

## Lockdales' Auction #199 Report: Coins, Medals & Militaria, 15-16 May 2021

Total prices realised: £326,585 (including premium)

This was the last sale we had to put together during lockdown and a big thank you goes out to all vendors who helped make this a success. Strong results were seen throughout the auction. Most of the bidding still took place via internet platforms, telephone and commission, but some intrepid room bidders were welcomed into our premises under Covid-safe restrictions. Room bidding is available now at our auctions, by appointment so we can manage numbers and keep social distancing.

The sale began in Room 1 with the English Gold Coins featuring many Royal Mint sets all selling strongly. The best performing seem to be the Proof Sovereigns with unique one-year designs such as 2002, 2005, 2012 etc. £3100 hammer was paid for a 2005 four-coin set, which was £600 more than for the previous year. High prices were also paid for Victorian Sovereigns and Two Pound coins. The market for British coins seems particularly hot; a trend which continued through the silver and copper and into the bulk lots, with proof sets being particularly sought-after. £1600 was reached for a Cromwell Shilling in VF, a strong result, but also a good example of the type of classic item in which people are looking to store their wealth. In the World section £3200 hammer was paid for the very rare Adelaide gold Pound, a nice example even though mounted with a loop. A choice "gun money" Crown made £850. American coins performed well including a 1795 Half Dime at £1450, near double the estimate.

The second day of coins comprised mainly Ancient & Hammered including the third and final part of the Isabella Collection of English Short Cross Pennies, which has performed brilliantly over the past three numismatic sales. Once again, all of them sold, with many from scarce mints well-exceeding their estimates. It has been a pleasure to offer these important coins. The Exonumia section included an unusual early set of Dutch coin scales that made £700.

The Militaria Room began with Weapons which were well-received, with few unsold. Medals & Militaria across two days showed consistently strong results for both British and German medals. WWI casualty groups "with a story" are selling above estimate in many cases to double or treble. A German Knights Cross of the Iron Cross made £2600. A group of antique police truncheons sold for up to £260 each. Some WWI Zeppelin attack-related telegrams made £950.

Throughout both days the market for collectables seemed so strong that we might wish we had even more to offer. This bodes well for July since we have been inundated with collections both at our roadshows (on-the-road again!) and from sellers coming out of hibernation. We're looking forward to some outstanding sales later this year judging by the current momentum. The July auction will once again be 'Coins & Collectables' including Stamps and Post/Cigarette-Cards, just as they were pre-Covid.

Our next auction will be The Fine Sale 9-10 June (our 200th auction!), and further auctions include Coins & Collectables 10-11 July (consignment open until 28 May), a 31 July-1 August Banknote Sale, and much more to come.



Lot 730, a Viking Penny of York made £850 hammer.