Welcome to another edition of "The Aston Workshop", our annual insight into our intriguing world of building, restoring, owning and driving Aston Martins.

In a modern world ever complicated by politics, spiralling costs and climate change it is easy to become distracted from the simple pleasures historically enjoyed by the motoring enthusiast. Every week our team in the North East of England produce a little antidote to this ongoing problem.

Whether a first time Aston owner, an occasional tinkerer, a seasoned collector or a lifelong racer, we hope to bring a little of it your way. Over the next 20 pages let us remind you of the simple ownership pleasure, the charming theatre and the thrill of driving a beautifully engineered piece of British craftsmanship on your favourite road....

Bob Fountain,
Founder, Aston Workshop Ltd
Our history

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Over 30 years ago the tiny handful of Red Row Beamish became the unlikely home of Aston Martin restorers. A city-centre garage had been in use for decades long abandoned with all things Aston Martin. Fueled by the early successes the business grew and moved to the farmland and farmhouses in the surrounding Beamish area.

Bob, the current owner and with father in the driver’s seat, surrounded by factory-trained technicians, took over the business in the early 1980s. Over the years the business grew in size and scope to include new builds and restorations for ailing prodcuts

Restoration of his personal DB5 was the first stage in a long obsession with all things Aston Martin. The workshop was used as a base to work on more cars and projects soon meant that more space was needed. Bob’s purchase of the farm and relocation of the business in its early days now tower over the buildings and surround us in a small forest of our own making.

All charged up

The recent introduction of plug-in hybrids means that a converted car is a zero tail pipe emission Aston’s ever produced taking to the road for testing and passing into the hands of the very first private customer.

To date our EV conversion has been developed for DB4, DB5 and DB6 classic models. It features all the necessary components designed to seamlessly complement the user experience and is complimented by a comprehensive 12-month warranty. Additional quick charging options have been added to the options list meaning that a converted car is reliable, convenient and incredibly iconic options for regular usage.

The next phase of development will see the technology roll out for a small number of other heritage models and the workshop being equipped to meet the market in its form for international road customers.

V8 Superleggera - taking shape

Work is continuing on the aluminium body shape development of Aston Workshop’s V8 Superleggera. Based on the DB4 classic 1950s it’s DB5 V8 donor car, this bespoke new creation is an entirely new two-plus-two seater model.

The latest CGI’s show a muscular yet elegant form which combines characteristic Aston performance with bespoke hand-crafted design resulting in this truly bespoke recreation model of the 1960s. The fully road legal model, a choice of left- or right-hand drive, represents the most faithful recreation of the DB4 GT Zagato recreation and features a potent 6.0L Evolution engine specification, paired with either a six-speed manual or sequential automatic transmission.

Annual interest on your behalf. Please enquire for further information.

For more information about our EV project visit aston.co.uk/ev-conversion or scan the QR code.
Visitors calling by the Aston Workshop showroom often are very surprised by the number of cars to be discovered here. We are happy to take first time visitors on a behind the scenes tour of the facility to see every process of build. Here we present the virtual version of those guided tours as the facilities we have developed to build, Service, maintain and market each era of Aston Martin cars from all over.

