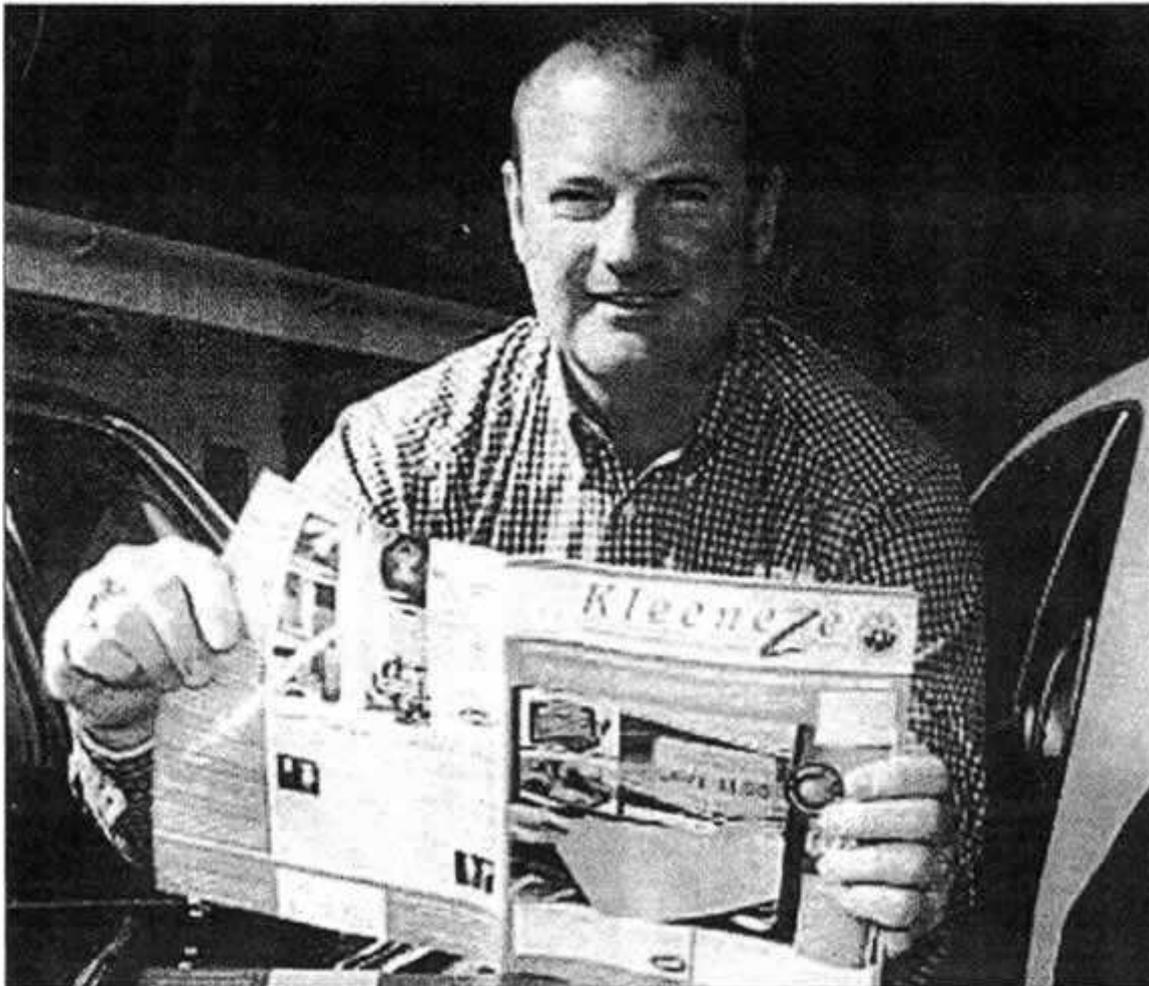


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## £250,000-a-year Rob does it again



**Cleaning up:** Super salesman Rob owns a Rolls and a Porsche and is taking helicopter lessons

A WEALTHY Sheffield-based salesman who earns £250,000 a year selling household cleaning products, is polishing the silverware again.

Rob Forster has been named Distributor of the Year 2002 by cleaning products catalogue company Kleeneze.

It's the second year in a row the title has gone to the same man - an unprecedented achievement in the 80-year-old company's history.

Rob, 36, came top of the company's network of 14,000 distribu-

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tors throughout the UK and Ireland for his achievement in building a business with a turnover of £11 million a year.

#### Remarkable

The former shipyard blacksmith, who started as a part-time distributor to boost his wages, enjoys a millionaire lifestyle on the back of his success.

He owns six cars, including a Rolls Royce and a Porsche Boxster, and is taking helicopter lessons.

He is so taken with his new hobby that he has just moved into a

beautiful seven-bedroom farmhouse on the outskirts of Sheffield with enough land for a helipad.

But Rob says Kleeneze is not a get rich quick scheme. He puts his remarkable success down to discipline, motivation and patience. He says: "The rewards are there for anyone who wants them badly enough.

"There is no magic to Kleeneze but I strongly believe that anybody can achieve what I have, as long as they are prepared to work hard and put in the hours. The opportunity is there if people want it and there is always plenty of support for everyone who signs up."

said there was "no compelling evidence" the boom was over, and increased its forecast for annual house price inflation for 2002 to 23% from its previous prediction of 18%.

September's jump, which is slightly lower than July and August's increase of 2.5% and June's surge of 3.3%, lifts the average price of a house to £112,919, although house price growth for the past 12 months eased slightly to 22.2% compared with 22.7% in August.

Alex Bannister, Nationwide's group economist, said: "Although price growth eased marginally in September, the average UK property still increased in value by just over two per cent."

Nationwide said although the current pace of growth was unsustainable over the medium term, the market was not teetering on the brink of a sharp slowdown as people could cope with the increased level of debt as the low inflation and low interest rate environment persisted.

It added there were around 300,000 fewer first-time buyers than at the end of the 1980s boom.

## £970m in windfall as

### Group Splits

BARS and restaurants belonging to hotels group Six Continents are to go it alone and form a separate company, its owners confirmed today.

The Six Continents retail division, which includes 2,000 sites and the brands Harvester, All Bar One and O'Neills, should be spun off next year.

Shareholders of Six Continents - formerly known as Bass - will get shares in both companies and also divide a windfall totalling £970 million.