

### Sunbeam Alpine (Talbot 90)

One Summer's day friends arrived, typically complete with toolbox, tap washers etc; and the husband handed me the keys. His Alpine (Talbot no longer) was not a sports car, but a big open 2-seater tourer with a rally reputation far from its Hillman origins. Not only was it glamorous and faster than anything I had driven, but it had overdrive on top actuated by a switch on the steering wheel. It swept awesomely through Cannock Chase. On my safe return the owner said he would not have trusted a slightly older driver, but I was so new, I would be cautious.

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