

Best of British Bikes

The Charterhouse specialist auction of classic and vintage motorcycles at Blackmarsh Farm, Sherborne, celebrates the very best of British motorcycles with well over £200,000 of machines.

“We have been conducting specialist classic and vintage motorcycle auctions over the past couple of years and they have been hugely successful,” commented Matthew Whitney. “The classic motorcycle auction market continues to perform very well with high prices being achieved across the board whether we are selling 1970’s Japanese mopeds or 1,000cc speed machines.”

In the auction, there are some of the best known and least British manufacturers going under the hammer. Heading up the auction is a 1929 AJS M1 from Swindon. Having been in the same family ownership for 50 years, it has a 1,000 cc V-twin side-valve engine and cost nearly £77 new. Now estimated at £28,000 - £32,000 it is a true collector’s motorcycle.



1929 AJS M1

Also from the same stable, is another 1,000cc, but this time a 1937 Matchless Model X. Matchless are one of the oldest marques of British motorcycle, having been started in 1899, with their first motorcycle going into production in 1901. The Model X

going under the Charterhouse hammer is in very original condition, has been in the family for a long period of time and is estimated at £22,000 - £26,000.



1937 Matchless Model X

Also in the auction, are a brace of Vincent motorcycles. First up there is a 1950 Vincent Comet Series C at £15,000 - £20,000. Having been owned and ridden for the past 40 years, a retired Police motorcycle rider, the seller is moving to a more modern machine with an electric start.



1950 Vincent Comet Series C

This is then followed by a 1953 Vincent Rapide Series C at £30,000 - £35,000. Coming to Charterhouse in a fully restored condition, this too has been in the same ownership for 40 years.



1953 Vincent Rapide Series C

However, there are also a large amount of other classic British motorcycles in the auction for a more modest budget. Here, collectors can be tempted with a Triumph, BSA, Norton, Royal Enfield or a Francis Barnett amongst other with estimates from £600.



1959 BSA Shooting Star

Charterhouse is now accepting further entries for this specialist classic motorcycle auction in Sherborne on 11th May. They are also accepting entries for their auctions of wine, port and whisky on 18th May, silver, jewellery and watches on 19th and Beswick, other ceramics and antiques on 20th May and for their specialist

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 Matthew with items for valuation at **bikes@charterhouse-auction.com**