

Think Bike

The Charterhouse specialist auction of classic and vintage motorcycles at the Haynes International Motor Museum on 30th June was a huge success totalling £365,000.

“There was a great line up of motorcycles from the 1920’s through to modern superbikes,” commented George Beale. “They were also in all shapes, sizes and conditions!”

Top lot was a recently built Manx Norvin. A Norvin is a hybrid bike with a Vincent engine and a Norton frame. Having been built for display the owner had never ridden the bike. Selling on the hammer for £43,000 one of the first things the new owner did was to take it for a short ride.



Manx Norvin sold for £43,000

Also in the auction, a 1947 Vincent HRD Rapide with a Watsonian sidecar, in the same ownership since 1965, sold for £29,750, a 1974 Ducati Sports, owned from when it was just two years old, sold for £28,000, and a 1962 BSA Rocket Gold Star made £18,000 selling to an Australian collector.



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Elsewhere in the auction, with a selling rate of nearly 75%, one bike which attracted a good deal of attention, was a 1954 BSA Winged Wheel. This charming bicycle with a BSA 34.6cc engine producing just 1hp, sold for £1,500.



1954 BSA Winged Wheel sold for £1,500

Charterhouse are now accepting entries for their next specialist auction of classic and vintage motorcycles at The Haynes International Motor Museum on Thursday 14th October and for their next specialist sale of classic and vintage cars, also at Haynes, on 5th October.

George Beale, Richard Bromell and the team at Charterhouse can be contacted for valuations and to arrange a free home visit at The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** **info@charterhouse-auction.com** or via **www.charterhouse-auction.com**