

Let's get Owen 'goin'



The story so far.

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Owen – the story so far

Owen was born in 1969 and lived in France until 2011 when he came to England. The man who brought him over wanted to restore him but wasn't able to get the funds together.

Owen went to First Step Trust (FST) on the 15th September 2015.

FST will re-commission Owen by sorting out a full body dip rust proofing and repaint (black roof and wheels and tyres). The body panels will be finished in cream and the bumpers and trim (wherever possible) will be re-chromed.

The future looks good for Owen as he will help promote FST and other charities and organisations that want to hire him for the day. The kit will include a Barista machine and a photo booth so you may even want to hire him for an event of your own some day.

All contributions will be recorded in a special book that Owen will take wherever he goes.

Thank you

About First Step Trust (FST).

FST is a registered charity providing work experience and salaried employment opportunities for people whose lives have been blighted by severe and enduring mental health problems and other disadvantages (workforce). For most of us work plays a significant contributor to wellbeing providing an income, status and a sense of purpose. The majority of the FST workforce face a number of obstacles in their efforts to gain employment. For example;

- the average length of unemployment of the FST workforce is 8 years
- 17% of the FST workforce have never had a job
- 50% of the FST workforce have no formal educational qualifications and lack the confidence to learn new skills
- the impact of the symptoms of long term conditions such as mental health problems and other disadvantages means that some people struggle to find the motivation to get out of bed, concentrate for sustained periods, they lose ability to manage everyday workplace relationships but above all, have no recent work experience to offer employers.

FST's core objective is to help workforce members gain / regain the skills, confidence and self-belief they need to help them improve their quality of life. For some this could mean helping them to get the skills and support they need to find work in 'open employment' For others it is about making a long- term investment enabling them to meet the demands and responsibilities of working life at their own pace.

FST provides access to a range of work experience at its social enterprises. FST has established SMaRT (Socially Minded and Responsible Trading™) garages in Salford, Woolwich, Bexley and Lambeth. We also have a restaurant (Abbevilles) in Clapham SW4. For more information about FST please go to www.firststeptrust.org.uk

About Owen

FST purchased Owen in September 2015 with the intention of putting him on the road to generate income towards our overheads and create work experience and employment opportunities for workforce members.

Our original idea was to put Owen back on the road whilst retaining his patina. It soon became evident that would not be practical as he had extensive rust to his sills, chassis, floor and general bodywork.



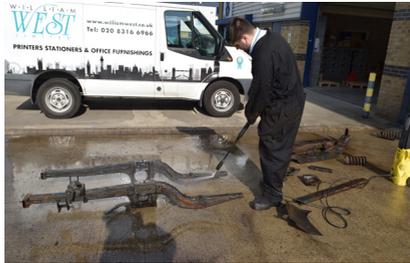
Rust had travelled underneath the paint throughout the bodywork.



The engine was removed ready to be stripped down, painted then rebuilt using new parts, seals and gaskets where required.



We also removed and cleaned the front and rear subframes ready for sandblasting and repainting.



Owen spent the next few months at FST's SMaRT garage in Woolwich where he was stripped down to the last nut and bolt ready for the next stage.



Owen went to Prostrip in Nottingham www.prostrip.co.uk/car-auto to have his paint, underseal and extensive amounts of filler removed.



At this point we felt that our decision to sacrifice his patina was the right one.



The outer sills, outriggers and front floor areas were pretty far gone.



To our relief the chassis was in far better condition than we expected.



The cargo bay floor was also pretty sound.



The areas around the rear wings and corner sections had completely rusted out so needed to be refabricated.





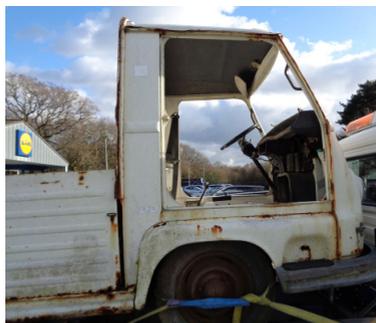
In the end we managed to retain more than 95% of Owen's original metalwork. This is what we had to cut out.



None of the above would have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors. Charlie Mullins OBE the founder of Pimlico Plumbers paid for the welding work. His in-house body work team then spent several weeks finishing Owen off with a full respray and high-tech underseal.



Other bits that we managed to get refurbished / replaced included the gearbox and a number of small items that were missing from Owen when we purchased him. Many of these are extremely difficult to find. Fortunately, we managed to purchase another donor vehicle which has helped with things like the gearbox, wiring loom and some other bits.



FST would like to thank the following people and organisations for their sponsorship

Name	Sponsored Item
Charlie Mullins OBE, Founder and CEO of Pimlico Plumbing	Extensive welding and coach-building works
Matthew Patrick, Chief Executive of SLAM	Radiator re-core
Michelle Owens MBE, Director, Small Business Saturday UK	Wheel x 2
Helen Millward, Campaign Manager, Serco Environmental Services	Wheel
Rachel Hubbard, Chief Executive, Deaf Umbrella	Wheel
Carole Furnivall, Co-Founder and Chair, First Step Trust	Coil springs
Sally Newcombe, Board Member, First Step Trust	Lower arm & hub
Grace Lown, Freelance Digital Manager	Brake drums
Tom Flynn, Project Manager, Small Business Saturday UK	Brake drums
Lisa Cunningham, Director of Community Investment & Employee Volunteering, Business in the Community	Brake drums
David Monk, South London Director of Forensic Strategy, SLAM	Brake drums
Ray Calouff, Managing Director of Boston Equipment	Bumper sections x 2
Denise Hyland, Councillor, Royal Borough of Greenwich	Back plates
Steve Nash, Chief Executive, Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI)	Back plates
Dr Adrian McLachlan, Chair of Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Lambeth NHS	Back plates
Sarah Corlett, Acting Director Of Public Health, Lambeth Council	Protective shielding
Dr Si Liu, The Trinity Medical Centre, Plumstead	Inner tube
Mike Freeman, Consultant	Inner tube
Sarah Crack, Head of Communication and Media, SLAM	Inner tube
Avnish Savjani, Partner, Buzzacott Chartered Accountants	Brake shoes set
David Brindle, Journalist, The Guardian Newspaper	Brake shoes set
Dr Geraldine Strathee, NHS England's National Clinical Director for Mental Health	Wheel cylinders x 4
Mark West, Director, William West	Brake pipes
Ben Travis, Chief Executive, Oxleas NHS	Dashboard restorations
Charlie Mullins OBE, Founder and CEO of Pimlico Plumbing	Full re-spray
John Fahey, Councillor, Royal Borough of Greenwich	Any item
Denise Holle, Investment Director, Numbers for Good	Any item
Phil Sperring, Director, Wates Living Space	Any item
Helen Hayes, Member of Parliament, Dulwich & West Norwood	Any item
Matthew Corbett, Assistant Director Community Investment, L&Q Group	Any item
Jim & Janet Gillman, long term supporter of FST	Back plates

FST would like to also thank Alasdair Worsley Renault Owners Club www.renaultownersclub.com who provided support and advice on getting Owen goin.





We still have a number of items that have not yet been sponsored if you are interested in helping us to **“Get Owen Goin”** please contact:

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