

## Model Attraction

The September two day auction of collectors' items at Charterhouse in Sherborne includes a charming scale model of a Burrell engine.

“Many games today are oriented towards computers, smart phones and tablets” commented Richard Bromell. “However, at auctions, collecting is driven by nostalgia and this wonderful Bassett-Lowke model of a Road Tractor, which could have been built for a child to play with, will now probably be bought by a mature collector to enjoy or maybe by someone fired up to start collecting after a visit to The Great Dorset Steam Fair in late August.”

Dating to the 1950's or 1960's, this ¾ inch scale model of a Burrell engine originally came in kit form. Accompanying the model, there is a Bassett-Lowke Model Railway and Engineering Catalogue which lists all the castings and components necessary to build your own model.

Alternatively, if you did not have the time, the skills or inclination back in the day, Bassett-Lowke would sell you a finished model, with instructions and accessories for running, for £136 which was a substantial sum when you could buy a new Mini in 1960 for about £500.

The model, constructed to a high standard, comes to auction with a booklet entitled “How to Build a Traction Engine”. Beautifully engineered, this model is estimated at £600 - £1,000 when it goes under the Charterhouse hammer in their September Collector's Auction





**A Bassett-Lowke 3/4 inch spirit fired model of a Burrell Road Tractor**

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their busy summer auction programme with models, coins, medals, stamps, toys and other collector's items on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September and also for their classic and vintage car auction on 11<sup>th</sup> September.

For further information regarding these specialist auctions, or to arrange a home visit, contact **Richard Bromell** and the team of experts at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email **info@charterhouse-auction.com**