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Mass CB400/4 restoration project begins

► 50 classic Hondas are given a new lease of life by parts specialist

By Sam Loveridge

Almost 50 classic Hondas are being restored simultaneously.

All are CB400/4s, one of the most popular classic Hondas in the UK and their mass restoration is being undertaken by Suffolk Honda parts specialist David Silver Spares.

"I'm applying economies of scale to restoration," said Silver. By tackling the 49 restorations at once the cost of individual parts will be reduced.

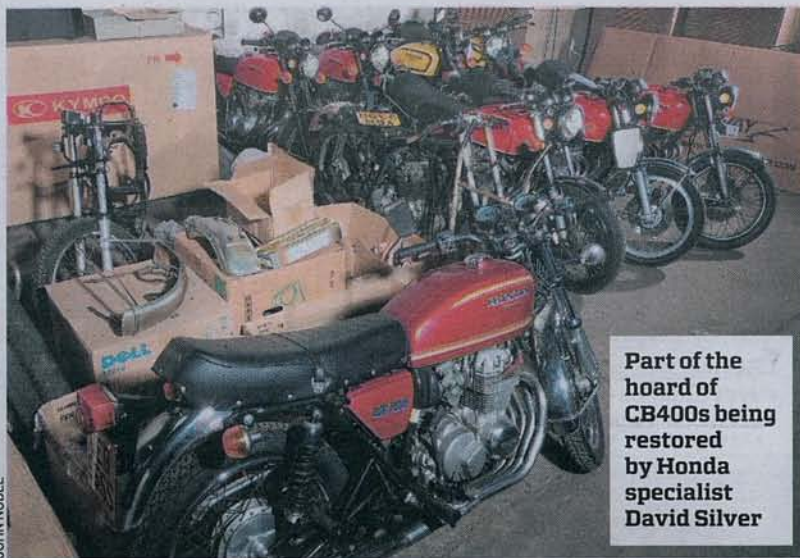
From his database of 6000 classic Honda enthusiasts, he was able to track down and acquire restoration projects

relatively easily. "Many of the customers we bought CB400s from said that they had never thought about selling their bikes until our email," said Silver.

"Bikes were sitting unused in their garages and many owners said that due to illness or old age they were unable to use them any more. They were glad to hear that their bikes could get a new lease of life."

Why choose the 400-four? "The CB400F is the model we've always sold the most parts for and have the biggest database of customers for," said Silver.

The project will benefit future customers by helping to reduce the cost of



JOHN NOBLE

Part of the hoard of CB400s being restored by Honda specialist David Silver

the CB400F parts he sells. "By buying these parts on a larger scale it'll bring the price down," he said.

Silver is restoring the classics in batches rather than individually, opting to work part by part on them. He is starting with the seats and the re-chroming of rusty parts and hopes to complete the first restorations this summer.

"We'll display them in our showroom before selling all of them," he said.

More information: www.david.silverspares.co.uk

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We say: Again, non-original pipe but still worth a look.