Lockdales' Auction #281 Report: The Banknote Sale: 3-4 December 2024

Total prices realised: £156,559 (incl. prem.)

Solid demand for paper money was seen from many countries. In the English sections we sold branch notes including a Liverpool white £100 EF for £1600. Firsts, lasts and unusual serials brought prices up to £480 for a Bailey £10 CC41, and some impressive error notes saw strong bidding. £1450 was paid for the Somerset £1 replacement, one of only nine examples known, and an incredible price for a circulated green pound note! Provincials were sold including a Henley & Oxon £10 for £380, and a Northamptonshire for £280. Irish notes brought prices up to £560, and Scots to £540. The World notes A to B were offered on the first day.

Day 2 recommenced with World C to Z, where we saw healthy demand for Chile, Czechia, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Palestine/Israel, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, and South Korea among other material. Highlights included a Norway 5 Kroner 1881 (Pick1a) for £1700; a Portugal 50 Escudos 1922 Chapa 2 (aVG but very rare) for £1400; and the highest price of the sale, yet again for a South Korean note: 100 Hwan 1962 UNC for £3000.

Our next Banknote Sale will be taking place in early 2025, we look forward to hearing from potential vendors. Catch up with Kevin Watmough on the circuit, or drop us an email. Best wishes from all the staff at Lockdales – a merry Christmas and a happy new year to all!



Lot 265: Somerset £1 replacement note (B342). Est. £1000-£1200. Hammer £1450.



Lot 1093: South Korea 100 Hwan 1962, UNC. Est. £500-£1000. Hammer £3000.