

## A Blast from the Present - from Ralph Timmings

I have just got around to perusing my way through the Nov-Dec 2018 edition of the Mascot magazine, and jumping out at me on page 14 is my Gazelle (518 UHT) minus its over-riders.



At this time the car belonged to my father. One of the over-riders had gotten damaged, so they were both removed until a replacement could be found. One was located and both were refitted to the car and remain there until this very day.

The model in the photo on page 23 of the Nov mag is, I believe, finished in green, as I have one. My father has a blue one which has the reg 518 UHT. We were led to believe this was the only one, as it was given to my father by the model makers, 518 UHT being

the actual car that was photographed and measured to make the model. I have since noted a couple for sale on ebay, so I contacted Lansdowne to see if they could tell me how many blue ones were produced. They are branded "Dealer Specials", and my car was the one that these were modelled on. The lady I spoke to was not very helpful, and even said she doubted 518 UHT was my registration and the vehicle used for the model. When I told her I owned 518 UHT she just went quiet and said she



*518 UHT was the actual vehicle used to create the LANDSDOWNE LDM 14 1/43<sup>rd</sup> Scale Model.*

*This is the LDM X2 Dealer Special Model*



couldn't help! then passed onto my father and now to me. It is still on the road and in unrestored original condition. It has now clocked up 71000 miles and is used regularly in fair weather, attracting attention where ever she goes.

As the Gazelle registrar, Dennis Page had been contacted by Lansdowne models, who were looking for a car in their locality on which to model their model. Dennis put them in touch with my father and the rest is history.

The car is now in the third generation of family ownership, purchased new by my grandfather

Regards, **Ralph Timmins.**