

Lockdales' Auction #244 Report:

Coins, Weapons, Medals & Militaria: 16-17 September 2023

Total prices realised: £311,710 (incl. prem.)

The coin side of the sale contained large quantities of Royal Mint material, for which there is strong demand. Beginning with gold and gold proofs we noted particular interest in the last issues of QEII and the first of Charles III, which are attracting premiums. As usual the one-year unique design Sovereigns were sought-after such as 1989 and 2017. Among historic gold coins a Sovereign 1839 in VF+ made £3000 hammer (est. £1500). In the rest of the English milled there were two further 2023 Maundy sets of Charles III that went for £820 and £1000. An extremely rare 1949 proof Penny made £2600. A 2009 Blue Peter Winner's Edition Olympic 50p in packaging achieved £340 – rarer than the Kew Gardens. The bulk coin lots were fought over by promoters and online resellers, especially Royal Mint packs and sets. There were some standout medallions in the Exonomia including a Great Exhibition 1851 prize medal, which went for £520 (est. £200).

The second day began with the Weapons section where we saw prices including £700 for a jailor's key pistol, £700 for an Indian tulwar, and £950 for an artillery Luger. Plenty of "sleeper" medal groups in the Militaria section brought prices up to £1050 for a QEII Arabia and Cyprus pair, and £1150 for some post-war Soviet awards. Some German WWII binoculars made £2100 against an estimate of £150 to £200. An RAF sector clock made £650.

Our next auction of Coins, Weapons, Medals & Militaria is scheduled for 14-15 November. Accepting consignments until 2nd October.



Lot 220: Penny 1949 bronze proof, nFDC. Est. £800 - £1200. Hammer £2600



Lot 877: Indian tulwar, 19th century. Est. £80 - £120. Hammer £700



Lot 1310: German WWII binoculars. Est. £150 - £200. Hammer £2100