

Chinese Censer is a Pot Pourri Treat

A Chinese censer which has been on top of a wardrobe for many years is being sold by Charterhouse in Sherborne and expected to sell for thousands of pounds.

“The owner’s mother passed away last year and the family are now sorting the house out to be sold in the near future.” commented Richard Bromell. “Usually we see such items on sideboards or occasionally used as doorstops, but this censer was safely placed up high on top of a wardrobe. Full of pot pourri, it had not been taken down from up high for many years as not only had the pot pourri lost its scent, but it was covered under a thick layer of dust. Originally it looked a little dull, but once we removed it to our salerooms and gave it a good clean it brought all the flowers back to life!”



Richard Bromell with the beautiful Chinese censer discovered on top of a wardrobe £1,000- £2,000.

The Charterhouse Chinese censer, which measures 36 cm high, has an all over floral decoration more commonly known as mille fleurs which translates as a

thousand flowers. Having survived travelling half way around the world and a couple of world wars, the only damage is to a handle which has an old staple repair. The family have a long association with the diplomatic service and this censer was picked up on one of their travels. Now entered into the Charterhouse auction on October 25th, it is estimated at £1,000-£2,000

Charterhouse is now accepting for their forthcoming programme of antiques auctions with specialist sections of ceramics, pictures & books in October, silver, watches & jewellery in November and for their next auction of classic cars and motorcycles also in November.

For further information regarding these auctions, or to arrange a home visit, please contact **Richard Bromell, Partner** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne, Dorset **01935 812277** or via email on **info@charterhouse-auctions.co.uk**