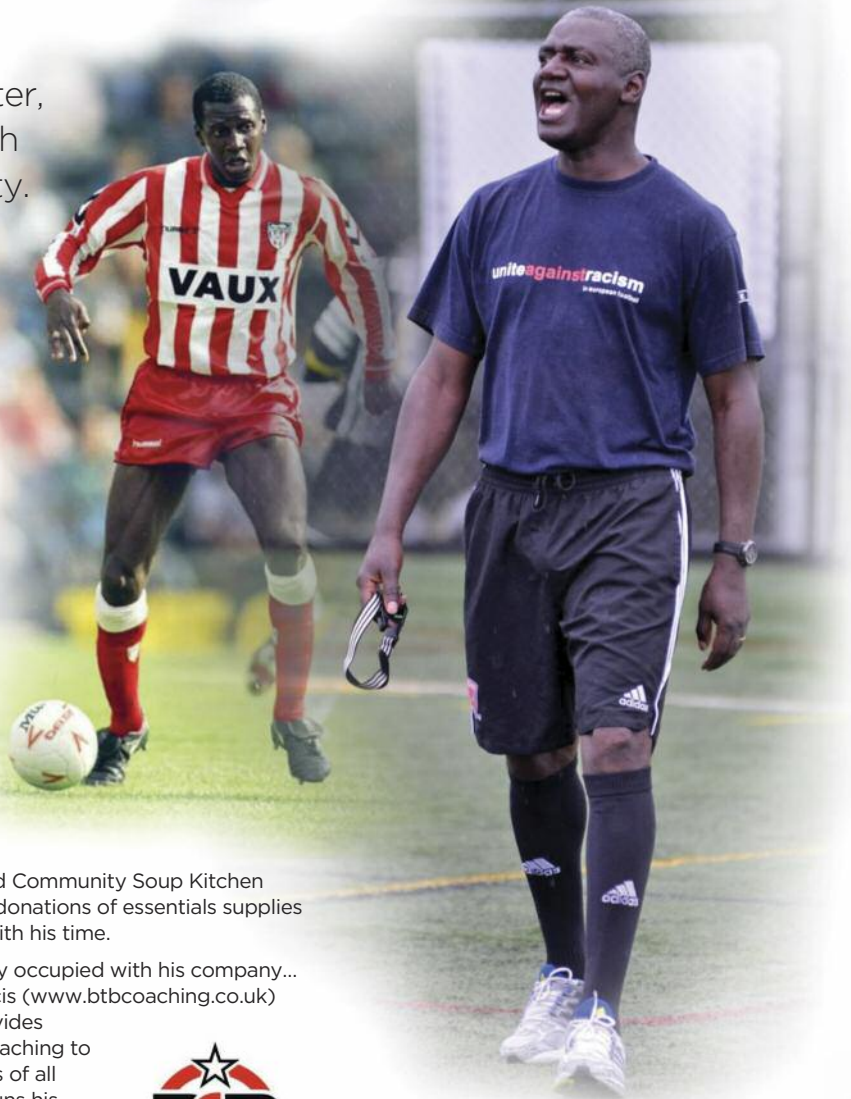
Gary was a rarity at Sunderland...he was only the second black player to appear for the club. Gary's 2011 autobiography is called 'The Black Cat'. A lot of fans were sceptical about signing a defender from a club that was two divisions below Sunderland. He was also a different sort of centre half because Gary liked to win the ball and then go forward, taking on the opposing players.

One of the highlights of his career came in 1991 at Maine Road against his first club. Okay Man City won 3-2 but Gary scored, and in the crowd behind the goal were his parents. A proud moment. So was representing Sunderland at two FA Cup finals.

Such was the rapport Gary had with the fans that over 20,000 turned up for his testimonial against Rangers.

After Sunderland, Gary had spells as both player, player-coach and manager.

Nowadays, Gary is busier than ever. He follows Sunderland home and away as a radio commentator for BBC Newcastle. He works tirelessly for the 'Show Racism the Red Card' campaign and it must be mentioned that he's been supporting the



Sunderland Community Soup Kitchen both with donations of essentials supplies and also with his time.

