# Car Barn Beamish

Everything you need to know about the North East specialist car dealer.





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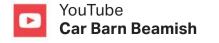
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### CAR BARN

## Our history

### Aston Workshop's diverse "spin off" brand

Car Barn Beamish was established just over a decade ago, however our story began in the 1980s. Hidden away within the Beamishburn Conservation Area, the historic hamlet of Red Row became the home of Aston Martin restoration in the North of England. Aston Workshop, now a leading independent specialist with clients around the world, was established nearly 40 years ago by founder Bob Fountain becoming the first of three enterprises based at the Red Row Estate. The Black Horse Beamish, a country pub with a history stretching back over three centuries, lies at the heart of the estate while the Car Barn was established most recently to complete the trilogy.

Over time, there was a growing need for a dedicated facility capable of caring for a wider range of cars and the Car Barn opened over a decade ago as an independent specialist for sports, prestige and classic vehicles. After the acquisition of MacDonald Racing the Car Barn was the home of Beamish Morgan, the North East's only Morgan franchise dealer, and to this day still care for many vehicles of that marque. Car Barn Beamish cemented its place as the go-to destination for enthusiasts in the North East with launch of the Car Barn Drivers' Club, a series of monthly car events attracting thousands of car enthusiasts, in 2022. Later that same year the Car Barn announced a partnership with INEOS Automotive to be the sales and service agent for the all-new Grenadier 4x4. As well as a continued focus on sports, prestige and classic cars, the INEOS partnership supported a move towards other opportunities in the off-road automotive arena with the expertise to provide workshop services for a wide range of four-wheel-drive cars. A thorough redesign of the Car Barn facility in 2023 updated the workshop, showroom, and sales office, with the facilities of Aston Workshop also able to be called upon when needed. In 2025, a new partnership was forged when we became the official Caterham dealership for the North East of England, offering sales, service and repair services for the full Caterham Seven range.

With over 35 cars in stock the Car Barn's reputation as an independent specialist has only grown since its inception, and visitors to the Car Barn will regularly be greeted by anything from exotic supercars to nimble, lightweight sports cars and sought-after classics. Car Barn Beamish, part of the historic Red Row Estate and only a stone's throw from the world-famous Beamish open-air museum, has become the North's premier destination for automotive enthusiasts.











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Car Barn Beamish is now one of the North's leading independen specialists, with an ever-widening reach and expanding set of capabilities. Over the following 16 pages you'll get a behind-thescenes insight into the breadth and diversity of our work, whether that be selling a lightweight British sports car, carrying out a service on an exotic supercar, upgrading a customer's four-wheel-drive or hosting one of our Car Barn Drivers' Club meets. In recent years we've taken on new challenges, from becoming an

official Caterham dealer to providing workshop services to the North East's INEOS Grenadier customers. Combined with our established reputation as a sports, prestige and classic car specialist, our ongoing expansions have made the Car Barn a leader in the North of England. For any motoring enthusiast in the North East, Car Barn Beamish has become the number one destination to visit.



### **Showroom and Sales Office**

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Visit the Car Barn and you'll first be greeted by our dedicated Car Sales showroom, housing an ever-changing collection of over 35 cars. Arranged in columns running the length of the showroom, our eclectic selection represents the core of what Car Barn Beamish is all about; sports, prestige and classic cars. New for this year is our dedicated Caterham area marking the start of our new partnership with the brand behind the iconic Seven. In the sales office is our Sales Manager Jonathon Webb, who is happy to confidentially discuss sales, purchases,

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### **Specialist Workshop**

The Car Barn workshop is the home of specialist service, repair and upgrade in the North East. Featuring the state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment needed for even the newest sports and supercars, as well as the traditional tools required for rare and desirable classics, our workshop is also the North East home of service and repair for INEOS automotive



### Car Barn Drivers' Club

New for 2025 is our Car Barn Drivers' Club members area, where local enthusiasts are invited to gather in our first ever dedicated Drivers' Club space. Our two-seat racing simulator, Car Barn Drivers' Club merchandise stand and a dedicated seating area all make up the Car Barn Drivers' Club



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Scan to view more sports, prestige and classic vehicles



### **Sell Your Car** with Car Barn

There's nowhere better to place your car for sale than Car Barn Beamish, the leading sports, prestige and classic specialist in the North East. We pride ourselves on our transparent and flexible options for selling your car, from buying your car directly to consigning it in our showroom allowing us to sell it on your behalf. While your car is on consignment we charge no up-front fees, and sales are only made when they align with the agreed price. Professional print and digital marketing, excellent photography amongst the beautiful County Durham countryside and thousands of visitors to our showroom at our monthly Drivers' Club meets are just a few of the benefits we can bring to selling your car.



