

## **Confirmation Present Found in a Sock Drawer Worth £20,000**

A 17<sup>th</sup> century watch in the form of a cross, given as a confirmation present, has been discovered in a sock drawer by Charterhouse Auctioneers in Sherborne and valued at £20,000.

“Usually when we are working in client properties we just find socks in sock drawers so I was shocked to come across a little box with this amazing watch,” commented Richard Bromell. “Of museum quality it is phenomenal find which if we had not looked carefully it could have inadvertently been thrown away after the owner passed away.”

The watch was clearly treasured and loved, having no doubt been hidden away in the drawer of a remote Dorset cottage for safety.

Dating to the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century the cruciform watch, made from brass in a rock crystal case and decorated with enamel, measures just 8 cm high. The dial has a chapter ring with Roman numerals which is centred by the birth of Jesus above a vignette of Adam and Eve. The back plate, engraved scrolling foliage, is signed Drovino A Potiers. Generally it has survived the past 380 years in good condition, although it has lost its hand and the case is chipped.



**The 17<sup>th</sup> century watch found he found in a sock drawer at a Dorset cottage**



**Front and Back views of the watch**

Found in a little cardboard box with a pencil inscription “Lorna’s watch-clock Confirmation Present from me” it is thought by the family to have been a present from her parents some 80 years ago or so.



**Cardboard box with a pencil inscription**

Entered into the Charterhouse two day online auction on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March** it is estimated to sell for £20,000.

Charterhouse are now accepting entries for their busy programme of auctions including other audio equipment, coins, medals, stamps, clocks and collector's items in this two day March sale, pictures, books, Asian Art and sporting items in April, classic & vintage cars in April and classic & vintage motorcycles in May.

Items for these auctions can be posted directly to Charterhouse at The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or click and deliver by contacting them on **01935 812277**. Alternatively email photographs of your lots for valuation on **info@charterhouse-auction.com**