

99 and not out

A 1923 Ariel 9 Chummy motor car has been consigned to the Charterhouse auction of vintage and classic cars on **9th March**.

“She still looks great at nearly 100 years old,” commented Richard Bromell. “The current owner, who bought her in 1968, has recently given up driving due to poor health. Although he is sad to let her go before her 100th birthday he is happy for the new owner to take her on adventures again.”

Over the past 99 years this rare Ariel 9 has had just four owners. The vehicle was purchased new by a Mr Atkins - a retired bank manager -but on its first or an early outing his wife had a heart attack and died in the car. He did not wish to use it after this and the car was laid up for a period of time.



The 1923 Ariel 9 Chummy with just four owners from new



Moving forward to 1968 and the current owner bought her for £500 from the A.W.F Smith Motoring Museum auction conducted by Sotheby's. This auction catalogue, along with other history some with the car.

Today, with its 1 litre twin cylinder engine this is estimated to sell for £7,000-9,000 in the Charterhouse auction being held at the Haynes International Motor Museum, Sparkford.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for the auction. **Richard Bromell and the team** at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne, Dorset are available for help and valuation on **01935 812277** or via **cars@charterhouse-auction.com**