### Our facility

**A hidden treasure for the Aston Martin enthusiast**

- **Sales Reception**: Overlooking the home of our resident squirrel population, our peaceful sales reception is the first step on many owners route into Aston Martin ownership.
- **Valeting Bays**: Every car entrusted to us is cared for by the full-time valet team, who provide cleaning, machine polishing and general detailing services.
- **Heritage Workshop**: With dedicated mechanical work bays for 12 cars this central hub of our facility is always open, open to the public at all stages of renovation and repair. Dedicated parts storage for all current restorations is made on the workshop mezzanine to ensure high levels of organisation and efficiency.
- **Features with dedicated components and nous, our state-of-the-art booth for hand-built classics.**
- **Gift Shop**: Offering a range of clothing, jewellery, memorabilia, artwork, models and the small gift store has something of interest for all Aston Martin enthusiasts young and old.
- **Modern Workshop**: Engaged with the very latest Aston Martin diagnostic equipment as found in the main dealer network, our factory trained technicians are kept up to date with updates and support from the manufacturer’s training. We regularly use a vast array of modern Aston Martin for routine maintenance and repair, easily access our 3 bays.
- **Manufacturing**: Establishing bespoke builds requires both patience and time to execute correctly and it is this high level of preparation that happens here prior to going into our state of the art booth for painting.
- **Paint Shop**: Hand finishing aluminium bodies requires both patience and time to execute correctly and it is this high level of preparation that happens here prior to going into our state of the art booth for painting.
- **Body Repair Centre**: Featuring dedicated booths for aluminium and steel fabrication, as well as for panel repairs and restoration our panel shaping tools located here ensure the exact fit for hand-built classics.
- **Showroom**: Arranged around a central browsing aisle, our car are presented in a tasteful way to invite the showroom. Starting at the showroom entrance with cars from the 1930s our experience market models from each era for sale, as the visitor moves towards the selection of modern cars available.
- **The Car Barn**: Elevation on site to house the barn, our 35 car showroom for anything and everything that isn’t an Aston Martin.
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DB6 Volante

This beautiful 1970 Aston Martin DB6 MKII Volante has recently undergone a full restoration at Aston Workshop.

California Dreamin’

This recently completed restoration by Aston Workshop is a fine example of one of many cars entrusted to us by customers who are not resident in the UK. This original 1969 DB6 MKI switched from right-hand drive to left-hand drive as part of the ongoing restoration project led by our clients. The DB6 was fitted with a 4.2-litre engine and is hand-formed in lightweight aluminium. A dedicated team of experts undertook this ambitious restoration project, ensuring every detail was meticulously executed to bring it to perfection. The result is a car that offers a unique driving experience, providing a timeless blend of modern and classic elements.

DB4 Zagato recreation

Aston Workshop’s road-registered DB4 GT Zagato recreations have all of the style and flair of the original but are built to exacting modern standards. The beautifully crafted bodyshell is hand-formed to highlight chassis dimensions required to bring the driving experience to perfection. Each vehicle is built exclusively to meet the customer’s bespoke specification, ensuring it is exactly as desired. This recently completed restoration by Aston Workshop is a fine example of our efforts to ensure every car entrusted to us receives the same attention to detail and craftsmanship of the original.

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Enginology

The science of rebuilding classic Aston engines with modern know-how

Enginology is the term coined by Aston Workshop’s specialist engineers to describe the ongoing product development program, which combines traditional techniques with the modern and digital tools. All engines we rebuild are offered as a good turnaround time. Having these skills available ensures even complex issues that arise can easily be overcome with minimal disruption to the customer’s time.

As many classic car owners will know, a failed component can be disastrous, even more so when it is a critical component as well as taking a lot of time to source and replace. However, we have the in-house facilities to re-design and reproduce the damaged or obsolete components to modern standards. Aston Workshop has the tooling unique to us, and we have re-engineered the six-cylinder crankshaft to eliminate the weakness of the original.

All work carried out is second to none. The entire engine project is managed by a single point of contact and all engines are supplied back to the customer in a crate ready to fit. Everything in running order and proven ready to provide years of trouble free motoring.

Crate engine service

Our “crate” engine service has proved very popular in recent years. Global customers wanting to commission projects, upgrades or repairs have previously had limited options in that the high levels of quality that are required to ensure reliability and longevity are very specific to our requirements. With an Aston Workshop engine rebuild you can be guaranteed that the level of engineering and customer service is second to none. The entire engine project is managed by a single point of contact and all engineering, assembly and dyno-testing is carried out in-house. All work carried out is 100% documented with images, progress updates are frequent and detailed.

Engines built to the highest standards

Aston Workshop can carry out engine overhauls on a comprehensive range of engines. The original 1929-34 six-cylinder engine developed by Frank Feeley was replaced by the DB1 in 1949. This was a new and modern 3.7-litre capacity, overhead camshaft engine. In an engine build.

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Evolution 6.0 can give up to 470bhp while retaining the original DB2 engine characteristics. The Evolution 6.0 comes from a single engine block with an additional 900cc capacity added to the original.

