

Joshua's 309

Wanted to get back in to simpler times of motoring with a now 'modern classic' era of cars. Nothing that could be plugged in for a diagnostic...

My first car was a Peugeot 205 and had fond memories of that time. So while looking I came across this tidy Peugeot 309 in 2022, now she is fondly dubbed Cherry ☺ by the kids. Found some points of interest in the 309, as the first Peugeot to be built in England at the Ryton Coventry Plant and that it was never originally meant to be a Peugeot at all but in fact a Talbot Arizona. (Mine is fitted with the legacy OHV Simca engine – https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simca_Poissy_engine)

Now very much my favourite hobby from general maintenance to modernising parts for greater reliability and drivability.

Always a nice reaction from people whenever out and about in her, something I'm sure you guys also receive in your own classics either as daily drivers or special occasions. Lots of conversations about the car and their own car history.

As the son of a mechanic / panel beater, I've always loved being around cars in general (this now excludes Dacia ☹) and shared an interest of mechanical works with my dad. Always worked on my own vehicles... but now a days who likes having to diagnose a problem with a computer?!

Look forward to meeting up with fellow car enthusiasts the NWCC members and being at some more car shows with Cherry and the family.

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