

Executive Choice

A 1960's Ford Zodiac Executive is one of the star motors in the Charterhouse auction of classic and vintage cars on Sunday 3rd November.

"Ford cars from the 1960's used to be a common sight when I was growing up," commented Matthew Whitney. "But today they are a rare sight with the range topping Zodiac being even more unusual to come across."

The 1964 Ford Zodiac Executive in the Charterhouse auction was the upmarket version of the Zephyr 6. With limousine type rear doors, large tail fins, leather interior, four headlamps and exclusive bumpers these were just a few differences to the standard models.



Rare Executive survivor – 1964 Ford Zodiac Mk III

Fitted with a 2553 cc 6 cylinder engine this executive saloon took the car to over 100 mph when tested by The Motor Magazine in 1962. Fast when at the time the trusty Morris Minor could only top 75 mph on a good day.

The Charterhouse Zodiac has covered a believed 26,000 miles from new. Finished in white it has recently undergone a bare metal respray by the owner who noted it was a rust free shell with original body panels and even the factory spot welds visible on the strut turrets making it a very rare survivor.

The interior, finished in contrasting blue leather to the white exterior, has the extremely rare optional extra of having the individual split front seats rather than the standard bench seat.

Estimated to sell for £10,000 it is possibly one of Dagenham's best surviving Ford Zodiac Mk III's to be seen in a long time.

Viewing for the classic car auction on Sunday 3rd November at The Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, is on Saturday 2nd November 9.30am-4pm and on the sale day from 9.30am. Alternatively, you can see all the Charterhouse cars on www.charterhouse-auction.com

With nearly 40 cars going under the hammer there is plenty to see and the auction has the added attraction of being held in conjunction with the Bristol Classic Car Show where there are trade stands, car club displays and spare parts for sale.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their busy autumn auction programme with wine, port, spirits, silver, jewellery, watches & Asian Art on 14th & 15th November, coins, medals, toys and other collectors' items in December with specialist classic & vintage motorcycle and car auctions in February.

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