CLASSIC DRIVER

A New Company Raising the Bar on 'Active Car Storage'

Just south of Milton Keynes is the Buckinghamshire village of Newton Longville, situated within easy access to the southeast and London. Here, a new company Collectors' Car Management' has set up its offices, workshop and 12,000 sq ft of storage area.

The owners are all car collectors who have had bad experiences in the past when they have left their cars in storage. It was their desire and vision to provide a facility that would look after owner's cars, as they would care for them themselves.

Mike Haysey, who incidentally helped set up **Classic Driver UK**, runs the company. Previously he was President & CEO of Aston Martin North America and held senior positions with manufacturers Audi and BMW.



On arrival at the premises one is

aware of the state of the art security with CCTV both outside and inside the storage area and laser beam alarm system connect directly to the police. Their reception area provides a comfortable environment to discuss requirements for storage as well as any work required. Technical Director Jim Wilkie has vast experience and knowledge from working on classic and modern performance cars and I was really impressed with his depth of knowledge.

From the offices one has direct access to the impressive storage area, which has a thick epoxy painted floor, and a £20,000 dehumidifier keeping the area at 20% humidity - thus providing the best conditions for a car. Each car is fitted with a battery conditioner and dust cover although the area was so clean it probably isn't necessary.

The six-bay workshop is at the far end of the building and has a universal hoist, wash and valet bay and all the usual equipment to carry out work on client's cars including what might be the only complete set of special tools to work on the Gullwing Mercedes!

I was very impressed with the facilities and comprehensive service they provide. Further details are available

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