



## Porsche 911 Carrera 4

After a week of polishing in preparation for the Porsche in the Park concours I thought it might be a good idea to hang around and do some driving on Yorkshire's stunning roads. Well, it would have been rude not to; besides, cruising around the moors is a far better prospect than spending your bank holiday trundling back down the A1 to Essex.

If you haven't already been up there, the North York Moors offers some of the best driving roads I've ever seen, and some stunning scenery to boot. For our little tour, we decided to retrace the historic trail run during the weekend as part of Porsche in the Park's events. Kicking off in Pickering we tacked west towards Hutton-le-Hole before winding our way north to Rosedale Abbey. The route to the Abbey is fantastic: full of tight switchbacks, blind rises and long, long straights. Oh, and some alarmingly steep hills. The most spectacular we came across was a 1:3 decent. A sign at the side of the road advised selecting a low gear, but I didn't expect to have to put the car in

first to stop it from running away.

We were there to take in the scenery, so I wasn't going hell-for-leather, but I was pleasantly reminded how safe and stable the Carrera 4 feels when you're clipping along on give-and-take roads that you don't know very well. The all-wheel drive and extra weight over the front means the C4 feels perfectly balanced and composed on the roughest roads. And believe me, the North York Moors are home to some pretty rough roads.

Alright, it's a bit cheesy, and a very obvious tourist attraction, but we had to take in Goathland and the rugged countryside where *Heartbeat* was filmed. From there we made our way up to Whitby to stop off for some fish and chips before heading off for the long haul back to Essex. By doing all 250-odd miles in one hit, I again found myself pleasantly surprised by the Porsche. Not only is it a fantastic sports car, and (so far) a paragon of reliability, it's also pretty comfortable. After a few hours my right knee began to ache a little – due

to the offset pedals – but other than that, we were delivered to my door in Essex in good shape.

Since coming back I haven't had the car out of the garage at all. At the moment I'm looking forward to taking part in the Porsche Club GB's annual event at the end of August, so have started preparing the car for the concours event. There's a few bits and pieces that need tidying up and replacing, but all in all, I think I'm in good shape to get a decent finish. We'll see what happens in August.

*Ian Hunt*

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**Total Mileage:** 123,764

**Mileage this month:** 117

**Cost this month:** £0