

### Beaulieu Imp to hit the road...

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As you will know from July's *Impressions*, the Imp Club had a display at the Spring Autojumble weekend at Beaulieu. This was organised by the Hampshire Area Centre.

Also on display at the event was Beaulieu's own Imp. They were looking to raise some money to put it back on the road. Although it looks superb it does need some work to get it mobile. I said to them that we, the Sussex Area Centre, would supply all the parts needed free of charge, rather than give money for which they were grateful.

So, two months later on a sunny Saturday in July five Imps set off to Beaulieu to hand over the said spares.

Beaulieu hope to have the Imp ready for next year's Spring Autojumble display and other events. It is hoped *Practical Classics* will run a big feature on the Imp to coincide with this.

**Right: All show and no go – Beaulieu Imp soon to be revived with parts from the Sussex AC!**

**Below: Heather Reid, Partnership Manager at the National Motor Museum, Beaulieu with the batch of parts**

*Photos supplied by Heather Reid*



# HILLMAN IMP CELEBRATES HALF A CENTURY

In celebration of the Imp's 50th anniversary, the Hillman Imp Car Club put on an impressive display of Imps at the Spring Autojumble and each entrant was presented with a commemorative mug. The National Motor Museum contributed to the display with a 1963 Hillman Imp De Luxe Saloon from its vehicle collection which attracted a lot of admiring glances.

Beaulieu's Corporate Development Manager, Heather Reid, was especially pleased at the interest shown in the vehicle by the Sussex Area Centre of the Imp Club. The Imp is one of the vehicles on the museum's Sponsor a Vehicle list, which require support and sponsorship to maintain them in good working order.

Having discussed the work needed with senior workshop engineer, Ian Stanfield, the club members, led by Trevor Woods, offered to

donate the parts needed to get the Imp up and running. Within two months, the Imp Club were back and, true to their word, came bearing gifts – over £500 worth of much needed parts from a radiator coolant cap to a new carburettor. As a result, the workshop team aim to have the Imp back on the road by next spring.

Another success story for the Sponsor a Vehicle scheme!