### THE BENEFITS OF SELLING TO US

### Industry Experts

With over 35 cars for sale at any one time, Car Barn Beamish is considered one of the specialists in the country. A sister company to Aston Workshop, an Aston Martin specialist years ago, the Car Barn team prides itself on leading the way in buying and selling Sports, Prestige and



### **Professional** Marketing

We provide a multitude of marketing a professional listing on our site and in a selection of globally and classic car third-party sites. Each car features in a monthly email marketing campaign photographed expertly to stand out from



At Car Barn Beamish there are no fees involved with selling your car and a sale is only made in contingence with your agreed price.



### Warranty We provide a

no-obligation warranty with your vehicle to help achieve the sale and we are dedicated to making the buying process as smooth as possible.



### **Transport with** Peace of Mind

we can have your

vehicle collected,

transported, and

insured from A to B.

Our dedicated Aston Transport division prides itself on making the selling and buying process as stress-free and safe With one simple phone call to our team,



### **Private** Customer Database

Calling upon a decade Car Barn Beamish has an eclectic range of customers from all over the world. These customers are passionate and knowledgeable about performance cars and



### Complimentary Pre-Sale

Before any car is sold at Car Barn Beamish, we will offer a pre-sale inspection This ensures the cars are showroom ready and correctly optimised to meet the



### **Finance**

For people buying a

car from the Car Barn

they have the ability

to utilise the finance

packages we

have available.

This increases the

potential audience

that can buy your

vehicle, aiding in a

faster time to sell

Inspection customer's demands.



always on the lookout

Full National and International transport service operating daily from the North East

We are able to offer door-to-door transport through our very own car delivery division, Aston Transport. Our fleet of covered transports works seven days a week, providing a fully insured, reliable and professional transport service. We organise collection or delivery right up to your door, including not only the car but any parts and loose items associated with it as well. Our extended fleet of transporters ca transfer four vehicles at once, ideal for anyone moving their garage collection or attending shows.

Our fleet of transport vehicles is as varied as the cargo they carry. The flagship vehicle of the fleet is our

and for more local consignments or transport tasks unsuitable for larger vehicles we also operate a single car



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Equipped with state-of-the-art tools and diagnostic equipment that allows us to offer service, repair and upgrade services for everything from British classics to modern exotic supercars, the Car Barn Beamish Workshop is unique within the region. With a rich community of car enthusiasts in the North East, and main dealer support in the area dwindling, the Car Barn is the ideal place to send your car for some care and attention.

Our classic car services range from traditional maintenance jobs, such as setting points and carb adjustments, to full restoration projects that breathe new life into your pride and joy. For owners with more modern prestige cars our reputation as a Ferrari and Bentley specialist is built upon a decade of experience of caring for specialist and performance cars.

As the INEOS Automotive Service agent for the North East, our skills and experience also extend to off-road and 4x4 vehicles; whether rebuilding your four wheel drive car from scratch or simply upgrading its off-road capabilities, Car Barn Beamish are here to help.

Good quality annual servicing is one of the most important aspects of owning and running a sports, prestige or classic car. With main dealer support in the North East dwindling and many garages unsuited to care for high performance or specialist vehicles, we have expanded the Car Barn team to continue to offer servicing for local car enthusiasts. We believe that each car has its own unique servicing needs, and as such we fine tune our servicing offering to suit.

Our workshop has access to the latest online technical data from the manufacturers, workshop manuals, and expertise built up from working on a wide range of different vehicles frequently. We can conveniently collect and deliver your vehicle on our covered transporter, and servicing customers can also benefit from a service loan car.



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Nationwide collection and delivery available, call 01207 606 120 to book

**Meet the Team** 



We are proud to be part of the 100+ strong team working on Red Row Estate, alongside staff from the Black Horse pub and Aston Workshop to deliver the finest quality service to customers new and old. Of the many characters among us Jonathon and Amy lead the Car Barn Beamish team, greeting customers both at Beamish and the events we attend around the UK.



