

SIX WHEEL INSPIRATION

More of everything – if you thought the Discovery already had enviable load carrying ability, then look on in wonder at Adrian's amazing conversion

THE WORLD of modifying vehicles is one based on copycat behaviour. As they say, it is a form of flattery, and when you decide your current vehicle looks a bit ropey, why not take some inspiration from something else on the road and strive to make the best that little bit better.

The Land Rover community is no different and some of the greatest moments of inspiration come from the professional bodies: the military, police, rescue services and track-ready racers. It does take a special kind of person to look at their Discovery, however, and think 'it needs another axle', and what shall I take as inspiration?

That's exactly what owner Adrian Goldie thought when looking at his Discovery. Of course, the first question any right-minded person would ask Adrian is 'why'?

Adrian began: "I had a skip business and I decided to sell up in 2006 and I moved into property. The recession knocked that on the head a bit, so I was looking for something to occupy myself. I suppose I was first inspired by those TACR 2 (Truck Fire-Fighting Airfield Crash Rescue) six-wheeled fire tenders they have at Stansted Airport."

To move slightly off topic for a second, I'm not a huge fan of Dr Who and am by no means making

a comparison between Adrian's 6x4 and a Tardis (Dr Who's time travelling telephone box), but I believe the name affectionately given to 6x6 Discoverys is Tri-Dis – triple axled Discovery.

This particular Tri-Dis resides on Canvey Island in Essex where I caught up with Adrian. His friend Phil Greenyer had brought over a couple of trade plates to help move the vehicle around on the road as the vehicle was not yet properly documented.

I still wasn't entirely sure why Adrian had embarked on such a unique project, so asked him how the project evolved from an early admiring glance at a TACR 2 to its

Spacious inside, to say the least, the three-axled Discovery is an imposing beast from the outside, too.

There's no great secret to how it's done – basically put a stretch in the chassis and weld in the tail end of a scrap Discovery body as Adrian Goldie found out.

current form.

Adrian said: "I've had my everyday Discovery for 15 years and I really like them. After a web search I spotted a six-wheeled Discovery that belonged to a guy called Trevor Alder who I believe is very well known in Land Rover circles. So, as my wife Laura was at university doing a degree in nursing and I was at a bit of a loose end during the day, I thought I would try to make one for myself."

the hunt is on

After a search for two donor Discoverys, Adrian found one locally that was suitable for

