

Lockdales' Auction #260 Report:

The Fine Sale: 9-10 April 2024

Total prices realised: £355,839 (inc. prem.)

A fantastic result! 93% lots sold, with the majority above estimate, assisted by strong precious metal prices and a renewed global demand for portable assets such as watches and fine jewellery. There were very few unsolds in this auction. Overall trends include premiums for antique jewellery, Welsh gold, opals, gypsy settings, animal motifs and designer names. Speculative lots such as jewellery box/costume collections were fiercely contested.

The watch section included many vintage items including Swiss-made military issues going for up to £3200 for a JLC Mark XI, and £4200 for an IWC Mark X. An early and unusual 9ct-cased, unsigned double-dial Rolex made £4300 against an estimate of just £400 to £600. A Hewlett Packard HP-01 1970s calculator watch with box and paperwork sold for £1450 ! (est. £200). Pocket watches and accessories continue to perform extraordinarily well. Somewhere in the world they must be back in fashion! An 18ct half-hunter by Edward F Ashley more than doubled its estimate at £2500, and a classic double-Albert chain also doubled est. at £3000. Silver performed well including some Indian, Georgian, and Persian highlights.

Our next Fine Sale is scheduled to take place 11-12 June, with consignment until 10th May.



Lot 332: Victorian agate mourning locket.

Est. £50 - £100. Hammer £600



Lot 337: Enamelled bird 18ct cufflinks.

Est. £600 - £800. Hammer £1600



Lot 574: Gents 9ct cased Rolex, import marks Glasgow 1929. Est. £400 - £600. Hammer £4300.