

Classy Classics

Two executive classic cars, a Ford Zodiac and a Vauxhall Cresta PA which went head to head against each other when new back in the early 1960's, are set to clash again looking for buyers in the Charterhouse specialist auction of classic and vintage cars on **Tuesday 5th October at the Haynes International Motor Museum.**

“The executive car market is as competitive as it has ever been with many European manufacturers such as Audi, BMW and Mercedes-Benz all looking for a slice of our car market,” commented Richard Bromell. “However, back in the early 1960's it was a different picture with UK motor manufacturers such as Ford, Vauxhall and Jaguar dominating the market.”

The Ford Zodiac and Vauxhall Cresta PA in the Charterhouse sale were made a year apart, in 1960 and 1961 respectively. They are both painted in two tone colours which were very popular at the time, are fitted with 6 cylinder engines, column gear changes, bench front seats and with plenty of chrome, all very rock'n'roll.



1960 Ford Zodiac



1961 Vauxhall Cresta PA

By modern standards, these 60's saloons might not look too executive. Today you expect air conditioning, electric windows and alloy wheels all as standard on executive cars. With the Vauxhall Cresta there is the original bill of sale which notes wing mirrors and driving lamps as optional extras bought when new.

Today, these early 1960's executive saloons are rare survivors. Both the cars come to auction in restored conditions, although with Covid-19 neither have been used much over the past 18 months or so.

Both are estimated to sell for £8,000- £10,000 each when they go under the Charterhouse gavel at their auction on **Tuesday 5th October** being held at the Haynes International Motor Museum in Somerset.

Charterhouse are now accepting entries for their next auctions with classic and vintage cars at the Haynes International Motor Museum on Tuesday 5th October, classic and vintage motorcycles, also at Haynes, on Thursday 14th October, pictures, books & sporting items on Thursday 7th October and Beswick, Doulton and other ceramics & antiques on Friday 8th October.

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