

## Lockdales' Auction #240 Report:

### The Fine Sale: 12-13 July 2023

Total prices realised: £294,340 (incl. prem.)

1159 lots were offered over two days. There was strong interest in antique jewellery, with pieces from the Georgian era up to Art Deco selling beyond expectations. For example, a palladium 2ct diamond art deco ring, lot 24 (est. £1500 - £2500) went for £6600. An E.G.L. certified 3ct diamond white gold ring (lot 3) made £7400.

Vintage watches are highly sought-after. There were many restorers pieces in this sale fetching well-above estimate, especially 1950s to 1970s Rolex and Omega dress watches. A WWII Omega "dirty dozen" reached £1700, and a yr. 2000 Rolex GMT Master II made £5800. There were some very interesting pocket watches offered also including a British Airship service interest engraved Benson watch in at £500 top which went for £1100. A Thos. Russell 18ct cased open face with center seconds complication made £2500 (est. £1000 - £1200).

The silver section featured many unusual pieces, with prices up to £700 and £850 for Irish and Danish lots. An item featured in national media (since it was discovered in a charity shop) was lot 1130, a Chinese Ming Dynasty celadon green 'double vase' similar to one featured on the Antiques Roadshow last year. The present example sold for £3400 hammer, which is not bad considering it was picked up originally for about £8 !

Our next Fine Sale is scheduled for 3-4 October - consignment open until 23 August.



Lots 3 and 24: 3ct and 2ct (art deco) diamond rings: £7400 and £6600 hammer.



Lot 1130: A Ming Dynasty celadon 'double vase' sold for £3400 hammer (found in a charity shop!)