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BENTLEY LIFTS THE LID ON THE TOY BOX

- **Bentley returns to live driving events by opening the 'Toy Box'**
- **Entire Bentley model range leads event - Continental GT family, Flying Spur W12 and new Bentayga**
- **GT Mulliner makes dynamic debut**
- **Specially selected cars from Bentley's Heritage Fleet made available for rare driving opportunities**
- **Event operates under strict COVID protocols, include on-site testing and rapid vehicle decontamination processes**
- **Summary film released here:**

www.bentleymedia.com/en/features/toybox-summary-fim

(Crewe, 2 November 2020) Bentley has celebrated the renewal of its complete model range with the hosting of its first live driving event since February. Featuring examples of the entire model range, including the new GT Mulliner in its dynamic debut, and the new Bentayga, the event was held at the newly opened Northamptonshire hotel, The Falcon at Castle Ashby.

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Beyond the very latest models, Bentley also gave guests rare access to a selection of cars from its Heritage Fleet – giving the event its name, 'Toy Box'. The history of Bentley Continental performance was exemplified by a set of four cars that showcase the evolution of the finest Grand Tourer across its lifetime:

- The 1952 R-Type Continental, Bentley's own car and one of only 208 built, as the fastest four-door coupe in the world when launched and the most expensive car of its time

All vehicles in release: WLTP drive cycle: fuel consumption, mpg (l/100km) – Combined 19.2-22.2 (14.7-12.7). Combined CO₂ – 288 - 335g/km.



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- A 2003 Continental R Mulliner Final Series, one of only 11 built, and the last two-door car built by Bentley before the Continental GT
- The first-generation Continental Supersports, represented by the last car built in 2012, and registered specially for the event
- The one-off 2019 Pikes Peak Continental GT – the very car that Rhys Millen drove to a new outright Production Class record of 10:18.488 at the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb in 2019

The complete Continental GT family, with all combinations of coupe, Convertible, V8 and W12, were joined on the road by the latest Flying Spur W12. Meanwhile, a fleet of first-generation Bentayga Hybrids running solely on electric power chauffeured guests to a specially designed course where they were able to put the new Bentayga V8 through its off-road paces, including wading through deep water, steep inclines and descents, and side angles up to 32°.

The Mulsanne Speed – which recently completed production – also joined the event, giving a final chance for guests to drive the former Bentley flagship.

To complete the Toy Box, Bentley had a number of prized cars on display at

The Falcon. These included:

- A supercharged 4½-litre 'Blower', Bentley's own road-going homologation demonstrator from 1930.
- The Bentley Mulliner Bacalar – signifying the return to fully bespoke vehicles from the world's oldest coachbuilding business
- The #7 Bentley Speed 8 which won Le Mans in 2003

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To keep both guests and staff safe, the event was run under strict COVID protocols. The entire staff – including all hotel personnel – were antigen-tested before the event, on-site during the running of the event and immediately afterwards, and all guests had their temperatures recorded on arrival. Guests were paired and placed in micro-bubbles with hosts as they joined the event, and facemasks were worn indoors and outdoors at all times. Every car received an immediate and thorough sterilisation after each usage, using a powerful aerosol disinfectant.

Through these measures, Bentley was able to allow more than 70 guests to experience the very best Bentleys from past and present in a safe and responsible way.

An event highlights film, and a set of the best photography taken on the event, are both now available on Bentley's Newsroom at www.bentleymedia.com.

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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, Mulliner and production of the company's three model lines, Continental, Flying Spur, and Bentayga. 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 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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