



■ **MAKEOVER** – Gary Butlin of GB Car Clinic in Kettering, with Tom Swannell, Mark Langley and Chris Bull, giving a Landrover belonging to cancer patient Andi Bull, 22, a makeover

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# Cancer patient Andi's wish set to come true

## Family and friends rally round to give car a makeover

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**THE family and friends of a young man with cancer have taken up the challenge to make his wish come true.**

Andi Bull, 22, of Vicarage Farm Road, Wellingborough, is being treated for cancer and his friends and relations have decided to turn his battered car into a classy convertible.

His family learned of his wish to re-vamp the 4x4 while Andi was having stem-cell treatment at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

He was given a form by charity

Willow Trust which arranges days out for seriously ill young adults

He said he would like his car to be given a makeover similar to the the MTV programme Pimp my Ride, where cars that have seen better days are restored and customised.

However Andi's application was not successful.

His friends appealed for help in the Evening Telegraph and donations of cash, parts and labour have been flooding in, which meant the car's transformation could begin on Saturday.

Andi's brother Chris said: "The response we have had has been unbelievable. Rockingham Landrover has

been helping us out with parts and complete strangers have been sending in cheques.

"The number of people coming forward and offering their services has also been great."

The car has now been stripped down ready for its new diamond black paint job, custom tyres and racing style seats.

Andi's Dad Bob said: "I think when he sees what we have done he will burst into tears.

"When his request was turned down we thought we should get together and do something ourselves.

"At the moment he is in a pretty bad way. He has had chemotherapy and

can't manage to eat."

Friend Mark Langley said: "We are still looking for a few parts and a set of doors, but the most important thing we still need is a set of black and red furry dice.

"If anyone would like to help us it would be gratefully received."

The car is being worked on at GB Car Clinic in Buccleuch Street in Kettering and is expected to be finished in two weeks.

If you would like to help with the car makeover contact Mark Langley on 07857 207634.

To see a video of the landrover visit our website at [www.northantset.co.uk](http://www.northantset.co.uk).

## Police solve drug crimes

**POLICE solved 90 per cent of all reported drug offences in North Northamptonshire during the second half of last year.**

**Of the 407 drug crimes reported, 370 were detected by the police between April and December.**

**This was despite numbers increasing by 33 on the figures for the same period last year. Detective Chief Superintendent Pete Windridge, area commander of the Northamptonshire North Police Area, said: "We are constantly striving to improve detection rates. At this time I'm fairly content with our overall level of performance. Our position now**

**is better than it was for the previous year."**

**Overall, crime was cut by 4.4 per cent compared with April to December 2006.**

**The number of house break-ins were down by 302 while thefts from motor vehicles were reduced by 27 per cent. Criminal damage remains the top of the unsolved crimes out of 13 categories.**

**Only 705 out of 5184 criminal damage cases were detected while just 15.3 per cent of burglaries not committed in homes were solved.**

**Nearly half of 3,846 incidents of violence were solved by police.**

## Ivy gives thanks for help

**AN elderly woman who lost most of her possessions in a flood has thanked the people who helped her through it.**

**Ivy Rice of Rushden was in shock when she woke up to find a ceiling in her flat had collapsed and caused flooding.**

**Mrs Rice was devastated by the traumatic experience, but wanted to thank the people who came to her aid, including the people who helped her when she dialled 999.**

**She also thanked firefighters for being so quick and the crew from the British Red Cross who provided her with clothes and support.**

**A fire crew from Rushden was called to Mrs Rice's flat on Friday, January 11,**

**to find the front room flooded and covered in debris.**

**The storage tank in the loft had burst and flooded the loft space, which caused the ceiling to collapse.**

**While the fire service cleared up the mess, a crew from the British Red Cross Fire and Emergency Support Service looked after Mrs Rice.**

**She said: "I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during this trouble from the bottom of my heart."**

**She is also grateful for the support from all her friends at the Hope Methodist Church, Rushden, including the Rev Michael Jackson.**

**Mrs Rice is staying with her sister until she can return to her flat.**

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