

Prestigious car marque finds home for new HQ

A new office scheme is welcoming one of the most prestigious names in British motoring, as well as bucking the trend in the Oxfordshire property market.

The historic Bentley Drivers' Club will make its new world headquarters at the Apollo Office Park at Wroxton, near Banbury.

It marks the end of a long search for the club, formed in 1936 and which has been at its current base in Long Crendon, near Thame, since 1948.

A spokesman said: "We needed larger premises to co-ordinate a growing worldwide club and Wroxton is very central."

One factor in the move may have been that developer Robery Synge has a background in motorsport, and still manages international sports

car driver, Guy Smith, who was the winner of Le Mans 24-hrs Race in 2003 with Bentley.

Mr Synge said: "This is a very exciting project and we are thrilled the club chose Apollo."

Despite a slow market, 75 per cent of the offices at the park are either under offer or sold.

David Williams, of agents Berry Morris, said: "Apollo has a few distinct characteristics; a very carefully researched product which is not being offered elsewhere in the market; timed at a point when freeholds are very popular; and an innovative client who is prepared to work hard with purchasers to provide what they want."

Planning permission was obtained for around 16,000 sq ft of small offices, from 1,000 sq ft upwards, which are being sold freehold.



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