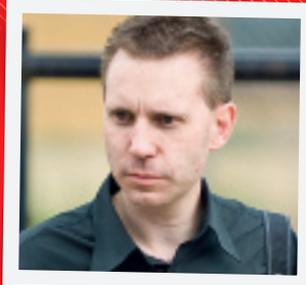


COURTENAY AT 25

MARK WATTS COURTENAY SPORT GENERAL MANAGER

Mark Watts has been a familiar face at Courtenay for 20 years. After working here from 1989 to 1990 he became a loyal Courtenay customer. His purple CzoLET-powered Nova was well-known in the Vauxhall scene and he eventually rejoined Courtenay in 2003. Now the firm's general manager, Mark spares two minutes to tell *Total Vauxhall* what's what.



What Vauxhalls do you own?

'A VX220 Turbo and supercharged MkIV Astra 2.2.'

What's your favourite Vauxhall?

'The VX220. But for everyday use, I'd go for an Astra VXR or a VXR8.'

What's the best part of your job?

'Just working here. There's such a great atmosphere.'

What's been the most powerful car on the dyno today?

'A standard VXR8, but the 386 bhp Astra GSi is one of the most powerful we've built.'

What are Courtenay's best-selling products at the moment?

'Whiteline anti-roll bars for Astras and silicone hose kits.'

What's Courtenay's newest product?

'The Astra 292 mm vented rear disc conversion - designed because VXRs work their rear brakes really hard on track. These come as a kit with discs, callipers, pads, hoses and fitting kit. You must have at least 340 mm fronts to avoid upsetting the balance.'

What's next for Courtenay?

'The Sprint editions - a package we have developed for owners to buy or select their modifications for road and track use.'



Look out for this Mustard Yellow Nova SR in TV soon. We love the OE bodywork.



Tim Crane's silver ST200 was looking as fine as ever.



Corsa VXR Arctic - one of the finest Vauxhalls money can buy.



The world's weirdest Belmont was there. It's got a CzoLET!



The legendary 4S rally car got an airing from the Vauxhall Heritage collection.

ASTRA VXR NÜRBURGRING

There is a hint of Vectra Super Touring on this outstanding Astra Nürburgring? That's because its custodian Dave also owned one of the limited edition Vectra STs - thus the bright white with yellow highlights. With Courtenay's help, Dave's modified his Astra using chunky motorsport-style alloys, lowered springs, AP Racing brakes, Whiteline anti-roll bar, Courtenay top hat and Stage 3 remap. His next plans are to remove the back seats and fit a pair of buckets up front. 'It's fantastic,' he says, 'an amazing machine.'

