

TR: a bargain at £20k?

A few years ago, we would have looked askance at anyone crazy enough to suggest that a £20,000 Triumph TR5 was a steal, but prices for this stop-gap model have gone through the roof in recent months. That's why the £19,995 example at Beaulieu Garage caught our eye during a recent visit.

"We were recently interviewed for a BBC radio show and a lady listener heard us say that we were struggling to find good stock," says BG's Philip Scott. "She told us that her friend's husband had died and she had a TR5 to get rid of. Three months later the car arrived on a

truck from Bulgaria, where they had a second home. It has had one owner since 1974 and hasn't been on the road for a while, but has had new panels in the past and easily went through an MoT. We reckon it's the cheapest on the market."

And it isn't the only good-value TR5 that the firm has in stock: there's another 1968 car, this time a modified Signal Red example on slot-mags with a Surrey Top, for £26,995. "People love the shape of the TR4 but want the engineering of the 6," explains Scott. "This is the best of both worlds, plus it was made in such small numbers."