Gary is fully occupied with his company... Back2Bascis (www.btbcoaching.co.uk) which provides football coaching to youngsters of all ages. He runs his own football training sessions as well as working closely with schools in the region. Back2Basics also has an education programme which helps 16-18yr olds find full time employment or gain an apprenticeship. For more information go onto their website or call 07585006908 or email info@btbcoaching.co.uk



But...what about Gary Bennett's 'Life in Cars?' Let's find out.

What is the first car you can remember?

It was my dad's Hillman Avenger. It was his pride and joy. He bought several of them and I can picture him now, every weekend, washing and polishing the car.





What was the first car you owned?

It was an Austin 1800. Here I am, proudly standing next to it. I was playing for Cardiff at the time and was on the fringe of breaking into the first time alongside my brother, Dave. As soon as I'd passed my test I bought it. The interior was vast. You could put a football team on the back seat.

My next car was a Rover 2000. I kept that for about three years and had it when I signed for Sunderland.



Did you ever get a sponsored car?

Yes. The two that I can remember were a boxy Jeep Cherokee and a Citroën BX. There was a Citroën dealer directly opposite Roker Park so quite a few of the players used their cars.

Tidy car or a mobile skip?

Bit of a mixture I suppose. I do try to keep it tidy but I have to admit that it can get a bit scruffy in there.

Any motoring embarrassments?

Erm yes. I got banned from driving for 3 years for drink driving. My parents were furious. Oops.

Any funny memories?

A regular trick at Sunderland was that the backroom staff or injured players would nick our car keys and move the cars or take the wheels off when we were out. It was a nightmare. You had to wander around the back streets looking for it.

What's your favourite road trip?

I've got loads, but the ones I most remember are in the very early days of my career after leaving Manchester. You can't beat driving home to see your parents. Home cooking can't be beaten. The M62 wasn't so busy then.



What did you drive when during your years at Sunderland?

So I started with the Rover 2000 but then moved on to a Golf GTi and several 3 Series BMWs and a Mercedes C Class.



Steady Eddy or a bit of a speedster?

Steady away.

Worst (if any) accident you have been involved in?

I drove into a street lamp. I wasn't my fault. I was forced off Dame Dorothy Street by a car travelling in the opposite direction. I had to swerve out of the way and ran into the lamp post. The car wouldn't run after that.

What have been your favourite cars over the years?

Has to be a Jaguar XF and Lexus RX. Beautiful cars. I also enjoyed the various Mercs and Beemers.

Worst car either you had or team mates had?

One of the lads was going on and on about how he was going to get a flash sponsored car. We all got into training early the next day to see what he'd been given. It was a beige Nissan Micra.

My worst car was a Ford Escort. Hated it.

And finally....your dream car?

Simple. It's my regular wheels nowadays. A Vauxhall Combo van. It's brilliant and copes with all of my coaching equipment. It's really comfy and surprisingly good to drive. Oh, and I can leave it anywhere... nobody bothers with it.



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47 monthly payments	£299.00	Rate of interest	5.4% fixed
Optional final payment	£10,237.50		
Total amount payable	£26,148.50		

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GOLF PLAYS THE GENERATION GAME

Wolfsburg is a city in Northern Germany situated roughly midway between the Dutch and Polish borders.



Somewhere within that city you'll find a really brave person.

They are the person who finally signs their name on a bit of paper which gives the go-ahead for production to begin of the latest Volkswagen Golf.

The Golf has been around for 46 years... worldwide it is the third biggest selling car of all time (the Volkswagen Passat and Beetle are both in the top ten) ... and the latest generation Golf, the eighth one, has arrived at your local Lookers Volkswagen showroom.

Volkswagen have perfected the knack of producing a new Golf without being too radical, yet making it sufficiently different. In other words, you just need a swift glance to know this is a Golf, but once you look closer and climb inside, you'll know that it's very 2020s. The nose is slimmer and the grille blends into the headlights. There's a styling crease along the waistline. At the back the roof slopes away to a narrower rear screen and natty LED taillights.

Even in entry level trim, it looks extremely smart.

Hop inside and this is where earlier Golf owners will spot a massive difference.

There are currently three levels of trim... Life, Style and R-Line. Over the coming months the current range will be joined by the GTI, R, GTD, and GTE plug-in hybrid.

