

Registrar's Report 2015

May I suggest that members also take a look at my 2014 report as it explains the functions carried out by the Registrar and the data held in the Registry. [Click here](#) for the 2014 Report.

The most significant issues for the Registry in 2015 are the recent announcements by the DVLA regarding the registration of classic and vintage vehicles.

It was predictable, following the closure of the Local Vehicle Licensing Offices (LVLOs), that Swansea would seek to apply the rules firmly and consistently. Some LVLOs had tended to "do their own thing". However, three particular statements give concern:

1. The DVLA will no longer accept a "dating letter" from the authorised Club Official (me in the case of the MTWC) to justify the issuing of an age-related registration number or the re-issuing of an original number where the vehicle doesn't have a V5C. Instead they require either:
 - A copy of the Manufacturer's production data, or
 - Information from the Glasses Check Books – these show listings of Manufacturer's chassis numbers by year.Unfortunately, Glasses Check Books only go back to 1933 and the Morgan Factory production records pre-1928 are lost. Consequently, as things stand, pre-1928 Morgans cannot be registered. Of course, this does not affect cars that already have a V5C.
2. Changes to body styles are not permitted. So, for example, you cannot register a Morgan that has a Super Sports body if it left the Factory as a Family Model.
3. In addition, the DVLA has indicated that it plans to review all vehicles currently in the Historic Vehicle category to determine whether they are correctly categorised. Clearly this would be a mammoth task.

The DVLA has scheduled a meeting for the 23rd September 2015 to review rules and processes with Club representatives. Space is limited and, at this stage, the MTWC has not been invited although I have appealed that decision.

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