JONATHON WEBB SALES MANAGER

Married with two children and living in Prudhoe, Jonathon is also the Chairman of the Hexham and District Motor Club organising rallies throughout the year and competing as a navigator. Starting as a young weekend trainee with Fiat/Alfa Romeo in Stockport, Jonathon worked up the ranks spending time in each department including a year on the Service desk. After 4 years he moved to Mangolesti Alfa Romeo in Cheshire, staying with the same marque during a move to Newcastle in 2008 to help open a new dealership. After time as Brand Manager for Maserati, Jonathon joined the Car Barn in October 2021 as Sales Manager.

For Sales enquiries contact Jonathon on 07442 897760 or email jonathon@carbarn.co.uk



AMY DAWSON WORKSHOP MANAGER

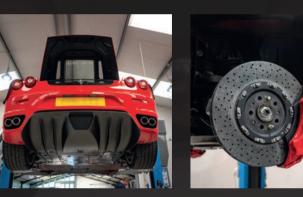
Our Workshop Manager Amy grew up locally, in Whickham, and now lives only a stone's throw away in Dunston with her husband and 5-year-old daughter. Her 20 years of experience in the trade includes time spent as a Service Advisor, Parts Manager, Aftersales Manager and now Workshop Manager, with the only area she hasn't worked in being Sales! Amy started out driving a VW Fox (bought with her student loan at 21), but with car tastes ranging from E-Types to fast Golfs she enjoys the variety of cars that visit the Barn.

For Workshop enquiries contact Amy on 01207 606120 or email amy@carbarn.co.uk

# Ferrari, Bentley and McLaren Servicing

Car Barn Beamish have been looking after the supercars of the North East ever since our inception over a decade ago. With the support for these cars dwindling within the region, we're happy to say we're as dedicated as ever to handling the service and repair of cars made by these iconic brands. Our experience extends from classic models from the 60s and 70s right through to the most recent cars, with numerous examples passing through our workshop and showroom. Recent investments include the purchase of dedicated McLaren diagnostic equipment needed for the care of their high-performance supercars. We maintain excellent relationships with the main dealer networks of these brands, vital for sourcing the correct approved parts needed to maintain prestige cars, and by calling upon the strengths of our sister company Aston Workshop we can care for valuable classic supercars with the level of attention to detail they deserve. With a wide range of cars produced by these brands located within the region, Car Barn Beamish are here for their servicing and repair needs.







Turn a service appointment for your vehicle into a luxurious mid-week hotel break and explore Durham, Northumberland and the stunning North East coastline.\*

While we ensure your car is ready to be enjoyed, you can sample the fascinating history and breath-taking landscape on our doorstep, all from the comfort of our Old Red Row luxury boutique hotel accommodation.

This is complemented by our beautiful 300-year-old country pub, the Black Horse Beamish, whose restaurant offers some of the finest dining in the area. Our base in the North East countryside is only half a mile from the world-famous Beamish Open Air Museum and is also within easy driving distance of some great countryside and coastal driving roads.

Car Barn offers fixed price servicing, repair work, upgrades and enhancements. Please see our website for more details.

\* Special offer available to all Car Barn customers using discount code 007. Check our website for latest prices. Book now to avoid disappointment. Book online at **blackhorsebeamish.co.uk** or call **01207 232 569**. Excludes cost of servicing.

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### Check out our YouTube Channel

The best place for a behind-the-scenes look at Car Barn Beamish is our YouTube channel.

Featuring a wide selection of content ranging from reviews of our sales cars to roundup videos from our Car Barn Drivers' Club events, the Car Barn Beamish YouTube channel is the only way to get behind the scenes access at the Barn. Subscribe today to be the first to see our videos, as soon as they are released!



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### CAR BARN IN NUMBERS









The number of cars on site on a typical day



I booked my Mercedes C63 AMG in for a major service, I am really pleased with the job they have done, exceptional service from start to finish. Very professional, helpful staff, will be taking my cars here from now on.

ANDREW B

Where the main dealers refused to quickly respond to a potentially major engine issue, the good people at Car Barn sorted us out. They received our car and went over and above to ensure the fault was found, resolved and thoroughly tested, this was done in a few weeks, whereas all the main Jaguar dealers wouldn't even entertain looking at the fault until another 4-6 weeks! We highly recommend these people to take care of your pride and joy and show some real care to detail. A massive thanks to the team.

