

## History



This is the 4th year now that the Tamworth Heritage Gathering has been held and each year the event has seen more and more Reliant vehicles turning up. It started in 2006 when the Tamworth Information asked would it be possible to have a display of Reliants in the town centre. Hoping for at least 3 vehicles we had 5 in 2006. One of these was actually a chap who had gone shopping in a Reliant and parked it next to ours to help make up numbers. In 2007 news had got around and thanks to the R3W forum on line we had 25 vehicles though now totally blocked up Market Street in Tamworth. In 2008 we were moved to St Edithas square and a stunning 54 Reliants turned up. One of the largest gatherings of Reliants for a while. Can we get even more in 2009, we shall have to wait and see.

For 2009 we are attempting to get a Reliant present from every decade from the 1930s to the 2000s. As far as we know this has not been done before so this could be the first time Reliants spanning 70 years of Reliant's history have all appeared in the same display.



The on-line A-Z of 3-wheelers.

## People Involved



**Like many events, a lot goes on behind the scenes and as the gathering gets larger and larger each year, it takes more folks to organize it.**

### R3W Forum



Without the R3W forum, quite simply there would not be the amount of Reliants that there are here today.

**It is through R3W ( [www.r3w.co.uk](http://www.r3w.co.uk) ) that so many people can be contacted and so we would like to thank "Doc" and in addition "Big Daddy" who this year organized the camping for all those who came over on the Saturday night as well as organized a run out to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley.**

### CHG Performance

**Thanks this year also go to James Holland and his father at [www.chgperformance.co.uk](http://www.chgperformance.co.uk) for sponsoring the rally plaques this year.**

### .. And not forgetting

**Special thanks also go to Dave Poole and Pete & Dee Gnosil for all the help they have provided.**



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Hello and thank you for bringing your Reliant to the 4th Reliant Gathering in Tamworth.

This little welcome pack has been put together to give you a bit more information about the gathering and indeed how to find your way around Tamworth and enjoy the numerous free events that the Heritage Weekend offers.

This year we are also asking the public to vote for their favourite vehicle so please display the enclosed information card in your car as this provides the number for which people can vote for your car.

If you have any questions, please do ask us

**We hope you have a great time.**

**Elvis & Geoff Payne**

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## So what else can I do?

Being the Tamworth Heritage weekend, a number of buildings have free admission for the weekend.

### Tamworth Castle

The castle is a Norman motte and bailey castle with parts dating back to the 1180s. The mound it is on was built shortly after the Norman Conquest of 1066. With several displays inside, it is well worth a visit.

### The Spiral Staircase at St Editha's church.

Right in front of the Reliant gathering is St Editha's church with the only double helix spiral staircase in Europe. The stairs are steep and it's a long way up but you are rewarded with wonderful views from the top.. (The stairs case is usually open at set times)

### Town Hall

Built in 1700—1701 the town hall is usually closed to the public but for today only you can go and have a wander inside.

### The Alms Houses

The Almshouses were founded in 1678 by MP Thomas Guy and rebuilt in 1913. They are perhaps the most prestigious homes for the elderly and usually the doors are tightly locked though today you can view the inner sanctum without the old ladies calling the Police.

### Middleton Hall

Although a few miles out of town, Middleton Hall is a 16th century hall with ancillary buildings dating from the 13th century. There is a free bus at set times though seats are first come first served.

### Tamworth Information Centre

For any information about the town or what events are on, please pop into the Tamworth Information Centre in Market St and they will be happy to help you. It is thanks to the Tamworth Information that we were given the opportunity to proudly display our Reliants as part of Tamworth's rich heritage.

## Map of Tamworth town centre

