

## Republic of Ireland Registrations on the UK DVLA database



When registrations were first issued under the Motor Car Act 1903, all of Ireland was, of course, part of the United Kingdom and the legislation applied to it all. After partition the Republic retained British-format numberplates until it adopted a completely new system in 1987.

For a long time if vehicles were transferred from the United Kingdom to the Republic or vice versa they kept their original numbers. Thus, some have ended up on the DVLA database and these can be transferred subject to the usual transfer rules.

Some particularly nice examples are FI 1, IT 1, IY 1, KI 1, ZY 1, EMI 1, JIM 1 and LIZ 1. Two particularly worth noting are RNC member Nick Young's NIK 1 and also VIP 1 which used to belong to Roman Abramovich and has recently been reported as sold to Peter Waddell who started the Big Motoring World car dealership.

Peter Waddell also owns BIG 1/2/3/4/1234 and others and has helicopters registered G-PWAD and G-PJWW.



*Photo Nick Young publisher of Car Number Classics*