Exceptional service from start to finish. Very professional and helpful staff who kept me updated on everything. MR A BURT

MR G. LAMB

### WORDSEARCH

Try our Car Barn themed wordsearch and see how many words you can find. Words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal and may be backwards too.

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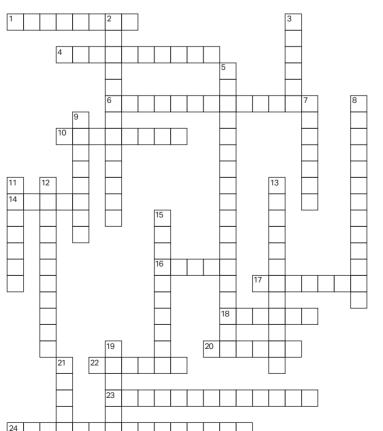
11. Impreza 12. Enzo Ferrari 13. Disco Volante 15. Ford Escort 5. Car Barn Drivers Club 7. Proteus 8. Sébastien Loeb 9. Countach 24. John Cooper Works Down - 2. Smith and Sniff 3. Monaco 18. Le Mans 20. Abarth 22. Zagato 23. Lewis Hamilton 6. Aston Workshop 10. Goodwood 14. Monza 16. Dakar 17. Porsche

Crossword Answers - Across - 1. Vanquish 4. Flying Spur

Easy - 10 words. Good - 15 words. Full House - 24 words.

### CAR BARN CROSSWORD

See if you can complete our Car Barn themed crossword. Answers can be found at the bottom of this page.



1 Class-leading super-GT from Aston Martin, now in its third generation powered by a 5.2L twin-turbo V12. (8)

4 Four-door saloon based on the Continental GT. (6,4)

on the Red Row Estate. (5,8) 10 West Sussex estate home to Rolls Royce, Festival of Speed and the

Revival historic race event. (8)

events and a special edition car produced by \_\_\_\_

18 French race circuit where the world's most famous race

badge features a scorpion. (6)

24 MINI tuning arm originating from a two-time Formula One

3 Mediterranean principality that hosts one of the most prestigious F1

5 Monthly car meets held at Car Barn Beamish over the summer months. (3,4,7,4)

Manufacturer of high-quality Jaguar recreations, including a recent

French rally driver with nine WRC championships to his name. (9,4)

style of the 1970s and 1980s. (8)

12 Founder of the most famous car company in the world, honoured by

13 Italian for 'flying saucer' and name given to experimental 1950s

models receiving Cosworth power. (4,6)

19 Vauxhall saloon that was made famous by the high-performance 21 Lightweight British sports car, formally built by Lotus and now

6 One of the world's leading Aston Martin specialists, based right here

14 The oldest race circuit in mainland Europe, known as 'The Temple

16 Capital city of Senegal, which lends its name to one of the top rally 17 Stuttgart-based sports car manufacturer. (7)

takes place. (2,4) 20 Italian manufacturer with an historic association with Fiat, whose

22 Italian coachbuilder famed for their Aston Martin, Alfa Romeo and Lancia designs. (6)

23 Record-beating Formula One world champion who recently made a move to Maranello. (5,8)

championship winning constructor. (4,6,5)

### live recording. (5,3,5)

- Grands Prix and a famous WRC event. (6)
- arrival at the Car Barn. (7)
- Italian V12 thoroughbred that exemplified the wedge-shape design
- 11 Japanese Boxer-engined WRC car, winner of six WRC championships. (7)
- that manufacturer's 'halo car' in 2002. (4,7)
- Alfa Romeos (5,7) 15 British-made family car that had success as a rally car, with later
- available from Caterham. (5)



Jaguar XJ13 by Proteus

Le Mans in the late 1960s was dominated by Ford, who's GT40

was a revelation on the endurance racing circuit. Had circumstances

been different, it could have been a Jaguar on the top step of the

The XJ13 was Jaguar's attempt at producing a world-class midengine race car capable of beating the Fords and Ferraris on the world stage. At the heart of the XJ13 was a prototype V12 engine, lightyears ahead of the XK engine that dated back to the late 1940s. Producing over 500bhp in quad-cam form, the new Jaguar V12 gave the XJ13 a real chance at being a winning race car. Testing was promising, with the XJ13 setting a lap record at the MIRA test track that stood for over three decades, however internal squabbles at Jaguar and a renewed focus on road-car production meant the XJ13

podium at the Circuit de le Sarthe...

project was cancelled.

