

SHIRLEY MK II

Originally known as the Kenmar the MKI was introduced in 1957 with the Shirley MKII being first advertised in 1959, records show that the unit was available up to 1962.

The manufacturer of the unit was Monkspath garage, based in Shirley Solihull, the unit was available in 2 and 4 seater versions, 2 seater for Ford 7'-6" Anglia chassis or 4 seater on the 7'-10" Prefect chassis, at an amazing price of £89. Optional hard top was £35.

Approximately 50 body shells were sold.

The fibreglass body was one of the more substantial bodies available at that time comprising :-

Main body One piece moulding with a tubular framework reinforcing and welded mounting points.

Bonnet Moulded for front or rear hinging with holes for 7" standard head lights and bonded in loom mounting points.

Doors Double skin mouldings and recesses for gloves.

Boot Double skin stressed moulding.

Rear Wheels Spats with locking in fixings.

A full range of optional extras were available from Monkspath Garage

History of CSJ793

The body shell was purchased in Jan 1997 and is believed never to have been fully fitted to chassis before, the shell is mounted on a 1949 Ford Anglia, having been built completely by the present owner Geoff Hammond from the chassis up. The present stage was reached in April 1998

There are only believed to be less than 10 Shirley MKII's still remaining

Improvements as was common in the early 60's include:-

BOXING OF THE CHASSIS

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