

## **Dorset Photographers Studio up for Auction**

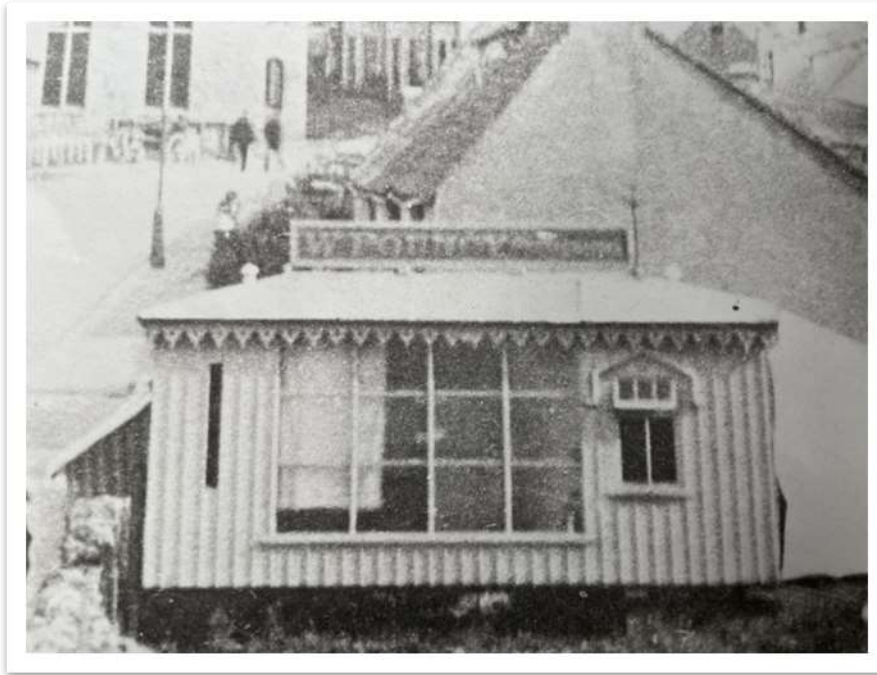
A Victorian travelling photographer's daylight studio, which has spent most of its life on the Dorset coast at Swanage, is looking for a new home when it goes under the Charterhouse Auction gavel on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for someone to acquire what we understand to be a unique piece of Victorian photography history which would make a stunning studio or office," commented Richard Bromell.



### **A Victorian travelling photographer's daylight studio**

The travelling photographer's daylight studio was commissioned by the Pouncy family of Dorchester. Father and son photographers John and Walter Pouncy along with subsequent professional photographers, took a vast number of photos of seaside visitors to Wareham over the years in the studio.



This horse drawn studio has an interior with fittings for retaining the backdrops, a small darkroom for changing and processing plates, a glazed roof section, a glazed side, an entrance, an exit and has sprung wheels.

Over the years it received various changes and has previously been restored. In the current ownership for several decades, it continued to be used as a photographer's studio but is now needing some restoration and conservation having lived in a field near Wareham.

The Royal Photographic Society Director, Michael Pritchard, who visited the studio confirmed the studio's uniqueness and it was the only such studio he has seen.

This unique photographer's studio, estimated at £8,000-£12,000 in the **Charterhouse two day 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August auction**, would make a wonderful artist or photographer's studio due to the light which floods in.

The auction is being held at **Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne Dorset** although the studio remains onsite at Wareham from where it will need to be collected.

**Richard Bromell and the team** at Charterhouse can be contacted for valuations at The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277 info@charterhouse-auction.com** where they are taking further entries for their August specialist auctions of silver, jewellery, watches along with antiques, wine, port and whisky.

