

Marvellous Morgan

A rare Morgan 4/4, which has spent its entire life in Devon and Cornwall is going under the Charterhouse hammer in their **Sunday 21st July** classic and vintage car auction at Sherborne Castle, Dorset.

“The car left the Morgan factory on 8th November 1949 as a running chassis en-route to Peamore Garage in Exeter, commented Matthew Whitney. “At Peamore Garage a Standard drop head coupe body was made, rather like you would have your favourite coachbuilder put a body on a Rolls-Royce or Bentley, which was one of three such bodies they made for a Morgan 4/4.”

The first owner of this Morgan, which was registered on 19th July 1950, was City Garages of Exeter. The next owner, Percy Thurburn of Helford, Cornwall, left this car to Frederick Crossley who was one of his employees, when he died in 1959. At this time, the Morgan was maintained by the Tavy Motor Company in Saltash, which was owned by the vendor's father.

In 1965, the current owner of the Morgan started working on the car in his father's garage and fell in love with it. In 1969 he bought the Morgan from Frederick Crossley, only to leave it in his father's garage until 1979 when the business was sold. Then with some more time on his hands, the car underwent a program of restoration and took to the road once again in 1985.





50 year ownership – a 1950 Morgan 4/4 with a special drop head coupe body

It carried on being used on high days and was used for a family wedding in 1993. However, the last MOT expired in 2001 and it has been stored in his barn since then only to be pulled into the light when Matthew visited to value the car.

With just under 24,000 miles from new, backed up with old MOT's, and having been in the same ownership for the past 50 years, this rare sole remaining special bodied Morgan 4/4 is looking for a new barn or garage to live in for the next 50 years.

Estimated at £10,000 - £12,000 it goes under the hammer at the Charterhouse auction in a marquee in the beautiful grounds at Sherborne Castle on Sunday 21st July.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their busy summer auction programme with automobilia, pictures, maps and prints on 18th & 19th July, for their classic & vintage car auction at Sherborne Castle on 21st July and the classic & vintage motorcycle auction at Haynes International Museum on 10th August.

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