

## Phil Kinsella of the Triumph Sports Owners Club recollects his love of his cars

I bought my first Triumph in 1991 to learn to drive in. Unfortunately for that Dolomite 1850, I wrote it off the following year.

Since then I have owned many Triumphs. There was a 1200 Herald and a MkIV Spitfire. I've also restored a Dolomite Sprint with my Dad, which he still owns.

Where this passion came from, I don't really know, but I remember my Dad rebuilding a Mk III Cortina when I was a kid. He had a Bond of some sort as well, and I often helped (or hindered!) him in the garage.

I then discovered the Triumph Marque and have enjoyed the fun of them since. For me, I love open top motoring and the exhaust noise of the Stag. Free road tax and dirt cheap insurance helps too!

Triumphs are also easy to work on for the home restorer, parts plentiful, and lots of club support makes for an easy route into classic car ownership.

My latest car is my dream Triumph: the Stag. In fact, it is a 1972 Inca Yellow Triumph Stag, which I restored over the winter of 2009 - Spring 2010.

