

Lockdales' Online Auction #196 Report: Coins, Medals & Militaria, 27-28 March 2021

An excellent sale. Total prices realised: £347,029 (including premium)

There were many outstanding prices. People's pastimes and collecting passions have taken prominence during these times.

Beginning with a strong Weapons section we saw multiple items selling for double top estimate or more. £4000 hammer was paid for the cased flintlocks by Richardson of Manchester. 17thC duelling swords went for up to £950. The Medals & Militaria received strong internet bidding across both days.

The Coin Room provided many highlights, especially in the Ancient & Hammered Coin sections on the second day. £7600 hammer was paid for the choice Noble of Edward III, and an incredible £620 for a tiny hammered Halfpenny of Elizabeth I – the typical 'portcullis/cross' type but in unusually high grade. Prices such as £800 for a Cnut Penny of London, and £700 for a little gold ¼ Stater of Dubnovellaunus, illustrate the prevailing trend: Anglo-Saxon and Celtic coins are red hot.

Following the general Ancient & Hammered section there came Part 2 of the Isabella Collection of English Short Cross Pennies. Once again there was not one unsold item to be seen. We saw many prices doubling their estimates, up to £580 for a Henry II class 1b1 of Wilton. Local pennies of Ipswich were highly sought-after, as well as the rare Welsh mint of Rhuddlan. We look forward to auctioning the third and final part in May, and it's been a pleasure to handle this carefully selected and immaculately researched collection.

Forthcoming auctions include: Paper Collectables (stamps, cards, ephemera etc) 21st April, The Banknote Sale 8-9 May, Coins Medals & Militaria 15-16 May, and The Fine Sale 2-3 June (our 200th auction!). We encourage all sellers to make use of the huge demand for collectables at this time.



Lot 39, cased pair of flintlock overcoat pistols by Richardson of Manchester sold for £4000 hammer.