

100 Years of Motorcycles in 100 Lots at Charterhouse

The Charterhouse auction of classic and vintage motorcycles on **Wednesday 30th June** covers 100 years of motorcycles in 100 lots.

“The market for classic and vintage motorcycles continues to remain strong,” commented George Beale. “They also have great appeal from collectors in Europe and other countries as unlike cars there is no steering wheel on the wrong side!”

In the auction, of 100 motorcycles, bikes are represented over the past 100 years.

From the 1920's there is the Wadkin-Snaith Brooklands Sprint Special. Created and constructed by specialist engineer Carl Wadkin-Snaith along the lines of a 1920's Brooklands racer this is estimated at £18,000-£22,000.



**1920's Wadkin-Snaith
Brooklands Sprint Special**



1936 Velocette KTS

From the 1930's there is a *1936 Velocette KTS*. Owned by a collector in Devon and beautifully restored it is estimated at £9,000 - £10,000. –see image above.

After the war in the 1940's, the fastest bike you could buy in England was a Vincent. In the auction there is a 1947 Vincent Rapide. Bought by the vendor 54 years ago, and now fitted with a Watsonian sidecar, this 1,000cc matching numbers bike is estimated at £30,000 - £35,000. –see image below.



1947 Vincent Rapide with sidecar

In the 1950's and 1960's there is a great choice of classic British bikes with Triumphs and BSA including a 1962 BSA Rocket Gold Star for £18,000-£22,000.



1962 BSA Rocket Gold Star

Moving into the 1970's and we start to see the dominance of Japanese motorcycles. There are several big Kawasaki, Honda and Yamaha bikes in the auction, including an iconic and fully restored 1974 Kawasaki Z1A at £15,000-£16,000.



1974 Kawasaki Z1A

Into the 1980's and 1990's Sports and Touring motorcycles start to make appear. Here a 1980 BMW R100RS from a Cornwall collector has been entered. In totally original condition right down to the first aid kit and only having been owned by two friends covering just 11,000 miles in 41 years, this investment grade big BMW is in at £11,000 - £13,000.



1980 BMW R100RS

From the noughties there is a 2003 Ducati 999 Monoposto Special Order. Painted usually for a Ducati in yellow rather than red, this super-bike has covered only 3,000 miles and estimated at £7,000-£9,000.



2003 Ducati 999 Monoposto Special Order

Finally, from 2019, the newest motorcycle in the auction is a Royal Enfield Interceptor at £4,000-£5,000 giving the rider retro styling.



2019 Royal Enfield Interceptor

With 100 classic and vintage motorcycles in this specialist auction there will certainly be something for everyone. There are restoration projects though to show winning machines valued from £500 to over £40,000 with a total value of nearly £700,000.

Viewing for the auction, being held at The Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford, Somerset, is on **Tuesday 29th June** with the auction on **Wednesday 30th June starting at 11am.**

Catalogues are available from the Charterhouse via **01935 812277** or you can see all the lots on www.charterhouse-auction.com where live internet bidding is also available.

Charterhouse are accepting late entries for this specialist auction of classic & vintage motorcycles on 30th June and for their 15th July auction of classic and vintage cars, both at Haynes.

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