

Lockdales' Auction #208 Report: Coins, Weapons, Medals & Militaria: 20-21 November 2021

Total prices realised: £464,181 (including premium)

2246 lots offered in two salerooms over two days, with an 85% success rate.

The Militaria room began with the Weapons section on Day 1. A Fairbairn Sykes 2nd type dagger (top est £230) made £800 hammer. Flintlock pistols went as high as £1300, including £1200 for one by Harcourt of Ipswich. Following this a large series of German militaria achieved a healthy sales rate.

Day 2 of Militaria saw prices up to £2400 for the enamelled orders and medals of Lt Col. Price Kinnear Lewes. Some choice original WWII posters reached as high as £3200 for the classic 'Keep Calm and Carry On'. A series of lots from the vast collection of badges and buttons mounted on card, that we have been dividing between sales, attracted much attention. Prices such as £2000 (est. £250), £2500 (est. £300), £4600 (est. £400), should give you an idea how things went. There's more to come in the next sale!

The Coin room began with English Gold. These are in high demand therefore almost zero went unsold. A kilogram of gold, lot 1200, reached £43,500 hammer owing to the bullion price being strong. Throughout the large GB silver and copper/bronze section there were only four unsolds. The demand for British coins is probably the greatest it's ever been. The World Coins section contained a series of Chinese milled coins. As we have seen previously, these were inherited from the estate of a British Hong Kong/Shanghai sailor. Look out for these stashes due to the following: £3600 hammer for a high grade 'Memento' 20-Cents, £1450 for a Szechuan 50-Cents, £800 for a Yunnan 50-Cents. Chinese coins are "on fire" as we say. We wrapped up the first day with the Ancient & Hammered Coins, which began with a series of beautiful Celtic coins. A 'Norfolk Wolf' Stater found on an allotment made £2000. A choice 'Remic' uniface made £1550. All of this type of material is in huge demand as with most coins of real quality, the prices have gone "through the roof".

The second day of Coins began with a large section of Bulk Coin Lots. There is ravenous demand for stock among dealers and online sellers, so these were perhaps the most popular lots of all. Lastly the Exonomia (tokens & medallions) section ended the sale in good form. £2000 hammer was paid for the Aston Villa 1999-2000 FA Cup Final Runners-Up medal.



Lot 1582, a 'Birth of Republic of China' 20-Cents in high grade sold for £3600 hammer.