With only one Jaguar XJ13 produced in period it wasn't long before enthusiasts attempted to build high quality recreations. Proteus, the makers of accurate and detailed C-Type and D-Type replicas, set out to produce inch-perfect recreations of the XJ13 and in 1990 their first prototype was finished. With special permission from Jaguar, Jim Marland of Proteus was allowed to take measurements of the original car in order to make an accurate body-buck, while original spare windscreens were procured and wheels cast based on the original XJ13 alloys. Proteus built seven XJ13 recreations in total, of which the third (chassis P90003) recently joined the Car Barn showroom. Built between 1991 and 1993, P90003 features a 6.1L Jaguar V12 built by famed engine builder Dave Butcher paired to a 5-speed ZF manual gearbox. Accurate to the original car in every way, our Jaguar XJ13 has had an incredible history stretching across the world. Don Law and Racing Green, two of the leading Jaguar specialists, were involved in its ongoing care and improvement since its build, and the car now resides in the Car Barn Beamish showroom.

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## Car Barn Car Barn 2025 Drivers' Club 2025



A free and informal gathering ran by enthusiasts for enthusiasts

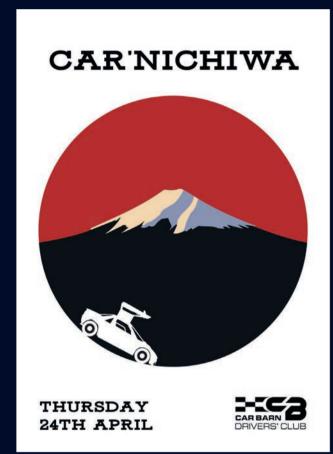
In April 2022 Car Barn Beamish hosted a small gathering of classic, sports and supercars outside our Showroom. More events quickly followed, and the Car Barn Drivers' Club was born. Now in its fourth year, the Car Barn Drivers' Club remains 100% free to enjoy with any and all enthusiasts (and their cars!) welcome. CBDC members are entitled to unique discounts and offers from ourselves and our partners, as well as the ability to book their space at our meets, all for free.

Members are treated to six events running from April to September, each one based around a unique theme.

For 2025 our events are themed by nation, with five countries famed for their car culture given their own CBDC meet. While the focus of this year's meets will be cars of that month's nation, as always we invite anyone who loves cars to bring their pride and joy along for us all to see.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT 2025 EVENTS SCAN THE QR CODE





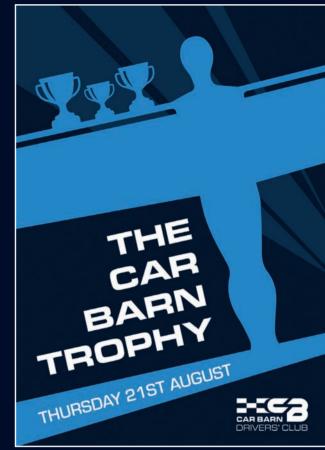
BARN THURSDAY 8TH MAY



The home of the exotic European supercar, Italy is the main focus of our June meet. From Abarth to Alfa Romeo, Fiat to Ferrari and Lancia to Lamborghini, everything Italian is the star of the show.



Some of the most iconic cars every produced originated on Great Britain, and they'll be the main attraction at our July event. Expect a special display from our sister company Aston Workshop too!

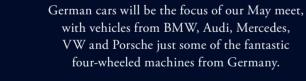


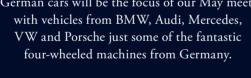
Our very own Concours event returns for 2025 as we celebrate the very best of enthusiast cars and bikes in the North East. Our awards have a twist, so anyone can win!



For our final Car Barn Drivers' Club meet of the year we celebrate the quirkiest car-producing nation in the world, France! A wide and eclectic range of French cars will be on show.

Our first Car Barn Drivers' Club meet of the year celebrates the incredible car culture of Japan, and cars from that nation will be the main feature of the show field.







Join the FREE Car Barn Drivers' Club membership for exclusive discounts and offers. Visit the Car Barn website or scan the QR code.





**BOOK** 

your space at

each Car

Barn Drivers'













Plus more benefits. Keep checking the website for further information.

