

Charterhouse to hold Historic Motorcycle Auctions at the IOM Classic TT

The Isle of Man Government's Department of Enterprise has signed an agreement with Charterhouse Auctioneers in Dorset to be an official partner of the Classic TT Races presented by Bennetts.

The partnership includes Charterhouse running an auction of historic, vintage & classic motorcycles at the Classic TT races from 2020. The first auction is scheduled to take place during the August Bank Holiday weekend in 2020 in a specially constructed venue in the Classic TT Paddock in Nobles Park and will be open to live and internet bidders.

Charterhouse auctioneers are well known in the historic vehicle world having been selling racing, vintage and classic motorcycles and cars for 20 years.

"We are thrilled to have signed this agreement with the Isle of Man Government's Department for Enterprise," commented Matthew Whitney, Head of Classic Vehicles at Charterhouse. "The Classic TT is probably the biggest and most important series of races for classic motorcycles and attracts enthusiasts from all over the world. With racers, collectors, and motorbike enthusiasts on the island for the Classic TT it will be a fantastic place to sell you motorbike, and we are expecting some great results."

Several motorcycles have already been consigned for the inaugural Classic TT Auction in 2020 including Mick Grant's Kawasaki KR750.



Mick Grant with his Kawasaki KR750



Mick Grant (centre) on his Kawasaki KR750 with Matthew Whitney (right - Head of Classic Vehicles) and Abigail Bromell (left - Director at Charterhouse)

Mick rode this KR750 in 1977 at the Isle of Man TT setting a new lap record of 112.77 mph and clocking a speed of 191 mph on the run from the Creg to Brandish.

Having been in Mick's ownership since 1978, this historic Isle of Man lap record setting record Kawasaki KR750 is estimated at £200,000 - £220,000.

A 1952 ex-Arthur Wheeler Moto-Guzzi, which won the 1954 Italian 250 GP was taken to this year's Classic TT and put on the Charterhouse stand to promote next year's auction has also been entered.

It was well admired by many racegoers and caught the eye of motorcycle legend Giacomo Agostini. He tried the bike out for size and could be tempted to bid for it at the Classic TT auction in 2020 where it is estimated at £30,000-£35,000



However, the auction is not all about big bikes, as there is a 49cc Kreidler Van Veen entered into the auction.

From 1962, this Kreidler Van Veen with just 49 cc revs up to 14,500 rpm and is estimated at £8,000-£10,000.



1962 Kreidler Van Veen 49 cc road racer.

Charterhouse are now accepting entries for this important auction of historic, classic and vintage motorcycles at the 2020 Classic TT.

They are also accepting further entries for their October classic and vintage motorcycle auction being held at The Haynes International Motor Museum in Somerset.

For further information regarding these specialist auctions, contact **Matthew Whitney** and the team of experts at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email **bikes@charterhouse-auction.com**