Historic vehicle rally raises nearly £2,000 for Bradford Cancer Charity with support from JCT600

Yorkshire car retailer JCT600 has once again sponsored the annual Bradford to Morecambe Historic Vehicle Run which year succeeded in raising nearly £2,000 for Cancer Support Bradford and Airedale.

Now in its 26th year, the rally held on September 14, was once again organised by the founder of the event, Gerry Watson. More than 140 classic cars of all types and ages embarked on the 130 mile round trip from Bradford to Morecambe where vehicles assembled for a grand display on the promenade before returning to Yorkshire. Starting as a humble cycle race in the 1950s, the event has now developed into a one day nostalgic extravaganza for classic car enthusiasts, attracting thousands of visitors to the seaside town.

The oldest vehicle at the event was a 1929 Riley Tourer and there were also plenty of vehicles from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, including two Jowett vans made in Idle, Bradford, through to an eight month old Porsche Cayman.

Every year, members of the local Porsche Club of Great Britain take part, showing a range of classic cars which this year included a red 1987 911 3.2 Carrera Supersport, one of only 22 known to the Porsche
Club GB, and owned by Geoff Benson. There was also a silver 2003 Porsche 996 Carrera 4, owned by Chris Chappell.

Event founder and organiser Gerry Watson said: “Once again it was a first class event, much enjoyed by everyone who took part. We had more people coming out to watch the start of the race than ever before and they weren’t disappointed by the beautiful classic cars on show. We had a good run to Morecambe and the sun even came out on the run back to Yorkshire.”

It is the 14th consecutive year that JCT600 has supported the historic vehicle run, with all proceeds once again being donated to Cancer Support Bradford and Airedale. The event has raised almost £10,000 for the charity in the last four years. The independent charity helps thousands of people, every year, with the practical and emotional issues caused by a cancer diagnosis. JCT600 chairman Jack Tordoff has been a patron for over eight years.

Linda Enderby, fundraiser, said: “The generous donations from Jack and Gerry, over the years, have enabled us to help so many people. They are both aware of how important it is to support locally and we are extremely grateful to them for choosing our charity.”

Based in Bradford, JCT600 is a family business with a history of over 60 years. It has dealerships throughout Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and the North East and sells 19 of the world’s most respected brands such as Aston Martin, Audi, Bentley, BMW/MINI, Ferrari, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Vauxhall and Volkswagen. The group employs a workforce of 1,800 people.

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Picture 30 shows (L to R): Jack Tordoff, chairman of JCT600; Gerry Watson, event founder and organiser; and Linda Enderby, fundraiser for Cancer Support Bradford and Airedale

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