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Global projects

One of County Durham’s finest exports

Aston Martin is a brand that is admired and held in high regard the world over. It is therefore unsurprising that its unique services and expertise are sought after all over the world for new and used parts, engines, restorations and sales. Over the decades Aston Workshop has grown to offer a truly global service to meet our customers’ varying needs.

We have significant experience in import/export procedures, relevant legislation and have developed a network of trusted shipping partners. A selection of our recent projects and global customer locations are mapped in this illustration, wherever you are in the world, rest assured that our team are able to meet the needs of the Aston Martin enthusiast.

RHD to LHD CONVERSIONS

With only 10 per cent of Aston Martins produced prior to the DB7 manufactured in left-hand drive, Aston Workshop is happy to meet demand for right-hand drive conversions upon customer request. The work is carried out on-site to the very highest standards, and we manufacture or acquire all the necessary components, including the hand-crafted dashboards. The result is a flawless production-correct appearance to match or exceed that of an original LHD Aston Martin. Demand is such in the larger left-hand-drive markets that vehicle values can actually increase, at least covering the cost of the work. Conversions for left-hand drive are also available.

One of County Durham’s finest exports
Anyone familiar with Aesop’s fables will know one of the earliest origins of the popular proverb “necessity is the mother of invention”. This is a very appropriate way to explain the decades long expansion of the Aston Workshop enhanced parts inventory. One of the fundamentals of any building project is the availability of the correct parts when they are needed. Having built so many cars over the last three decades, if a new or improved part has been required, very often the solution is to make it or an improved version of it. As a consequence Aston Workshop has developed a substantial range of parts available to retail or trade buyers that are only available from us directly. Our team uses genuine Aston Martin OEM parts when appropriate, when an OEM part is not available or can be improved upon, we specialise in remanufacturing original or redesigned items.

Aston Workshop have become a market leader in reproducing obsolete parts. Here is a brief selection of what we can offer you.

1. DB5 seats
2. Rear axle casing
3. Crank
4. Cylinder block
5. Handling kit
6. Vantage conversion kit
7. Manual brake kit
8. LHD dashboard kit

Many of these bespoke components are manufactured on site with our engineering facilities using 3D scanning technology and state-of-the-art CNC milling machinery. Our parts are made to the highest standards, but also shipped to the vast majority of destinations worldwide, allowing overseas clients to benefit from Aston Workshop’s competitive prices and fastidious quality control. Our team always keep a ready supply of spare parts on site, ready to meet the demands of clients all over the world. The huge inventory held at our warehouse, our parts are available to stock at any one time than any other Aston Martin supplier. Search our database of over 50,000 parts online at aston.co.uk/parts.html to discover more.
Making the best better

Building the finest Aston Martin DB5

Look at today’s classic car marketplace and seek around the question, what defines the ultimate Aston Martin DB5? Is it provenance and dedication to originality? Is it perhaps the painstaking attention to detail invested in a concours car or the ability of an astonishing driver? One man with an affinity for classic Aston Martin’s

Whatever the answer, Aston Workshop has the personnel, technical expertise and restoration capability to create such a car. Ultimate DB5 housing from 30 years of Service workshop restoration for the past three decades. One of the areas of, Aston Workshop have focused on is the task of building these dream cars with a wide variety of enhancements and customisation to make it just so.

Whether designed for modern comfort, amenities and drivability you can have confidence in our expertise in DB5 restoration.

CASE STUDY
1937 Aston Martin 2 Litre Speed Model

A regular star of the Aston Martin time line feature at The Great North Classic Car Show, this will feature 1937 2 Litre car owned by Aston Workshop founder Bob Fountain. The car has been in family ownership and is currently cared for by the workshop team.

CASE STUDY
1969 Aston Martin DBS V8

The past year has seen an extremely high number of prototypes and unique cars pass through the workshop and showrooms. One such vehicle is this DBS V8 visiting us from Hong Kong for restoration work. Originally a UK registered car finished in Dubonnet Red and featuring a 5.3L Vantage engine, this car was later fitted with a V8 engine by the factory. That engine just so happened to be PX001 making it to be amongst the very first Aston Martins ever to be fitted with a 5.3L V8 engine.

