

Lockdales' Auction #302 Report: Coins & Militaria: 16-17 September 2025

Total prices realised: £296,296 (incl. premium)

The coins sold very strongly with a 94% success rate. Gold performing notably better than bullion included Guineas, early Sovereigns, and Proof Sovereigns such as 1937 and the modern classics 2025 Shieldback and St George. The further English Milled saw a Gothic Crown in EF sell for £3200 hammer, and another in GVF made £1800. Classics such as these are attracting international investment. The World section also included gold and silver which was well-received. An Isle of Man 1996 proof set in silver fetched £1000 ! The Ancient & Hammered section produced some stellar results. An Ancient Greek Tetradrachm of Syracuse reached £1800. Some fragments of some very rare Anglo-Saxon silver Pennies sold much higher than expected. Some in for just £100 to £150 made £440 and even £800, for roughly half a coin of Archbishop Ceolnoth of 'Durovernum Cantiacorum' (Canterbury), and an EF central piece of an East Anglian Eadgar with the quaint portrait. The interesting small Stowting Hoard of Roman Denarii all sold at or above top – the highest price being £300 for a Crispina – higher than the excellent Commodus at £220. Bulk Coins were a frenzy, helped along by buoyant silver value. The Exonumia section was also strongly contested, producing results such as £2200 for a 9ct gold Liverpool F.C. F.A. Cup Runners Up medal, and £560 for a Great Exhibition unnamed Council issue. We noticed heavy interest also in Masonic and Buffalo jewels, which performed much better than expected.

Day 2, the Military sections began with Weapons, where a scarce Wittworth bayonet went for £400; a flintlock in at £200 made £420, and a 1796 pattern sword also £420. The Militaria section saw strong interest in dealers' stocks of badges and helmet plates. Highlights in the Medals included Trios going for multiples of top est., as well as a Canal Zone group at £850; WWI Signals £520; MM's up to £1150 and more. We concluded with German material.

Our next sale of Coins & Militaria is scheduled for 25-26 November – consignment available up to 17th October.



Lot 112: Gothic Crown 1847 EF, light marks. Est. £1500-£2000. Hammer £3200.



Lot 963: Thomson & Co. Infantry officer's sword, no scabbard. Est. £100-£150. Hammer £420.