British Motor Museum to host nostalgic new exhibition showcasing 80s and 90s hot hatches

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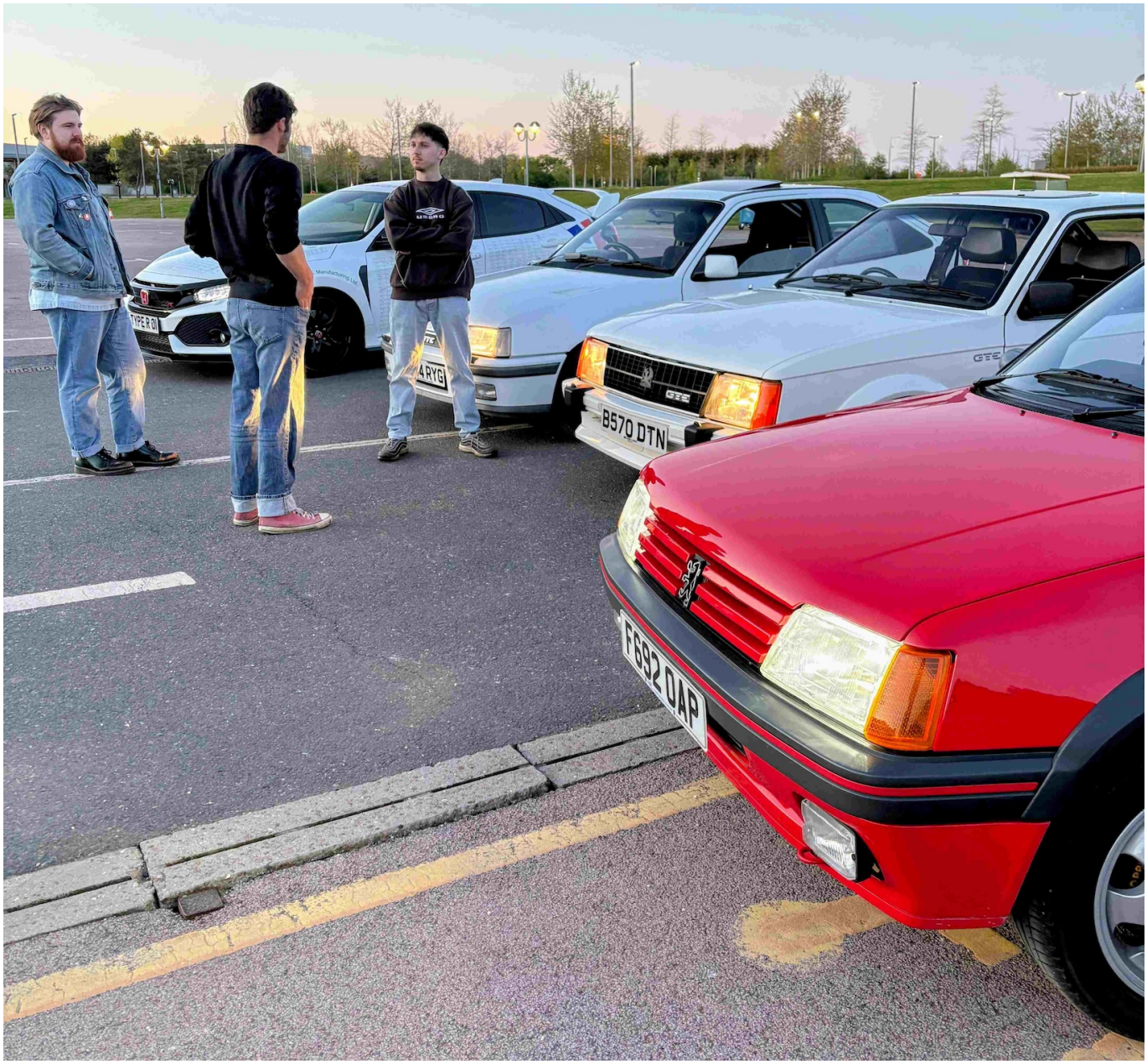
The much-loved Peugeot 205GTi.

The British Motor Museum tells us...

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The British Motor Museum invites visitors to return to the golden age of hot hatches in the new exhibition: '*Spoiler Alert: The Hot Hatch Story'*, celebrating these everyday heroes of the streets. This exhibition is inspired by the energetic atmosphere of car meets and the bold visuals of era-defining car magazines, immersing visitors in the 80s and 90s hot hatch culture in a space brimming with nostalgia. Opening on 20 June, *'Spoiler Alert'* will run until Spring 2027 in The Rubery Owen Gallery.

Iconic hatchbacks on display include a 1983 Renault 5 Alpine, 1981 VW Golf GTI, 1990 Vauxhall Astra Mk 2, 1981 Ford Escort XR3, and a 1988 Peugeot 205 GTI. Visitors will love exploring the enduring legacy of these iconic vehicles through a range of dynamic exhibits and installations.



Visitors will be able to customise their own hot hatch designs and enjoy an interactive hot hatch themed photo opportunity, as this new exhibition celebrates their lasting impact on automotive culture to this day.

The 80s and 90s marked the golden era of hot hatches, which brought a legendary combination of the lightweight practicality of an everyday family car with turbocharged engines, sharp suspension, and sportscar styling. Celebrated for their accessible performance, the hot hatchess became cultural icons and remain highly sought after by enthusiasts today.

Cat Boxall, Curator at the British Motor Museum, said, “We’re really excited to open this exhibition celebrating hot hatches! Those born in the 60s, 70s & 80s will fondly remember these ‘souped-up’ cars as their first or second cherished vehicles. Many have reached classic status and are now as highly prized as some supercars!”

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