### 2024 Hall of Fame

In 2024 we launched our free membership, and the uptake was huge with nearly two thousand members signing up in our first year. As a special thank you to our most dedicated members we're delighted to share our Car Barn Drivers' Club Hall of Fame. These members came to every single 2024 Car Barn Drivers' Club meet, come rain or shine, and had their membership card stamped in the Car Barn showroom. The growth we've seen since launching our members and attendees who have spread the word about the meets we've been putting on. From our early meets attracting dozens of cars to our current events with thousands of attendees the growth we've seen has led to the Drivers' Club meets being some of the largest in the North East with a wide and eclectic range of cars on show. To the members whose names are shown here, thank you from everyone at Car Barn Beamish for the





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# The home of Car Culture in the North East

For the love of cars



With two independent sports car specialists on site, a 300-year-old gastropub, a range of accommodation options and regular events throughout the year, the Red Row Estate offers an experience almost unique across the North of England.

Visitors to Car Barn Beamish are always welcome, but throughout the spring and summer we throw open the doors and invite our Car Barn Drivers' Club members to a series of monthly car meets hosted outside the Car Barn showroom. Hundreds of cars assemble at Red Row Estate for the busiest and most unique car events in the region.

Our sister company Aston Workshop also hosts an annual open day, with Aston enthusiasts and neighbours from around Beamish invited to see behind the scenes at one of the world's leading Aston Martin specialists. "The Hill" is free to attend and attracts fans of the world's most favourite marque from all around the country.







### **Black Horse Beamish**

Dating back to the seventeen hundreds, the Black Horse was one of 10 cottages built on the estate of the infamous Bobby Shafto, MP for County Durham in the 1760s who was immortalised in the famous northern song "Bonny Bobby Shafto". A pub, restaurant and wedding venue, the Black Horse also offers accommodation including two cottages and a number of ensuite rooms.

The Black Horse lies at the centre of the Red Row Estate and is a food and drink destination in its own right. As one of the sister companies of Car Barn Beamish it also offers hospitality to our customers and guests, with our Service and Stay offer proving popular for car owners wanting to extend their stay with us. For visitors who attend our Car Barn Drivers' Club meets the Black Horse is always on hand with fantastic food and drink.



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Scan for more about Aston Workshop

### The Aston Workshop

Established over 35 years ago, Aston Workshop has become the home of Aston Martin restoration in the North A passion for all things automotive was ignited by the home restoration of an Aston Martin DB5 by Bob Fountain in the outbuildings surrounding his stone farmhouse. Fuelled by his early successes, Bob soon expanded the Aston Workshop set-up in order to work on more cars simultaneously and employed more staff the with the specialist skills needed to pursue the very best engineering and restoration solutions for his growing customer base. Now complete with facilities for servicing, restoration, engineering, engine building, and an Aston Martin approved body shop and paint centre, Car Barn and Aston Workshop are a



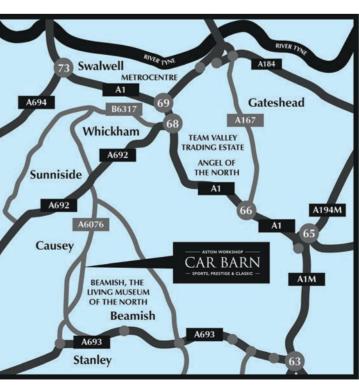


### **Getting here**

Located only 10 minutes from the A1(M), Aston Workshop is easily travelled to by car from either the North or South.

For visitors from the North
West, the picturesque A69 from
Carlisle to Newcastle is the most
direct route, with various detours
available through the Pennines.
By train, the stations of Newcastle,
Durham and Chester-le- Street are
all close by and are situated on the

East Coast Main Line from
London to Edinburgh.
International guests often fly
into Newcastle Airport, a short
drive from our facility, or come
across from continental Europe
via the Ijmuiden-Newcastle ferry.
Contact us in advance and we will
be able to organise a collection for
customers from any of these local



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# Things to see and do in the North East

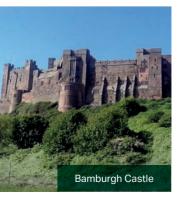
Situated not far from where Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and County Durham meet, the Red Row Estate is only a stone's throw away from some of the best tourist destinations in the North of England. The award-winning and world-famous Beamish Museum, a faithful open-air recreation of life in the North East during the industrial revolution, is located mere minutes away from our facility. Allowing visitors a true hands-on experience, the museum features a coal-fired fish and chip shop, 1920s Bakery and Sweet Shops, and other buildings moved brick by brick from the surrounding villages to

The cities of Durham and Newcastle are both situated within a 20-minute drive from our facility and over their own unique blend of the famous North East hospitality. Durham Cathedral and Castle together form a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Newcastle features sights including Hadrian's Wall, St James' Park and the Quayside and it's bridges.