On every Golf, almost everything is controlled via a 10-inch central colour TFT screen. This is where you'll find the DAB radio, sat nav, climate control and web contact features. Every Golf also comes with Car2X. This is a really clever piece of kit where cars ahead of you warn you of hazards automatically. Motorway matrix signs also link into the system. Neat huh?

You get smart alloy wheels, electrically heated and controlled mirrors, height adjustment to the front seats, adaptive cruise control and ten choices for the ambient lighting.

Prices for the Volkswagen Golf Life start at £23,300. An additional £2195 moves you up to Style trim. This adds further goodies including rear climate control which would be really handy for families... keep the kids and granny cool on a

summer holiday jaunt. R-Line, from £26,165 is a real head turner with lowered sports suspension, sports seats, heated sports steering wheel, dark tinted rear glass and specially designed front and rear bumpers.

There's the usual great selection of engines ranging from a 108bhp 1.0 TSI petrol engine through various 1.5 litre engines with a mix of power outputs and a choice of mild-hybrid technology, to super-fuel efficient diesel. Go easily in the diesel and you'll crack 60mpg. The 1.5 litre petrol engines will manage around 50mpg.

Out on the road...well...it's a Golf, so that means it handles really well, soaks up lumps and bumps yet still offers the keen driver the chance for some fun. Inside, it's roomy and comes with a seriously premium feel.

And it'll be extremely safe and reliable.

The 8th generation of the Volkswagen Golf. Better in every way than the previous version, which means it's still one of the best cars available....anywhere.

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T-CROSS IS A TOP CROSSOVER

Crossover cars, or small SUVs, are the flavour of the month. Volkswagen were actually quite late arriving at this party, but the advantage of that of course, is that you can see what everyone else is doing and beat them.

That's what Volkswagen did with the T-Cross and its larger stablemate, the T-Roc.

We're concentrating on the T-Cross here because with a starting price of £18,360 you're getting a lot of car for your money. There's a good selection of trims and engine choices. It's the usual story; if you do a high mileage or regularly carry a heavy load or use your car for towing,

head for diesel, otherwise stick with petrol.

Our favourite of the entire range is the United trim. (£20,410). We'd go for the bigger petrol engine which develops 114bhp. You can get a 94bhp unit, but the extra £700 is worth it because you get more oomph and lugging power. Fuel consumption is similar between the two at around mid-40s mpg. 0-60 takes 9.5 seconds and in 6th gear it's a really relaxed cruiser.

If you go further up the trim range you can get a 148bhp 1.5 litre petrol engine, but we think the 114bhp unit is perfect.

We like United trim because it ticks most boxes for most owners. You get air con, smart alloys, cruise control, rear view parking camera, DAB radio, powered windows and mirrors, sat nav



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including streaming and internet, heated windscreen and washer nozzles, heated front seats, and front and rear parking sensors. What more do you need?

The rear seats slide fore and aft so you can either make more room for passengers or increase the boot space. Talking of space, the T-Cross is roomy with ample legroom for five adults. The seats are comfy and supportive.

Out on the road, the T-Cross is ideal for town or motorway work. The steering is sufficiently light to make it easy to manoeuvre in tight spaces, but it's weighty enough to give you 'feel' at higher speeds. The ride is supple too. You'll love the lofty ride height too.

In many respects the Volkswagen T-Cross is a Volkswagen Polo with attitude but with a chunky appearance and 4x4 appeal. It's one of our favourite cars.

Why not go and experience what all the fuss is about.



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- Car-Net 'App Connect' which integrates compatible smartphones to allow screen mirroring
- Composition Media Infotainment system with 8-inch colour touchscreen
- Front fog lamp and cornering lamp

Solutions Personal Contract Plan* representative example subject to 48 month, 5,000 mile per annum agreement for the T-Cross SE 1.0 TSI.

Duration	4 years	47 monthly payments	£265.00	Total amount of credit	£17,919.67
Retail cash price	£18,934.67	Optional final payment	£7,987.50	Excess mileage (per mile)	4.8p
Deposit contribution	£750.00	Total amount payable	£21,732.50	Rate of interest	5.4% fixed
Customer deposit	£265.00	Option to purchase fee payable at the end of your agreement	£10.00		

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BREATH OF FRESH AIR FROM THIS POLO

If you park the latest Volkswagen Polo next to one of the very early Polo models, you wouldn't think they had the same DNA.

