

IT'S a Mod's dream . . . a warehouse chock full of Lambrettas.

And people from all over the world have beaten a path to see this collection of historic scooters, including the first Lambretta made in 1947 up to the last in 1978. But now the sanctuary at Northlew, Devon, is up for sale. Rachel Karslake, widow of the man called the Godfather of the Lambretta, is selling after receiving a tax demand for £7,000.

And she hopes the collection — which could fetch £250,000 — will be kept in Britain.

Mike Karslake built it up over more than 30 years and had at least 100 vehicles when he died two years ago. Rachel said: 'He really started buying the scooters when people were giving them away.'

Can't say Lambretta than that!

The collection includes a Lambretta-based, three-wheeled fire-engine and a rickshaw with bodywork by Ghia. Rachel intends keeping just one scooter and sidecar, in which they competed in the Isle of Man TT in the Fifties. Mike took part regularly in rallies but died after completing a journey from John O'Groats to Land's End in the fire-engine.