

YOUR CARS

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CAR OF THE MONTH

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João Sobral

From: Marinha Grande, Portugal

Cars: Mk1 Escort 1100S

João starts by apologising for his bad English, but it was actually very easy to understand thanks to the universal language of Ford. "I have a Mk1 Ford Escort 1100S from 1974. The car is certified from the ACP Clássicos as an 'automobile of historical interest', with period modifications. All the exterior and interior is original." The modifications include an increase to 1300cc, Kent 234 camshaft, Mangoletsi inlet, twin Weber 40 DCOEs, and much more.

"The car has about 100 bhp," continues João. "I have found all the parts at Rally Design and Minforsport. This restoration was possible only with the dedication of my special mechanical friend, Vitor Santos who has powered and rebuilt the car." As much as we like to think João has a 'mechanical friend', like a primitive robot, we reckon he means a friend who is a mechanic.



Gareth Jones

From: Mold

Car: Mk3 Capri

We get relatively few Capris on these pages, certainly compared to the wave after wave of Escorts that come through the *Classic Ford* letterbox every month... Perhaps it's partially because many of our letters come from outside the UK, where the Escort is undoubted king, or perhaps it is some other reason, but we make no apology for mixing it up a bit and awarding the Car of the Month to Gareth's Capri.

And despite the propensity of overseas Escorts, it's amazing what you can find literally tucked away in the Great British countryside... Gareth's Mk3 Capri apparently spent seven years between 2000 and 2007 sat under a tree and hedges, before he bought it for the princely sum of £300. "I have spent approximately £5000 on it now," he tells us.

"I am building a turbo Pinto for it at the minute."

The replacement engine will have a good-looking home, as there is no shortage of work been done outwith the engine bay. It has been treated to a set of Brooklands-style RS seven-spoke alloys as well as a thorough going-over on the body and paintwork including a fresh set of the infamous Laser decals. Top work!

