TVR factory preparation and conversion starts

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New TVR Griffith.

Welsh Government and TVR will begin work on its Ebbw Vale factory renovation and enhancement programme in mid-January, writes Robin Roberts.

Jones Brothers (Henllan) Ltd has been awarded the principal contract for works including replacement of the main building’s roof, the recladding of the building, extensive

groundworks and also preparation of a prototype build area at the side of the intended main production area.

Les Edgar, Chairman of TVR said, “This is a fantastic milestone in our mission to rejuvenate an iconic British brand, and we are all tremendously excited to witness the renovation of our new home in Ebbw Vale. We have hundreds of faithful depositors worldwide who are patiently waiting to take delivery of their Griffiths, so today I hope they are just as delighted as we are.

“Our partners at the Welsh Government have shown stoic support through challenging times and I must extend my personal thanks to all those who share our vision of helping to develop a sustainable automotive sector in South Wales.”

TVR announced five years ago that it would revive the brand with a new 200 mph Griffith two-seater coupe and convertible in a new four-model programme as part of a £30M investment creating 150 jobs at the Rassau Industrial Estate next to the A465 Heads of the Valleys Road, but the project has been dogged by delays due to physical and financial issues which surfaced after the plan was announced. It is unclear when production of the new Griffith will begin, but it’s unlikely before 2022.



Rear view of the new Griffith.



Driving compartment of the Griffith.