

# 1938 WOLSELEY 14/60

## 'Honeysuckle'

This remarkable survivor is one of the actual cars used by Inspector Foyle in the TV series "**Foyle's War**".

Nothing as yet is known of the car's early history (presumably in Cornwall, where she was registered). But she seems to have been laid up for a long period, as the recorded mileage of 40,000 when purchased, in 2009, tallies with the lack of wear on trim, paintwork, wiring etc, almost all of which is original from 1938.

Evidently bought out of storage by a TV prop-hire company about ten years ago, and without so much as an oil change, she was pressed into service for **Foyle's War**, **Poirot**, and some other films. Confusingly she often carried the number plate K VX 757, but can be identified on film by chrome wheel trims (now removed). During this time the car was treated thoughtlessly, as testified by the dents on the bonnet from a badly-mounted camera, and other minor damage: clearly its historic nature was not a consideration to those whose sole aim was to make money from it. The 'blackout' white lines round the wing edges are visible under the overpaint, perhaps now just another bit of its history.

In 2009 the car was sold off, suitably misdescribed; and eventually ended up in the hands of its present owner. He has carried out a long list of mechanical repairs, including an engine rebuild, to return her nearer to the condition in which she left the Wolseley works, in October 1938. Once again she's a real pleasure to drive, - and he's put another 5000 miles on the clock!

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