

Black Shadow comes into the Limelight

A 1949 HRD Vincent Black Shadow Series C motorcycle is ready to go under the Charterhouse hammer in their specialist auction of classic motorcycles on Friday 31st August.

"The Vincent Black Shadow is a thumping great machine. With its 1,000cc engine it would take its owners to 125 mph at a time when most family saloon cars would struggle to go half as fast," commented Charterhouse classic motorcycle expert Matthew Whitney. "They always have been, and always will be, one of the most sought after motorcycles and this is a rare opportunity for a buyer to acquire a beautifully restored Black Shadow."



A 1949 Vincent Black Shadow Series C, which has been beautifully restored.

The Vincent Black Shadow, when new, was sold as the world's fastest production motorcycle and were tested to 125 mph. They were known for their design innovation, engineering excellence and high performance. They had adjustable controls, twin front brakes, rear suspension and the engine is a stressed frame member. When new the cost was almost double that of competitors and was a rare sight on the roads, just as it is today.

The Charterhouse Black Shadow was bought by the owner as a box of bits in 2008 and he spent the following year fully restoring it. Since this restoration, this mean



machine has covered just 200 miles and lived in its owner's hallway in his Cambridge home where he (and his wife) could appreciate it every day.



It is being offered for auction now as the owner is well into his 80's and does not think he will ride it again. It is estimated to sell for £60,000 - £70,000 when it goes under the Charterhouse hammer at their specialist auction of classic and vintage motorcycles at the Netley Marsh Classic Bike show on **Friday 31st August**.

For further information regarding this auction or to enter a motorcycle into this specialist auction please contact **Matthew Whitney** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or via email **bikes@charterhouse-auction.com**

Charterhouse are also accepting entries for their two day August auction with silver, jewellery and watches on Thursday 23rd August followed by Antiques and Interiors with a special selection of Wine, Port and Whisky – please contact Richard Bromell, Naomi Graham or George Holtby at their salerooms.