



East Northants Land Rover Owners Club

Honorary President K Sharman

An ALRC Member Club

Show Attendance - Vehicle Information Sheet

Registration; GSJ 497 (originally 509 STU)

Owner; Barry King

Make; Land Rover
Engine; 2.25l Petrol
Manufactured; 24 July 1961

Model; Series II 109 Basic
Mileage; Approx 38,000miles
Acquired; March 2011

Vehicle was an E-bay purchase in March 2011. The previous owner had rescued the landy from the scrappage scheme but did not have time to carry out the necessary repairs and restoration work required to return the vehicle to use.

Since purchasing the vehicle with the help of friends we have carried out some chassis repairs including replacing the rear crossmember and a couple of outriggers, repaired the drivers footwell, fitted new rear springs, dampers, exhaust and fuel tank, fettled the brakes and electrics and as a concession to modern traffic fitted seat belts. We have also removed a rotten ply pick-up lining and some random wiring and reinstated a beacon.

The vehicle was first registered in August 1961 and was used by the Cheshire (subsequently Merseyside) Fire Service, where its smaller size and 4 wheel drive capability were used to fight heathland fires. Its livery suggests once withdrawn from active duty it was used by the Fire Brigade benevolent fund. It was released from the fire service in 1986.

The vehicle is now generally relatively straight and original, and is a good solid truck equally at home on the club show stand or out fetching firewood, collecting DIY materials or just trundling around the countryside.