In fact, park the latest Polo next to an early Volkswagen Golf and you'll then see a similarity in terms of dimensions.

The Volkswagen Polo has grown up. It's a bit like Dr. Who's Tardis...roomy on the inside but compact on the outside.

The Polo also has a large range in terms of trim options. Everything kicks off with the Polo S starting at a seriously competitive £15,875. That's followed by the Match trim and then you arrive at one of our favourites...United. For £17,350 this adds satellite navigation, cruise control, really smart alloys, Bluetooth, Car-net which mirrors your smart phone, DAB radio, powered windows and door mirrors, heated front seats, air conditioning, parking sensors front and rear, tyre pressure indicator and tinted glass. The United is a limited edition model, so get your skates on.

In terms of engine choice, as with most of the Polo range, you can go for either a 79bhp or 94bhp 1.0 litre petrol engine.



The bigger engine is available with an auto 'box. We'd go for the 94bhp model and stick with the manual gearbox. You'll get around 50mpg and a 0-60 time in the region of 10 seconds.

In United trim, this Volkswagen Polo is cracking value. To be honest, there's no reason to go any further up the range.

If you have a preference for your Polo to have an unbelievable audio system, go for the 'beats' model. If you want additional luxury, go for the SEL. If you want to attract envious glances, opt for R-Line trim. You also get a bigger 113bhp 1.0 litre engine which drops the 0-60 time to around 9 seconds. The sports seats are great.

Of course, if you want to go the whole hog, then head for the two GTi models. As you'd expect this is a Volkswagen Polo that comes with...well...everything. Under the bonnet you'll find a firecracker of an engine. The 2.0 litre 197bhp petrol engine is mated to a DSG automatic gearbox. This gives the Polo GTi a 0-60 time of just over 6 seconds. This is a seriously quick car and massive fun to drive. The GTi costs a shade over £23,000, but for a 'proper' hot hatch this represents excellent value when you compare it to the competition.

As we mentioned earlier, the Volkswagen Polo has grown up. It perfectly fills the gap between the Volkswagen up! city car



and the Volkswagen Golf family hatchback. The Polo range is also sufficiently broad that you can order one which will be ideal as a city car or you could have one which will be a brilliant commuter and long distance cruiser. Very few cars have such breadth of talent.

Throw in the fact that every Polo is good to drive, comfortable, reliable and safe, and you can see why it is so popular here in the UK.

Interested? Then pop along to your local Lookers Volkswagen dealership. They'll soon sort out a test drive for you. They'll take care of finance too.

And if you are eligible for the Motability scheme, you'll find that the Polo is the perfect way to get onto the road.

In these Covid-19 times, it's also worth mentioning that Lookers dealerships have taken every precaution to keep you safe. Your wellbeing is their number one priority.

Oh...and so is finding the right Polo at the right price for you.

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The Polo

Whatcar? Small car of the year 2020

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KIA STONIC IS STONKING VALUE

Gone are the days when the only reason for considering a Kia is because they came with a long warranty.

Okay, they still come with a 7 year 100,000 mile warranty, but their entire range is now worthy of careful consideration. They also have some of the best hybrid and all-electric vehicles available.

If you need seven seats, get the Sorrento. Prefer something that's compact...go for the Picanto or Rio. Want something decidedly sporty...head for the Stinger.

There are hatchbacks, estates, 4x4s and saloons, but Kia's biggest selection comes in the area of 5-seater family cars.

One of our favourites is the Kia Stonic. Prices start at £18,060 and, because it's a small-ish SUV, you end up with a car that offers plenty of flexibility. It's based on the Kia Rio platform but certainly has more attitude in the way it looks and handles. It sits slightly higher so looks more purposeful. It looks really smart, especially if you go for the contrasting roof colours and the hunky 17 inch wheels.

Under the bonnet you have a choice of either a 1.0 litre 3-cylinder petrol engine or



1.6 litre 4-cylinder diesel engine. A 6-speed manual gearbox is standard...the 1.0 petrol is available with an auto 'box. If you do a lot of miles and regularly travel with a decent load, go for the diesel and you'll manage around 56mpg. Everyone else should head for the 1.0 litre 118bhp petrol because it's a really sweet unit and still manages high 40s mpg. Every Stonic has a 0-60 time in the region of 10 seconds.

