



## Minis by the Sea

**Where:** The Steyne, Worthing, West Sussex **When:** 1st September  
As the name suggests, it's a load of Minis and it's by the sea

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**A**aaand relax! That's the general vibe of the annual Minis by the Sea event at The Steyne, just across the road from Worthing's seafront and pier, and it's a stone's throw from the High Street.

This is a free-to-enter event which raises funds for Chestnut Tree House and St Barnabus House hospices via donations, a raffle and an auction.

The morning of 1st September was balmy as the Minis parked up

The show was opened with the traditional sounding of Mini horns at 10.30 as the blazing sun made an appearance and, thankfully, so did an ice cream van!

Minis were parked up around The Steyne, which is a small park in the centre of the popular seaside town. In the middle, Mini clubs set up stands where the chilled-out atmosphere continued. There was also a bouncy castle for younger fans and a few stands selling Mini

parts, models and refreshments.

DJ Martin Black played out a fine selection of classic hits throughout the day and there were plenty of good deals to be had in the auction, plus some great raffle prizes, which meant that many Mini owners went home with a spring in their step after a fantastic day out on the coast.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### 1978 Leyland Mini Van

Scott Chorley's Van was originally used by British Airways to carry aircraft components between hangars, only leaving Gatwick Airport for MOTs. To buy the low-mileage Van for £1,000, back in 2009, he had to sign a disclaimer saying he would never return it to British Airways livery. He, his dad and son rebuilt it with a 1071 S engine. The original yellow was deemed too bright, so now it's Primrose Yellow.



## Show Report



Cool accessories on this 1978 Leyland Van



Paul Walton's Mk11 Cooper S



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### 1960 Austin Mini

Bryan Harding was enjoying a day out with his time-warp Mk1 Austin Mini – which was converted by legendary London-based Mini tuning company, Speedwell, when it was new. It drew a lot of attention at the show because it has not been seen in public for some years. The original owner, George Morgan, also had Speedwell install a racing seat and additional gauges and raced the Mini at Brands Hatch, and kept it until his death in 2002.



Howard has owned his 1989 Cagiva Moke for 32 years



Fantastic retro styling on this Rover Mini