Head further north and you'll reach picturesque Northumberland. Bamburgh Castle, Holy Island and the historic town of Alnwick are just some of the treats Northumberland has in store.











### The Car Barn Kielder Targa Rally 2024

The Car Barn were once again proud to sponsor the Kielder Targa Rally, organised by our motorsport affiliate Hexham & District Motor Club.

A full entry list of 50 cars took to the infamous 'Kielder Killer' rally stages of the Kielder Forest, Northumberland.

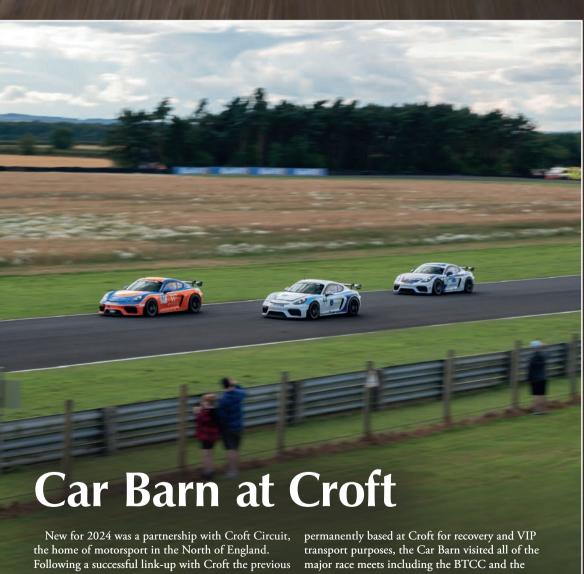
Crews assembled at Keepershield Quarry before setting off into the forest, with our INEOS Grenadier acting as the official recovery vehicle for cars claimed by the deep ditches lining the forest tracks.

The morning loop consisted of seven tests within the forest, with a trio of historic Ford Escorts leading the way. Over 80 marshals were situated along the rally's route, issuing start and finish times, observing cones and signing for code boards, and after a successful morning session they set about altering the test layouts ahead of the afternoon's running. The punishing Kielder roads were kinder in the afternoon, with

most cars clearing the stages without incident, and before long it was time for the results to be collected and trophies to be awarded.

Car 1, a Ford RS2000 crewed by Steve Head and Phil Savage, led from start to finish to take the overall win. Local driver Kevin Stones, in his Toyota MR2 along with navigator Chris Holden took second place only 16 seconds behind the winner after a full days running. For many drivers however, Car Barn Kielder Targa Rally was their first opportunity to test their skills on some of the most demanding rally stages in the North East, with plenty of newcomers enjoying the delights of this accessible form of motorsport.

For more information on the Car Barn Kielder Targa Rally, or to see the full results, visit www.hexhammotorclub.co.uk



New for 2024 was a partnership with Croft Circuit, the home of motorsport in the North of England. Following a successful link-up with Croft the previous year, where we loaned an INEOS Grenadier to be used as the official recovery vehicle for round 6 of the British Touring Car Championship, our partnership was extended for the full 2024 season of motorsport events at Croft. As well as a Grenadier being

permanently based at Croft for recovery and VIP transport purposes, the Car Barn visited all of the major race meets including the BTCC and the popular Historic Festival. The partnership also included a special Car Barn Drivers' Club discount on motorsport tickets at Croft while the circuit also generously donated a number of free BTCC tickets to be given away to our CBDC members.



# Smith and Sniff visit the Barn

Car Barn Beamish were delighted to host Jonny Smith and Richard Porter for another live recording of their hit motoring podcast Smith and Sniff. The Smith and Sniff team first recorded an episode at the Car Barn in 2022 and we couldn't wait to get them back!

With Christmas approaching the Black Horse Beamish team put on a festive menu of food and snacks for the 200-strong crowd assembled in the Orchard Marque for both a regular Smith and Sniff episode and a special Q&A session with questions from the audience.