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BENTLEY TRAINEES RESTORE HISTORIC ENGINE FROM THE 1920s

- **Engine No. 212 painstakingly restored for Bentley centenary**
- **Apprentices bring 1923 four-cylinder back to life**
- **3.0-litre originally fitted to Bentley chassis 209**
- **Engine owned by Royal Artillery Corps School for over 70 years**
- **Painstaking 700-hour restoration by men and women at Bentley HQ in Crewe**

(Crewe, 23 October 2019) Apprentices at Bentley Motors in Crewe, England, have lovingly restored an historic engine as part of the company's centenary year celebrations. Engine No. 212 was built by Bentley in 1923 – just four years after founder W.O. Bentley created the most sought-after luxury car brand in the world.



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The trainee men and woman at Bentley spent 700 long hours preparing the 3.0-litre, four-cylinder engine, which was completely stripped down to single components as part of the project. Once reassembled, the engine was presented on a purpose-built base for a centenary exhibition at Bentley's Crewe headquarters.

Amy Denton, an advanced paint apprentice at Bentley Motors, said: "Everybody involved in the restoration felt privileged to be presented with an opportunity to work with such an important piece of history. It allowed us to develop new skills and techniques which will help in our future careers."



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Bentley offers a range of apprenticeship programmes in disciplines ranging from Engineering and Sales & Marketing, to HR and Purchasing & Finance. The latest apprenticeship intake, 46 new recruits, recently started with the business, bringing the total number of Bentley apprentices to over 130.

The three -or four-year programmes allow trainees to develop a balance of skills while working towards recognised automotive apprenticeship qualifications.

Engine No. 212 – Piecing The Story Together

Little is known about the early history of the 3.0-litre, four-cylinder engine No. 212. It was originally paired to chassis 209 and then passed on to an unknown coachbuilder who applied the bodywork. The car would have been driven during the late 1920s, when Bentley was enjoying huge racing success at Le Mans.

Eventually, the engine passed on to the Royal Artillery Corps School in Bovington, Dorset, where it was used from 1935 onwards as a training aid to teach students on the workings of the internal combustion engine. Historians at Bentley believe this suggests the owner of chassis 209 might have been a member of the armed forces.

The engine remained in the possession of the Corps until 2011, when it was offered back to Bentley. The unit then sat in safe storage until last year when it was decided that No. 212 should enjoy a new lease of life, undergoing restoration for Bentley's 2019 centenary celebrations.



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Apprentices at Bentley Motors in Crewe managed the entire project themselves, including planning, budgeting and risk assessment. Additional support came from both internal and external stakeholders.

The engine was stripped down to single components, which were individually photographed, bagged and then logged on a computer for easier reassembly. After the parts were washed and cleaned, blasting equipment was used to remove old paint. The engine was then restored to the colours used by the Royal Artillery Corps School in recognition of that part of the engine's history.

At the same time, the apprentices designed and built a special plinth which would display the engine at its best. The apprentices obtained chassis diagrams from the original car to create a set of supporting legs that will carry engine No. 212 for years to come. The finishing touch was an information plaque explaining the history of the engine.

Denton added: "We completed the assembly on time and transported it to the centenary event in Crewe where it was displayed next to a current W12 engine, clearly showing how far Bentley's superlative engines have advanced over the last 100 years."

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Bentley Motors is the most sought after luxury car brand in the world. The company's headquarters in Crewe is home to all of its operations including design, R&D, engineering and production of the company's four model lines, Continental, Flying Spur, Bentayga and Mulsanne. The combination of fine craftsmanship, using skills that have been handed down through generations, alongside engineering expertise and cutting-edge technology is unique to UK luxury car brands such as



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Bentley. It is also an example of high-value British manufacturing at its best. Bentley employs around 4,000 people at Crewe.

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