

Rare Norton is a Classic

A 1988 Norton Special motorcycle, which is one of only 100 produced, is entered into the Charterhouse auction of classic motorcycles held in conjunction with the Carole Nash Bristol Classic Motorcycle Show on Sunday 7th February.

“This is a very rare **Norton Special, numbered 86/100**,” commented Matthew Whitney. Coming from a private collection in Devon it has only had two owners and covered 8,000 miles in its 28 years, and is now reluctantly for sale as the client is moving house.”

The Norton Special was an unusual motorcycle as it was fitted with an unconventional 588cc Rotary engine. When Norton announced in December 1987 that they were going to produce just 100 Norton Special motorcycles all were snapped up and paid for by savvy enthusiasts within a couple of weeks. Today they are hardly ever seen on the road and it is even rarer to see one going under the auctioneer’s gavel.



The 1988 Norton Special, number 86 of 100 produced, is going under the hammer.



Originally costing £6,000 in 1988, the Norton Special going under the Charterhouse hammer is estimated at £12,000 - £14,000, representing quite a healthy return.

Having covered an average of 285 miles a year, this Norton has been highly coveted by both its owners and was featured in a six page special in a classic motorcycle magazine.

Charterhouse is now accepting further entries for this specialist auction of classic and **Vintage Motorcycles** on **7th February** followed a week later with **Classic and Vintage Cars** on **Sunday 14th February**. Both auctions are being held at The Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet, with viewing on the day before (Saturday) for both sales.

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