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The first right-hand drive **Triumph TR2 on tour!**

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**TS2
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*When TS2 came
to TR Stoke*



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Well we did it, the group pulled off an amazing event for TS2, the first right hand drive TR production car.

This is how the group managed to do it, we thought you would be interested to see how this event came about and how much effort had been put into getting the day's event to fruition.

*For those of you who have no idea what all the fuss is about with **TS2** hopefully the following will help.. To celebrate over five decades of uniting Triumph TR sports car enthusiasts, the Club's promotional vehicle and the first right-hand-drive production TR2 built (**TS2**), has undertake a Round Britain Relay Run in 2022. The aim is to visit every one of the 53 local groups of the TR Register Car Club in the UK. Along the way, each group will be laying on events, activities and other promotional opportunities that our members and the public can enjoy.*

In March plans where started to look at what the group could do to showcase TS2 in its round Britain Relay. The feelers where put out to the group to get some sort of idea of what could be done, the outcome of one member gave the group the opportunity it was looking for.



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The suggestion that the group could use the Pottery Museum in the centre of Stoke-on-Trent (Hanley) to host a unique event celebrating both the new [Reginald Mitchell Spitfire Museum](#), with it's rebuilt and restored MK XVI (16) full size Spitfire (RW388) built in 1945 and donated to Stoke-on-Trent in 1972 to honour the city's connection to aeroplane designer Reginald Mitchell and the Triumph Registers round Britain's relay of TS2 was the ideal location to support a multitude of opportunity's.

The Potteries Museum were looking at ways to utilise the open space outside the New Museum and promote the iconic aeroplane, and to bring more visitors to the town. TR stoke were looking for a way to promote the group, its activities and educate the public on the unique TR marque and its history with the town.

Now the venue was chosen, the group had to get approval from the Stoke-on-Trent council, the Potteries Museum, TR Register and Classic Car Weekly. Luckily all parties were on-board and the plans started to pick up pace. Stoke-on-Trent council approved the plans and quickly asked to promote the event on Social media and the Potteries Museum website events board. This involved a couple of group members to take their cars down to the Museum and be part of Vlog with Councillor Beardsmore to promote the event, now playing a crucial link to Fathers days and even a promotional offer of a gentlemen's lunch, due the event date being on the 19th June 2022.



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*All we now needed was the star of the show **TS2** itself, on the 18th June a few members met up with the Shropshire group to collect it from a convenient pub car park outside Market Drayton.*



Handover from Shropshire group went smoothly, completing the paperwork and getting the keys to the historic vehicle. The first drive of TS2 was very memorable, as the weather took a turn for the worse and it decided to pour down, so the driver and passenger got very wet, as TS2 had no roof and limited side protection.

Tony Ralph had been given the authority to look after TS2 whilst in TR Stoke possession and it was housed in his garage overnight, wiped dry given a polish and made ready for its event day.



The group had put some plans together before the day's event, these included some promotional material (thanks to Michael Biddulph & Kevin Shaw) and hoped to provide the full range of TR marques to show the history and evolution of the TR's (Sadly the TR7 broke down). The TR3 also nearly didn't make it, as it decided to overheat upon its arrival (which provided the AA to join in the celebration too).

The days event could not of have gone any better, the group had 15 TR's attended, the weather held out and plenty of local Stokies came out to see the vehicles and to view the amazing Reginald Mitchell Spitfire. The Museum quoting very succesful Sunday attendance figues and sold out of the promotional offer of the Gentlemen lunch. The group also had a great response with some interesting local history being found, from a visitor to the event who had information about the TR police cars (which are featured issue 8 of our TR Stoke Newsletter). The group also being invited back to the venue for any future events we may want to host .



The following Monday a few members took the opportunity to take TS2 out for a drive to experience what these early TR's were like, its quite understandable to see why the TR Marque was so successful, when you take out a 70 year old car and realise that it drives just as good as many of the new car's on the road today. TS2 is a dream to drive, which thrills at every moment.



So after an eventful few days, and months of planning, it was time to say goodbye to TS2. The group handed over and completed the final paperwork for the TR North Wales group to enjoy the next leg of the [Round Britain Relay](#).

We thank all involved in making this experience a reality.





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