

Shapecraft Elan encore

Fifty years since it made its first track appearance, the Shapecraft Elan could be about to make a comeback. Built as a one-off for a customer by Shapecraft Classic Motor Bodies, using templates taken from one of the original cars, this Elan has been produced using similar techniques.

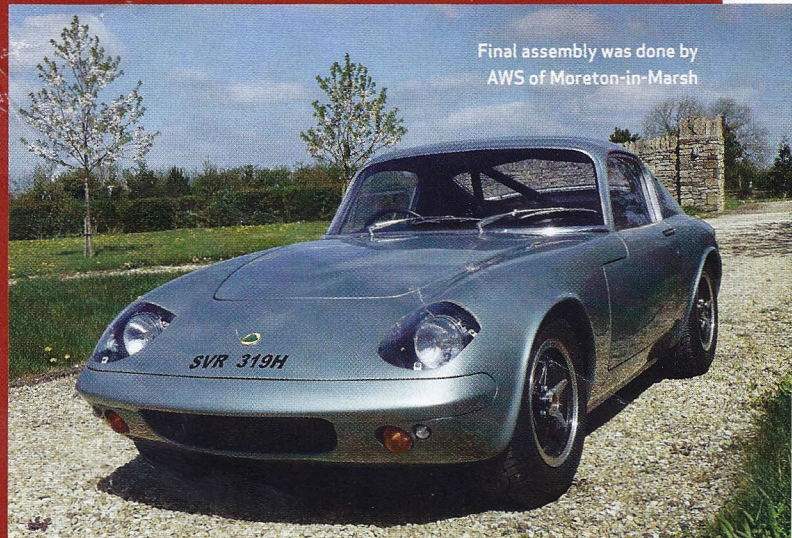
Shapecraft's Clive Smart, who worked for the original firm in the '70s, before acquiring the rights to the name 37 years ago, said: "The shape is something we talked about with Bryn Williams but hadn't done. It's a sleeker, more modern take on an Elan, based around a Shapecraft and things Italian."

Built to resemble a Series 2, the 'new' Shapecraft started with a 1970 S4 donor and includes a Type-26R chassis with full 26R race running gear.

"The alloy hardtop is fitted (pop-riveted and filled) onto a glassfibre Elan body," said Smart. This car features a one-off Superleggera-type roof frame and Zagato-like polished flush-fitting 'screen and rear screen surrounds.

Subject to sufficient interest – Smart quantified this as five orders, at a price to be fixed – the idea would be further developed and cars constructed to original spec with a stiffened alloy top bonded directly to an Elan body.

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