



## 1964 Mercedes-Benz 220 S

### *Some Interesting Facts...*

- 1 The Mercedes-Benz 220 S (W 111) Fintail was a direct replacement to the Ponton styled 220 S and was launched in 1959. In its first year, it sold 35% more than the Ponton 220 S had in its best year. All told 65,886 units were sold by 1965.
- 2 Paul Bracq's influential and elegant designs were borrowed from the neo-Italian styling of longer, lower and cleaner shapes. The theme of these Fintails was performance with safety and Bela Barenyi's patented crumple zone design was debuted in production.
- 3 The M 180 engine is a 2,195 cc Inline 6-cylinder OHC with twin Solex 34 dual downdraught carburettors. Maximum power of 110 bhp at 5,000 rpm and torque of 127 lb/ft at 3,500 rpm giving a top speed of 103 mph. Servo-assisted hydraulic drum brakes were standard.
- 4 This car was purchased new by a Mr G.R. Pryce of Milfordhaven, from his local car dealer in Pembrokeshire, Wales in July 1964 for £2,280. Mr Pryce was an engineer and personally carried out the servicing and repairs of the car until his death in 1977.
- 5 After the passing of Mr Pryce, his son Stephen who lived in Surrey became the car's owner and he kept it garaged and maintained with little use until 2003, hence the low 82,646 mileage after 55 years, when he sold it to a specialist classic car sales company, Hurst Park Automobiles also in Surrey. This sales company then sold it to a Mr Stephen Flattery of Leixlip, Co. Kildare.
- 6 In 2011, Mr Flattery decided to buy a new Mercedes-Benz car and called to Park Motors where he spoke with Finbar Quinn. He mentioned to Finbar, that he wished to off-load a 1964 Mercedes-Benz 220 S. Finbar made contact with Denis Dowdall who in turn examined the car and with the subsequent approval of the late Nigel O'Flaherty decided to purchase it on behalf of Motor Distributors.