Trim levels are 2, 3, 4 and Maxx...although rather confusingly, Maxx isn't max...it sits between 2 and 3. Every Kia Stonic comes with a 7 inch touchscreen, DAB radio, air conditioning, all-round powered windows,

rear parking sensors, height adjustment to the driver's seat, cruise control, central locking, Bluetooth, Apple Car Play, Android Auto and a load of safety kit. To a lot of folk, this will be sufficient and comes in level 2 trim.

If you want the Stonic to feel special, add around £1500 and get sat nav, reversing camera, faux leather upholstery and a higher level of safety fit. We think it's worth it.

Out on the road, the Kia is fairly firmly sprung but this gives agile, fun handling and makes the Stonic feel really nimble. The engine sounds good too.

In other words the Kia Stonic is well equipped, well priced and comes with a cracking warranty. It's a stonkingly good car.



MG ZS = SUV

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It's the perfect equation. If you want a value for money, stylish, well-equipped, compact SUV that's good to drive, you need to call into the Vic Young MG dealership in South Shields.

Why? Because they're one of the first MG dealers in the country to have the brand new ZS in their showroom.

Without doubt, the ZS is one of the best models in the MG range. This hugely popular SUV has been MGs best seller since it was launched in 2017.

This is the second generation of the ZS which gives you compact exterior dimensions but really roomy inside. It makes for excellent family motoring and will appeal to anyone who wants to keep a close eye on expenditure. Prices start at £15,495. This represents outstanding value for money.

You have a choice of two trims...Excite and Exclusive. Power comes from a 105bhp 1.5 litre petrol engine which gives you a 0-60 time of around 10 seconds. Go easily and you'll crack 40mpg. Excite trim provides all of the essentials including air

con, powered windows and exterior mirrors, cruise control and a really smart colour touchscreen which controls the DAB radio and Apple CarPlay amongst other things.

Move up to Exclusive trim and you add satellite navigation and a clever 360 degree reversing camera.

Out on the road, the ZS handles nicely with a supple ride. All models get three driver modes... Urban, Normal and Dynamic...which vary the weight of the steering response. Urban makes for simple twiddling around town; Dynamic adds more 'feel' at motorway speeds.

Every MG comes with a 7 year / 80,000 mile warranty.

Need proof that MG offers terrific value? The company has been named Best Value Brand at the 2020 AutoTrader New Car Awards. It received top billing thanks to a consumer vote which features over 181,000 car owners.

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Oh, and talking of awards, the Vic Young MG dealership in South Shields also picked up a gong from AutoTrader when it was given a 'Highly Rated' award for 2020. As AutoTrader points out... "Highly Rated retailers are those with the very best customer reviews on our site who have built their brand reputation on trust and transparency with their customers. If a retailer has a Highly Rated badge, it's because their customers have spoken and have consistently recognised their excellent customer service and experience."

Nuff said.

Go and try the new MG ZS. Vic Young has got a demonstrator that's ready to go. You can also be assured that, in these Covid-19 times, every precaution has been taken to ensure your wellbeing.

The MG ZS SUV and Vic Young in South Shields. It all adds up.



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Key features:

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CHARGE OF THE VOLVO BRIGADE

This is the latest XC40 from Volvo. It's the XC40 Recharge.

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It also means that every model in the Volvo range is now available as a hybrid. Within the next few years every model will also be available with 100% electric power.

In this XC40 Recharge model, the T5, there's a 1.5 litre petrol engine which, when you add the power developed by the electric motor, produces a healthy 258bhp, giving you a quick 0-60 time of around 7 seconds, but go carefully and you'll crack 130 miles to the gallon which helps business drivers.

You can achieve those startling economy figures because the XC40 Recharge can be driven for 28 miles using battery power only. Charging is simple. You can even use a domestic 3-pin socket. If you have a charger at home or at work and don't drive more than around 20 miles per day for your regular commute, then



this XC40 is worth a serious look.

The boot space is unaffected by the XC40's battery because it's under the passenger floor. This actually helps with the car's handling as it provides a lower centre of gravity. All power goes to the front wheels via a 7-speed automatic gearbox.