Nowadays it is unthinkable that a non type-approved development car would be sold off to the trade, but things were more relaxed 55 years ago and the permanently cab-reoposed Aston Martin would have been reluctant to forgo the profit resulting from such sales, hence the survival of many of these intriguing ‘one-offs’.

The car has recently had significant chassis restoration work here at Beamish and will be treated to a full respray ready to return to Hong Kong finished in beautiful blue paintwork.

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Meet the team

FRASER FOUNTAIN
SENIOR TECHNICIAN
As the son of Aston Workshop Founder and CEO Bob Fountain, Fraser started working for the company from a young age and has lived on site for his whole life. He can tell you stories of a land share in a garden shed and then moved onto Aston Workshop for the company. Fraser spent some time away from Beamish, living in London and working in mechanical engineering. He then spent around 9 years back at Aston Workshop as a precision engineer. Fraser is a fusslec - he has been involved in the workshop and its cars for many years has taken a real role in the restoration, management and marketing.

JOHN GRAY
WORKSHOP MANAGER
John has brought up in his family run workshop, carrying out mechanical work in all makes of cars and became fully employed in the business at 16. He worked through to managing the business and then stepped up to run his own personal workshop. After a heads down into the parts and restoration trade, John returned to the Aston team and was employed by the Aston Workshop as Workshop Manager. A position he has held for the last 15 years and continues to manage the business with great enthusiasm.

NEIL CALVERT
WORKSHOP MANAGER
Neil Calvert has worked at Aston Workshops for 15 years, having previously worked for BAPF Ventures 2001-2007, where he completed his apprenticeship. Having spent many years of his childhood in and around Aston Workshop as a result of his father then spending the last 15 years of his life working for the company between the late 90s and the early 2000s, he joined us himself, and spent 10 years as a Technician, working on Garden cars before taking his first management role as Head of Parts and Engineering. Neil is also a part of the Aston Martin Owners Club. Neil is married with two children and a dog which gives him a real passion for his work.

CHRIS BATEMAN
SERVICE MANAGER
Chris Bateman has been in the motor trade for the majority of his 34 year working life, serving as an Audi/Seat/ Vw Service Manager for Mercedes-Benz (Passenger cars). Chris spent 14 years with Mercedes before leaving to work for the company between the late 90s and the early 2000s, where he joined us himself and spent 10 years as a Technician, working on Garden cars before taking his first management role. Chris is married with two children and a dog which gives him a real passion for his work.

KEVIN HUTSON
ENGINEERING MANAGER
Kevin joined Aston Workshops in 2002, had a brief sabbatical and returned full time in 2010, moving from Chelmsford to the beautiful County Durham countryside. He is a precision engineer with 27 years of experience, mainly engine and development related. As Engineering Manager, Kevin oversees all aspects of engine building, tuning and balancing as well as the production of mechanical parts and components to ensure the highest quality items are used in our restorations. Chris is married with two children and a dog which gives him a real passion for his work.

Meantime, Aston Workshop has team a fully restored 1964 Aston Martin DB4/4 Vignale Restored won Best in Class at Techno Classica 2022 in Essen, Germany. The car was originally commissioned King Baudouin of Belgium and entered in the Concours d’Elegance. A long and passionate restoration the team at Aston Workshop have produced a car that has surpassed the quality of the original and the unique DB4/4 Vignale took pride of place on our exhibition stand and won Best in Class E, post-war 1946-1960, at FIVA Concours of Elegance.

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We are very proud of all of the fine team of craftsmen at Aston Workshop who work together to restore, rebuild, maintain and improve the wide variety of cars entrusted to us. Of the many characters among us, below you will meet a few of the more public-facing staff who regularly meet customers both at Beamish and at the many national and international events we attend annually.

The Aston Workshop team has been involved in the motor trade for many years, working in various roles, and has a real passion for their work. The team has a wealth of experience in the automotive industry, with many years of hands-on experience in engine building, tuning, and balancing. They are dedicated to providing the highest quality services to their clients, and their expertise is highly regarded in the industry.

