

Camp in this dealer special and you could be the envy of your fellow campers, according to STUART KIDMAN

IT MAY have Envy written on the side, but under the skin this dealer special from the Southampton and Christchurch dealership Dolphin Motorhomes is essentially an Elddis Autoquest.

I've always liked the Autoquest range, and it's one that fits comfortably with the weight restrictions of my B category driving

This particular model, the 195, is at the higher end of the range and Dolphin has added a few tweaks to make it even more appealing to motorhome buyers.

The extras include a graphite black cab and silver grill with bespoke graphics, bespoke upholstery including seat covers and curtains, a dual fuel hob, LED feature lights in the rear of the unit and an external cold shower point.

The unit also boasts blown air heating from a Whale space heater, a 90-litre water tank and a Dometic 85-litre fridge freezer, not to mention Elddis' excellent SoLiD bonded construction.

I used the motorhome for a few nights when I attended the Club's annual national rally, the National Feast of Lanterns (NFOL) in Anglesey in August.

Cooking and dining: When it comes to meal times, the unit offers two options. The dinette table can be made larger with a swing-out extension, enabling four to eat in comfort. Alternatively, you can use the freestanding table to create a more relaxed dining set-up at the back of the unit. It's good to have the option of a dual-fuel hob, but the microwave's position directly above it is never the most convenient place. A flip-up panel adds more space to the worktop, a neat in-line arrangement of drawers is enough to house utensils and there's still plenty of room for pots, pans and so on.

and night: The rear seating is easy to make up into the main double bed and was all I needed for my stay at NFOL. Making the front two beds involves lowering the dinette table and swivelling the cab seats. The parallel seating at the rear is an excellent, light area with mple LED lighting (pictured above) and enough The Heki rooflights and windows on all sides add to the open, comfortable feel. There's **Driving:** The drive is lso plenty of storage with the eye

rattles with tea towels it was pretty quiet in the cab. The 2.2-litre diesel engine delivers up to speed relatively quickly economy. After my journey of just sunk into the red.

## glance

Price as tested £40,379 Club Care insurance £243 Base vehicle Peugeot

Boxer Engine as tested 2.2-litre turbo diesel, 130bhp, sixspeed manual gearbox

**Emissions category** Euro 5 Length x width x height 7.2m x 2.2m x 2.84m

Berths Four travelling, four sleeping

Mass in Running Order 2,970kg

**Maximum Authorised** Mass 3,500kg

C1 licence required No User payload 530kg

Warranty Two years base vehicle; three years conversion

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