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VW Kampers

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VW Kampers Ltd. was started as a passion nine years ago by Ian Harris. Whilst he had a full-time job to pay the bills, he always had a dream of owning a Split Screen Bus, but couldn't afford one so bought, sold and restored Bay Windows until he'd saved up enough to buy his dream Camper - a 1965 Split. By then, the VW bug had well and truly bitten him and he had fallen in love with old Campers, so continued importing and selling them from his home garage. That was until he realised he had 11 in stock and couldn't hold down a full-time job any more, so in 2009 VW Kampers Ltd. was born.

“We have gone from strength to strength, »



With over 150 Buses sold to date, the workshop is always busy



Champagne Edition Bay pit stop



Bodywork, mechanicals and magic tricks a speciality



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working from an old cows' shed and one member of staff to our huge new unit with in-house paint, upholstery, media blasting room and parts department, and a team of 10 workers in just over two years," Ian told us. The key to their success has been the vehicles themselves, and their policy of only selling and sourcing the best Campers they can find and restoring them to the highest standards, then standing by their work once they've been sold. Offering a full 12-month warranty on all their work speaks volumes.

New and improved

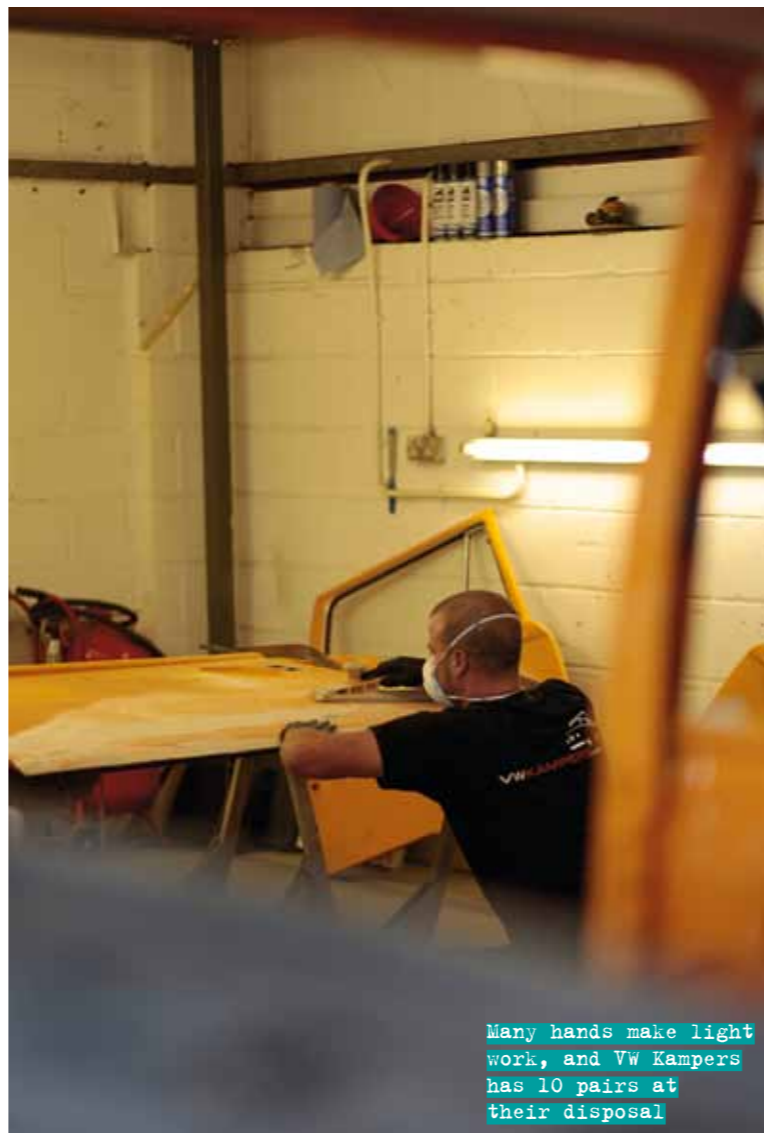
When we asked to know more, Ian was candid: "We are a young and enthusiastic team, and have built an excellent reputation for good, honest Campers, customer service and after-

care service to back things up. We put a great deal of passion into our work and are really proud of every Camper that leaves our showroom.

"We typically book all of our customers in for a tour and will talk them through all the options, models, different styles and prices available to them. We'll ask what they're after. Do they buy a new Brazilian Camper or a classic original Westfalia? Or perhaps one of our full rebuilds built to their own particular specification.

"We try and educate our customers and steer them in the right direction, as it can be incredibly confusing with so many different types, styles and prices open to them. And, let's face it, there is more to buying a Camper than a house when you get into it!

"We are always trying to improve and like to think that even after 150-



Many hands make light work, and VW Kampers has 10 pairs at their disposal

Taking 30 plus year old VWs and giving them a 21st century touch

plus Campers through our hands to date we know what we are doing, but that doesn't stop us from challenging ourselves to produce a better product. We now go further on our Campers than we ever have, getting complete bodies soda blasted and acid etch primed. We do all our paint in house so can detail engine bays or carry out full nut and bolt restorations."

Whole nine yards

Accessories and creature comforts aren't a problem either, with Ian and his crew offering the likes of power steering conversions, drop-down TVs, heated front and rear windscreens, DAB radios, iPod and Bluetooth technology. The list of options they can offer is endless, and they are always open to discussing your individual requirements.

Ian again: "We love the fact we are taking 30-plus year old VWs and giving them a 21st century touch using materials and craftsmanship that will help them last a further 30 years.

"As well as building and selling some great Campers, we also offer restorations in the winter months, servicing throughout the year for both classic German and Brazilian Campers and do general odds and sods, from a pop-top canvas replacement to a full pop-top

conversion, 240v systems, re-sprays, general mechanical work etc."

So what does the future hold? Keeping up with the current trends and demand, VW Kampers Ltd. will soon be building brand new Campers using T5s direct from the factory, and are set to become a VW-approved motorhome conversion company later this year. They'll be offering the highest level builds using Reimo roofs, crash-tested beds and bespoke interiors for discerning customers.

We'll let a clearly passionate Ian have the last word: "The highlight of what we do is seeing our happy customers drive away in one of our vehicles. The worst part is actually letting the Campers go!

"With three to six months' build time invested per camper we become quite attached to them, and yes, they all have names, different styles and personalities. A VW Camper is a way of life and gives you freedom and a sense of adventure. When the sun is shining and you're in a Bus, the UK is a pretty good place to be. ☺

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All paintwork is carried out in house



And interiors, too



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