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**Meet the team**

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- Started working for the company from a young age
- Lived on site for his whole life
- Has a passion for his work

**JOHN GRAY**
Workshop Manager
- Brought up in a family-run workshop
- Carried out mechanical work in all makes of cars
- Worked through the business
- Has held various management roles

**NEIL CALVERT**
Workshop Manager
- Worked for BAPF Ventures 2001-2007
- Completed apprenticeship
- Joined the company in 2007
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**KEVIN HUTSON**
Engineering Manager
- Joined Aston Workshop in 2002
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**Car sales**

Over 30 cars in our showroom with global shipping available.

See our website for latest stock: aston.co.uk/cars-for-sale

With more than 30 years’ experience specialising in the marque, an International client base and over 30 Aston Martins offered for sale at any one moment, Aston Workshop is a trusted name to depend on when buying or selling your Aston Martin. We change no fees, sales are made only in line with the seller’s agreed price, and we are experts in concealing vehicles internationally. And unlike Aston Workshop offers all of Aston Martin for sale, we deal only with the very finest examples, all of which are meticulously prepared and prepared in house. Few specialists go as far to make the buying and selling process more convenient or more reassuring.

**THE BENEFITS OF SELLING TO US**

- **Industry Experts**
  With over 30 years experience selling Aston Martin, our industry knowledge is second to none. Our team of experts are able to accurately determine the value of your car and provide a realistic price.

- **No Fees**
  No fees are charged for our services, ensuring your vehicle is sold for the highest possible price.

- **Transport with Peace of Mind**
  Our experienced drivers will transport your car to our premises in a customised container and ensure it is delivered safely.

- **Professional Marketing**
  We possess an extensive database of potential buyers for all Aston Martin models, ensuring your car reaches the right audience.

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  Our comprehensive database of key Aston Martin enthusiasts ensures that your car is sold to a valve that truly appreciates the marque.

- **Complimentary Pre-Sale Inspection**
  Before we list your car for sale, we conduct a thorough pre-sale inspection to ensure your car is presented in the best possible condition.

- **CARS WANTED**
  Due to consistently high demand, we are currently looking for Aston Martin DBS, VB Vantages, DB9 models and all post-2007 Aston Martins. We have customers ready and waiting for specific models.

- **CAR FINDER SERVICE**
  Potential buyers are invited to register their interest for specific models via Aston Workshop’s online car-finder system. You can specify model vehicle, left- or right-hand drive and body style, or simply receive details on all our cars. It is simple to unsubscribe at any time.

**State-of-the-art servicing facilities and genuine AM parts for Astons of all ages**

Aston Workshop continues to provide comprehensive and expert after sales service. Our service centre has over 30 years’ experience in the industry, and a team of dedicated technicians who are equipped with the latest industry-standard tools and equipment. We are able to offer a full range of services, from routine maintenance to major repairs, all carried out to the highest standards. Our technicians are highly trained and have a wealth of experience in working with Aston Martin vehicles.

**Service & Stay**

Turn an Aston Martin service appointment into a luxurious short hotel break and explore Durham, Northumberland and the surrounding North East countryside. From only £199, we offer a high-quality service with all the comforts of a luxury hotel. Our dedicated Aston Martin experts will carry out your service to a high standard and ensure your car is ready to hit the road.

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Car Culture at Aston Workshop

Run by enthusiasts for enthusiasts

At Aston Workshop we like to share what we do with the car community. Every year we host our annual event, The Great North Classic Car Show, around our site in the Black Horse conservation valley. The event attracts thousands of visitors each year, with many classic cars and motorcycles on display. At the level of our historic site we also operate the first Aston Martin car display with every car arranged by model in date order. The event is very popular with many local clubs and enthusiasts alike.

