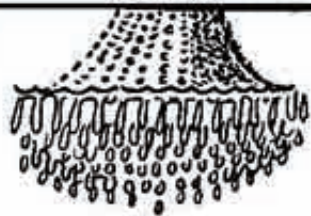


HER ROYAL
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ANNE ...



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SORRY I'M LATE,
TROUBLE WITH
THE CAR
AGAIN!



ONE'S CAR IS NAFF



The Princess oil . . . smartly-dressed Anne and her minder inspect the broken down Scimitar, before she has a go at fixing it

PRACTICAL Princess Anne gave other motorists a surprise when her car broke down — by rolling up her sleeves and pushing it!

Astonished drivers watched the down-to-earth royal help her detective shove the Scimitar sports car off the road.

Then the Princess Royal calmly lifted the bonnet and tinkered around with the engine, politely refusing offers of assistance.

Passer-by Mark Goswell and his pal Paul Steele rushed to ask Anne if they could help.

Fix

But the oily-fingered royal smilingly told them: "Thanks very much, lads — but help is already on the way."

Then she disappeared back under the bonnet, watched by her anxious-looking detective.

Mark, 23, said yesterday: "We couldn't believe it when we saw her pushing the car.

"Then when we saw her trying to fix it we

were even more surprised.

"The daft thing is there were loads of people around and they just walked past without even recognising her.

"I suppose if it had been a great big Roller everybody would have stopped for her."

Driving

But Anne, 38, dressed in a smart blue and white cotton dress and high heels, seemed quite happy fiddling with the engine.

Mark added: "She

didn't get it started — but it wasn't for want of trying!"

The Princess broke down on Friday evening while driving down the Chippenham by-pass in Wiltshire, near her home at Gatcombe Park.

Her £23,000 Reliant Scimitar — capable of 140mph — is only 18 months old.

She has long been a fan of the Scimitar and received her first one as a Christmas present in 1970.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said: "I was unaware of the incident but knowing the Princess, it doesn't surprise me."

Princess Anne pushes her conked out motor off road

