

Star Cars and Motorcycles at Charterhouse

Two February weekends of selling classic cars and motorcycles at The Royal Bath & West Showground at Shepton Mallet resulted in Charterhouse selling over £450,000 of machines.

“Both auctions were held in conjunction with specialist shows – the Carole Nash Bristol Classic Motorcycle Show and the Footman James Classic Vehicle Restoration Show. The footfall through on both viewing days was huge,” commented **Matthew Whitney**. “Although there were a lot of lesser spotted tyre kickers, we did manage to sell several cars and motorcycles to buyers who turned up with no intention of owning another car or bike!”

Top lot was a 1953 Jaguar XK120 which sold for £73,000. There were five telephone lines booked on this Jaguar along with numerous live internet bidding and several buyers who turned up to buy it. After a long bidding war, the hammer came down to a Yorkshire collector bidding by telephone as he was abroad on holiday.



1953 Jaguar XK120 sold

Probably the most photographed lot in the both auctions was the charming Wallace & Gromit Austin A35 promotional van sold for £18,500 to a turnip farmer. Underbid by a keen member of the Austin A30/35 enthusiast club, the lady farmer was heard to say “What have I done?” although she was smiling at the time.



Wallace & Gromit film promotional van sold

Elsewhere in the car auction, a 1949 Land Rover Series I sold for £19,000, two VW camper vans £14,000 & £13,800, a 1951 left hand drive Riley RMD £18,200, a 1972 Dodge Challenger £13,500, a 1963 Lotus Super Seven £20,000 and a 1933 Rolls Royce 20/25 £20,000.

In the motorcycle auction, a Rickman Metisse sold for £8,800.



A 1962 Matchless G15/45 £8,000 which was part of a collection of motorcycles from Wales which totalled £30,000, a 1974 Norton Commando Interstate £8,000. See below.



A 1967 BSA ex-RAF Police motorcycle £3,700 and a barn stored NSU scooter in need to full restoration £920 - See Below.



Charterhouse is now accepting entries for their next specialist auctions of classic and vintage cars on **12th April** followed by classic motorcycles on **10th May**.

For further information regarding these auctions, or to arrange a home visit, please contact **Matthew Whitney** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email items for valuation at **info@charterhouse-auction.com**