Over the course of the year Aston Workshop staff travel to many different classic shows, driving events and rallies to participate, compete or represent the team and enjoy the company of other car enthusiasts. We regularly travel to major events in the UK and Europe including Goodwood Revival to meet customers new and old and enjoy the unique atmosphere. Over the course of the year we chat with many clubs and organizations around the region as well as forming a few relationships with local establishments such as our Bar and Restaurant called ‘Car Barn Drivers Club’ where visitors can enjoy food, drink and good company while they enjoy a tour of our facilities and take in the beautiful setting of the Black Horse conservation valley. Over the course of the year Aston Workshop staff travel to many different classic shows, driving events and rallies to participate, compete or represent the team and enjoy the company of other car enthusiasts. We regularly travel to major events in the UK and Europe including Goodwood Revival to meet customers new and old and enjoy the unique atmosphere. Over the course of the year we chat with many clubs and organizations around the region as well as forming a few relationships with local establishments such as our Bar and Restaurant called ‘Car Barn Drivers Club’ where visitors can enjoy food, drink and good company while they enjoy a tour of our facilities and take in the beautiful setting of the Black Horse conservation valley.

Workshop Tours

For many years Aston Martin enthusiasts have seen one of the world’s rarest and most unique facilities on their doorstep. In normal circumstances three members of our experienced staff in addition to our main ambassador will host a behind-the-scenes tour of Aston Workshop in order to ensure all visitors get the most from the facility and also have the opportunity to get a unique preview of the vehicle on the day. In our workshop tours we cover a limited number of key areas and ensure visitors get the most out of their visit. We encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about Aston Martin to contact us and book a tour.

Aston Workshop Apprenticeship Programme

Returning the skills and knowledge to heritage Aston Martin built up over the years or in many years by our long-serving team is a key part of this plan. The team is an integral part of our apprenticeship programme, the_Questions, which aims to train a skilled team of technicians in a wide range of specialist skills in automotive engineering, including panel beating and mechanics.

Lowering our carbon footprint using solar energy

In one of the hottest UK summers ever recorded, Aston Workshop has reached the final stage in its mission to reduce its carbon footprint by introducing a new solar energy plant. This year's investment in solar technology is a joint project between Aston Workshop and INEOS Automotive, who have supported the project as a significant part of their wider initiative to reduce the carbon footprint of all INEOS Automotive operations.

The Ineos Grenadier - built on purpose

Car enthusiasts and aficionados of classic cars are always keen to see new models hitting the market. The Ineos Grenadier is one such vehicle, and it is designed to meet the needs of today’s classic car enthusiasts. The Grenadier is built on purpose to offer a new level of performance and style, offering a unique blend of classic car looks and modern engineering.

The Ineos Grenadier is the result of a collaboration between INEOS Automotive and INEOS Automotive, two companies with a shared passion for classic cars. The Grenadier is a true utilitarian 4X4, built to offer the perfect blend of classic car looks and modern engineering.

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Customer Reviews

The people and quality of work are excellent, very happy with everything.
Mr. D. Adams

Rearrmade our 1993 Aston Martin, great service and great price!
Mr. M. Salmon

Great service. Great staff. Great price.
Mr. M. Cain

A great group of guys totally committed to the Aston story!
Mr. W. Wilson

Always a great service and great chat with the staff!
Mr. M. Vining

The team are very experienced and always recommend your company.
Mr. R. Blackman

The Ineos Grenadier 4x4. Being able to have access to a new Aston Martin is a real treat. The Grenadier is built on purpose to offer a new level of performance and style, offering a unique blend of classic car looks and modern engineering.

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The Astron Workshop Apprenticeship Programme

Returning the skills and knowledge to heritage Aston Martin built up over many years by our long-serving team is a key part of this plan. The team is an integral part of our apprenticeship programme, the Q100, which aims to train a skilled team of technicians in a wide range of specialist skills in automotive engineering, including panel beating and mechanics.

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For the modern Aston Driver

Sub Frame Refurbishment
Despite many components of the modern Aston Martin being made of aluminium, the sub frame is not one of them and we increasingly find that preventative maintenance is required due to corrosion in this area of the vehicle. Please contact us to discuss refurbishment options for your vehicle.