What sort of kit do you get as standard? The T5 XC40 is available in either R-Line or Inscription trims. R-Line is aimed at owners who want a more sporty appearance; Inscription is aimed at comfort and luxury. There's only £450 difference in the price. No matter which one you go for, the car is loaded with goodies. Outside there's a rear view camera, powered tailgate, automatic LED headlights, sports chassis and super-stylish alloys.

Inside you'll find a luxurious hi-tech interior and a commanding view of the road. Most of the XC40's systems are controlled via a full colour TFT screen which is the size of an iPad and simple to use. There's satellite navigation, DAB radio, Bluetooth, a cracking audio system, reversing and parking assistance, leather upholstery, a multi-function steering wheel and full climate control. You can also adjust the driver settings to let you switch between power and economy.

It's hugely rewarding to drive. Fun too.

And because it's a Volvo, you get one of the safest cars on the road. It's also been crowned European Car of the Year and What Car? magazine car of the year. Nuff said.

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It's a proven winner.



YOU'LL ADORE THIS HAND SANITISER

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Up until the middle of March 2020, the thought of carrying a hand sanitiser was something rather alien to most people in the UK.

That's all changed courtesy of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Now we see sanitiser almost everywhere.

But there are times when hand sanitiser hasn't been provided, or perhaps the shop, restaurant or gym has run out of supplies. Public transport can be really tricky.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to always carry a handy sanitiser card so that you can ensure your hands are clean?

The answer comes in the ultra-convenient Adore Hand Sanitiser which is about half the size of a credit card. You can easily place it into your wallet or handbag. You could throw a couple into the glove

compartment of your car or simply slip one into your pocket. You won't know it's there.

The gel is hypoallergenic and Ph neutral and has alcohol based antibacterial agents. There's also a pleasant lemon aroma and essential oils of Tea Tree and Aloe Vera.

The Adore Hand Sanitiser is very suitable for those who wear contact lenses and hearing aids.

The Adore Gel Card is currently used in some of the most fashionable restaurants in Mayfair London to greet their guests, including The Wolseley restaurant which is next door to The Ritz Hotel. Park Plaza

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been told time and again that washing hands is the number one way to stop the infection, however, obviously there are times when washing facilities are not available so hand sanitiser is the next best bet.

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Wooler apartments for sale on edge of Northumberland National Park

THE first five apartments in a new development on the edge of the Northumberland National Park have been released for sale.

Each of the fully-fitted two-bedroom apartments offers spectacular views of the beautiful Northumbrian countryside and surrounding hills, with four more one and two bedroom units nearing completion and available to reserve now.

The development is a unique concept in 'upmarket apartment living' on the outskirts of in the historic tourist town of Wooler, which is a particular favourite among walkers, ramblers, hikers and cyclists. For anyone looking for a spacious permanent rural residence, country get-away or UK staycation, Wooler will make a perfect base.

The area is officially recognised as boasting among the cleanest air and clearest skies anywhere in the world, attracting stargazers and astronomers from across the globe.

Offering the best of both worlds, the development is situated on the edge of the well-serviced town of Wooler with its shops, schools, medical and veterinary services, whilst benefiting from the remoteness and tranquillity of the unspoilt Northumbrian countryside on its doorstep.

Wooler is very close to the spectacular Northumberland coastline with its unspoilt beaches and renowned international tourist attractions including the dramatic castles of Bamburgh and Chillingham plus Alnwick Castle of Harry Potter film fame.

Ryecroft Rise is a unique development in the area, created by the conversion of the former art-deco Ryecroft Hotel, which is an iconic landmark building in Wooler, into nine modern open-plan apartments. This beautiful 1920s building has undergone a major £1.5 million two-year redevelopment to create spacious apartments offering modern high-specification accommodation within a traditional building setting with landscaped grounds.

All of the two-bedroom apartments are exceptionally spacious and feature fully tiled bathrooms, large open-plan kitchen/diners with gas oven and hob, dishwasher, fridge/freezer and washer/dryer plus quality flooring throughout.

Each secure apartment offers views of the Northumberland countryside and distant hills, with those on the top floor offering amazing Cheviot views. The centre apartment occupies both the middle and upper floors and is a duplex with a balcony. Each apartment is ready to move into and they all come with allocated parking spaces and video entry security systems. A particularly attractive feature is that all buyers will automatically receive the freehold interest upon completion.

