



# Minor Message no. 10

## A VE Day photograph



Sharon put out some flags so I thought it would be a good chance to take a photo. It was also my weekly trip round the by-pass to charge up the battery.

**Ash Holmes** sends some advice on keeping our cars in good working order:

If you are driving to a supermarket/pharmacy or whatever, why not take the Minor? In any case, start the engine once a week. Move the car under its own power forwards and backwards a few times to exercise the controls and rotate the wheels. A couple of feet is sufficient but longer would probably be better. Try to stop the car in a slightly different position each week so that the tyres are not resting in the same place. Keep the engine running long enough for it to get warm and so avoid possible condensation problems. Ideally connect the battery to a conditioner. If you only have an ordinary charger then charge the battery once a month or so. If you have neither then, when running the engine every week make sure that you run it at around 2000rpm for around 5 minutes so that the dynamo can charge the battery. If you have an alternator fitted then a fast tick-over will be fine. Slightly over-inflating the tyres is also a good idea to prevent possible flat spots.

For anyone who has to lay their car up for a longer period, Steve Chater has provided some guidance which we will post in a future Minor Message.