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Porsche Centre Leeds recognised in national competition for restoration of classic turbo

Following six months of painstaking restoration work on a neglected 33 year old classic Porsche 911 turbo sports car, Porsche Centre Leeds has won first place in two categories of a nationwide competition launched by the iconic marque to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the introduction of the first Porsche production car equipped with a turbo engine.

Having spent close to 1,000 hours in total restoring the incredibly rare Porsche to its former glory, the team at Porsche Centre Leeds took first prize for mechanical restoration in the dealership and bodyshop competition launched by Porsche Cars. It was also awarded first place as Porsche Cars Great Britain’s choice as well as coming third in the body repainer category.

A customer of Porsche Centre Leeds, David Graves, had offered his 1981 Guards Red, 6 cylinder, horizontally opposed, air cooled rear engine, 3299cc 300bhp Porsche 911 930 Turbo Coupe for the competition – it had been stored in a disused garage for the last 15 years and was in need of complete restoration. The car was originally purchased from JCT600 33 years ago.
“We were really excited to pit our specialist restoration skills against Porsche Centres throughout the UK and it is a real honour to have taken two first places in this prestigious competition,” comments Ben Pedley, workshop controller & project manager for Porsche Classic Restoration Project at Porsche Centre Leeds. “We were fortunate to have the opportunity to work on such a beautiful and rare model, although it was a challenge completely restoring it in just six months.

“The team at the JCT600 bodyclinic in Bradford was able to strip back the body shell to bare metal while we got to work on stripping the engine, gearbox and all the running gear prior to a complete rebuild. Every part of the car was inspected, refurbished, repaired or replaced if necessary. Porsche Cars Great Britain were rooting for us, they thought the standard of work was exceptional and the story behind the car was very interesting which made the restoration extra special.

“The scale of the project has not only enhanced our knowledge, but has also given us an opportunity to demonstrate what we are capable of when it comes to restoring classic Porsches.”

The fully restored Porsche 911 turbo sports car is on display at Porsche Centre Leeds, The Boulevard, City One West Park.

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Picture shows (L to R): The restoration team at Porsche Centre Leeds comprising Ben Pedley, Andrew Wexham, Jack Clarke and Andrew Smith