Braking, Wheel and Tyres
Despite the use of lightweight materials in their construction such as aluminium, composites and carbon fibre, mainstream Aston Martin models have never been considered as “lightweight” performance cars. As a result there is great scope for performance improvement through increased braking performance and the all round dynamic benefit brought about by a reduction in unsprung mass. For those with standard (non-carbon ceramic) OEM brakes, options include lightweight 3 piece disks that work with OEM callipers or a front “big brake” upgrade to 6 pot callipers and larger diameter 380mm 2 piece disks. We also offer comprehensive wheel and tyre upgrades to 6 pot callipers and larger diameter ceramic OEM brakes, options include those with standard (non carbon ceramic) OEM brakes, options include ceramic) OEM brakes, options include”lightweight 2 piece disks that work with ceramic) OEM brakes, options include ceramic) OEM brakes, options include.

Twin Plate Clutch and Flywheel
Our genuine AMR twin plate clutch kit upgrade is very sought after among V8 Vantage owners looking for peace of mind, as well as an enhanced driving experience. The twin plate clutch stands up to wear better and also results in a lighter clutch pedal feel, with the lightweight flywheel delivering a quicker revving engine and a more precise gear change. Access to the clutch is a lengthy procedure, and requires the removal of the exhaust system, left exhaust manifold, grabber, torque tube and prop shaft, meaning two days in the workshop for this very popular upgrade.

Cosmetic Enhancement
Even without taking into account aftermarket options there are many genuine cosmetic enhancement parts offered by Aston Martin which we routinely fit for our customers. These include an array of lightweight carbon fibre components and the popular mesh to grille front bumper upgrade for the Vantage 4.0.

In Car Entertainment
Sadly the infotainment systems in modern Aston Martins simply do not wear the test of time as well as their looks. Fortunately for cars manufactured in 2004 or later we offer in car technology upgrades including Apple CarPlay and Android Auto which bring a modern take to the experience. Vantage owners looking for peace of mind whilst all this takes place can fitment of this very popular upgrade.

Exhaust Upgrade
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Paint Correction
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Colour Change
Whether you have a car in need of cosmetic improvement, can’t find your perfect pre-owned car in the right colour or have simply tired of your cars original hue, Aston Workshop can assist. Our team can fully strip, repair and reassemble your vehicle to the highest of standards and leave it with a deep and luxurious finish to be proud of, all in a colour of your choice.

CROSSWORD
See if you can complete our Aston Martin themed crossword. Answers can be found at the bottom of this page.

Across
1. Independent coachbuilding company located in Terrazzano, Italy (8)
2. Nomenclature of the only Remick and Barton motor car made (7)
3. Silver paint from out of this world (9)
4. The nickname for AMF’s very first car (4,7)
5. Designer of the Aston V8 engine introduced in 1969 (5,5)
6. Lightweight V8 platform material (5)
7. Famous owner of a “cheese and wines” powered DB6 (2,7)
8. The V12 engined Rapide Aston Martin model launched in 2001 (8)
9. The Vanquish S was the last car to roll off production lines here (7,7)
10. Austrian city where the first four door Rapide grand tourers were built (6)
11. DB5 takes the win here in 57/8 with Roy Salvadori at the wheel (11)
12. American company who brought Aston Martin in the late 1980s (6,4)
13. A young swan (6)
14. Designer of the Aston Martin Atom (8,4)

Down
2. Turbo based coachbuilder who built a car for the King of Belgium (7)
3. Insect which inspired the famous Aston Vans logo first introduced in 1932 (5)
4. Lead designer of the Aston Martin DB9 (6,7)
5. One-off Aston Martin from 1979 (7)
6. The 21st Bond Film, also starring the DBS (6,6)
7. Mellow yellow Aston colour from the 1960s (6)
8. The name for the flipped up tail on a DB6 (4)
9. A fragrant plant native to the southern United States (10,4)
10. Italian for Supersport (12)
11. Rare DBS body style for David Brown’s Dog (8,5)
12. This Aston Martin was built between 1974 and 1990 (7)

V12 Engine Rebuilds
Since its 2009 debut in the DB7 Vantage, the naturally aspirated V12 engine in its many guises has become synonymous with the modern Aston Martin range in models including the DB9, DBS, Rapide and V12 Vantage. Sadly there are instances of these engines suffering premature failure of internal components due to so called starvation. Aston Workshop can supply remanufactured engines on an exchange basis but have also developed capabilities to repair, recalibrate and refresh original engines as appropriate.

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