

# *The NEC Show*

by Jim Webb

Those members from home and abroad who visited the Club Triumph Stand at the National Exhibition Centre on 9/10 November will be aware that we did not follow the show theme, preferring to stick to our 'professional' format of displaying our cars to the best of our ability without the use of gimmicks. (Sorry, but the show is about Classic Cars, not 'Ghouls'.)



That said, the cars we exhibited were both registered in 1966 and were from both ends of the product range of that era. The tiny Triumph Spitfire Mk.II has been painstakingly restored by its owner Clint Grimmer over the past three years and was also the car that formed part of the Triumph Forum Restoration Exhibition January 2002 also at the NEC. As a rolling chassis at that time, the car had its wiring loom re-strung and secured in the bare body shell, a task that took all day to complete. We were proud of this gleaming example on our stand as it became the topic of a great deal of interest not least because of the owner's dedication to originality.

Barry Gibson provided our other exhibit in the form of a Triumph 2000 Mk.I Estate that was obviously the top of the range in 1966 and is in its original condition today having spent 20-odd years tucked up in a garage before Barry rescued it. Again, this car attracted a lot



of interest because there were very few of these cars made in the first place, but to see one in as good condition as this one is very rare.

Our thanks to both the cars and their owners for their participation, help and information over the whole weekend and to all who took part both in front and behind the scenes.