Prices range from £110,000 for a ground floor one bedroom unit to £205,000 for the impressive duplex, with every apartment ideally suited to either full time residential living or the perfect holiday home.



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- On the edge of the Northumberland National Park
- Enjoying all of the amenities of the thriving tourist town of Wooler.
- Created to a very high standard within an attractive art-deco building over three storeys and within a secure landscaped site the apartments are ideally suited to home or holiday use.
- There is also a new fully-fitted three bedroom detached bungalow with its own garden and decking adjoining the site on offer for £229,950.

Prices from
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ISUZU BLADE IS LOOKING SHARP

Isuzu has only one model in the UK but it has been a huge success. In December 2019 it was named Pick-Up of the Year in both the What Van? Awards (it also won in 2018) and at the Commercial Fleet awards.



Impressive huh? No wonder the D-Max has a sizeable and very loyal band of followers who know a good deal when they see it.

Isuzu has introduced a raft of changes to the D-Max, bringing it bang up to date, including the arrival of a new 1.9 litre turbo diesel engine. Top speed is 112mph, 0-60 takes around 12 seconds; go easily and you'll crack 40mpg.

Many will want a D-Max pick-up because

it's built to do a job. If you're not worried about having too many frills and don't need 4x4 drive, you'll love the D-Max Utility (£17,404 plus VAT). It might be the introductory model into the D-Max range but you still get air conditioning, powered front windows and Bluetooth. You also get Isuzu's excellent 5 year / 125,000 mile warranty which is standard across the range.

However, we reckon that the pick of the D-Max range is the D-Max Blade which blends between workhorse and lifestyle statement. Yes it'll hump bales, bricks and machinery, but it will be ideal for those who enjoy getting out and about and want to avoid the plethora of passenger cars. It looks really smart with its 18" alloy wheels, side steps and illuminated sills, but you also get all-wheel drive and, as with most of the D-Max range, the ability to pull 3.5 tonnes. It will easily carry over a tonne in the load area. In terms of kit, the D-Max Blade comes with sat nav, air conditioning, reversing camera, 9"



Multifunction Colour Touchscreen, folding / heated door mirrors, powered windows, leather upholstery, heated front seats, remote central locking, DAB radio and Bluetooth. You can also link your smartphone. An impressive array of safety wizardry, including trailer sway control, come as standard.

Children love being dropped off at school in a pick-up and there's no denying that the Isuzu D-Max Blade stands out in the company car park. For those of you who are VAT registered, the Blade gives you a serious option for day-to-day motoring because, even though it's a pick-up, this Isuzu is as good to drive as many SUVs, plus there's the knowledge that you can also use your family vehicle to cross some boggy and rough terrain, carry a load of bikes, surf boards, saddles etc and pull a hefty horsebox, boat or caravan.

The Isuzu D-Max Blade starts at £29,314 ex VAT. It's a fun machine that can do a job.



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Famous as one of Europe's few Dark Sky Park's the area around Keilder offers you a road trip like no other, easily accessed from the A68 and A69 the journey along Dere Street - a 2000 year old Roman road is a must.

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The Cheviots are a range of mountains less well known than their bigger brothers, the Pennines but none the less beautiful and certainly less 'invaded' by man. Their volcano formation presents its own opportunities to explore, and you may well come across 2000 year old hill fort and Bronze Age burial cairns with

just a moorland birds for company.

No journey into Northumberland is complete without a visit to Cragside, Armstrong's masterpiece and the first home in the world to be powered by hydroelectricity. The house is spectacular as are the grounds and with your motorhome freedom this National trust treasure is worth visiting again and again as it unveils new interests on every visit.

For those who love wildlife Northumberland delivers in spades. Ospreys, Otters, Salmon, Pipistrelle Bats, Red Squirrels and Roe Deer are all to be seen inland whilst on the coast sightings of Seals, Puffins and Dolphins are common place.

This only leaves the Northumberland coastline to explore. And what a coastline! From the North in Berwick a border town split between England and Scotland down to Tynemouth there is not better coast - anywhere. Littered with castle, blessed with Holy Island (and if you get caught by the tide who cares in a motorhome you are always prepared). The beaches stretch out for miles with pristine nature reserves carefully



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