## **Barn Stored Lotus is a Fabulous Find**

A farm fresh barn stored Lotus Esprit is one of the latest cars to be entered in the Charterhouse specialist auction of vintage and classic cars on **9<sup>th</sup> March**.

"Arguably the most famous Lotus Esprit was the one used by Roger Moore as James Bond in The Spy Who Loved Me which morphed into a submarine and this was the car which inspired the owner to buy his white Lotus Esprit 3," commented Richard Bromell. "Today it looks slightly sad covered in a film of dust and dirt in the barn but that is only superficial and I am sure the lucky new owner will have this Lotus back on the road in no time."



## Richard Bromell with the barn stored Lotus Eclipse

The Lotus Esprit 3 rolled off the production line in 1982 and is one of just 1,053 Esprit's 3's produced. Sadly the owner became ill a few years ago and his beloved Lotus was driven into a barn on his farm one day where it stayed. With the owner now in a care home the difficult decision was made to ask Charterhouse to enter the car into their next classic and vintage car auction where it is estimated to sell for  $\pounds 14,000 - \pounds 18,000$ .



Image of the Lotus Eclipse before being stored.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for this 9<sup>th</sup> March classic and vintage car auction at the prestigious Haynes International Motor Museum and their 30<sup>th</sup> March auction of classic and vintage motorcycles also at Haynes.

Richard Bromell and the team at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne, Dorset are available for help and valuation on **01935 812277** or via cars@charterhouse-auction.com