

## **Chinese Vase Worth Thousands on Windowsill**

A Chinese vase, which has spent years sitting on the windowsill in full view of passers-by, has been discovered by Charterhouse and could sell for £10,000.

“It was the first thing I noticed when I walked in to the client’s living room,” commented Richard Bromell. “It was just after this that I realised the vase was on display not only to the owners in their home, but also to the public who walk past the house every day!”

The owners of the cottage, which is near Dorchester, had no idea that the vase was of any great value. As they attached little value to the vase they were happy to have it as something pretty for them to look at in the window and also something pretty for passers-by to glimpse at as they wandered past. Had they been aware of the value they would never have put it on view for everyone to see as it posed a security risk.

The vase, which is finished in a sacrificial blue glaze, has an elegant rounded body tapering towards a slightly spreading foot and towards the waisted neck which rises to a flared rim. Measuring a large 54 cm high it rests on a hardwood stand carved lotus leaves.



**Richard Bromell with the Chinese sacrificial blue glazed vase discovered on the window sill of a cottage and estimated to sell for £10,000. The Chinese vase marks, with an old Wade-Giles Romanisation paper label.**

Little is known of the history of the vase. However, it is suspected a distant relation brought it back from China as the family worked in the consular service in China towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Entered into the Charterhouse April Asian Art auction on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, the vase is estimated to sell for £10,000.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for this April Asian Art auction. They are also accepting entries for their April auctions of classic & vintage cars followed by sporting items including vintage fishing tackle, pictures and books.

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