

## Lockdales' Auction #222 Report: Coins & Collectables (Coins, Medals, Militaria, Weapons & Paper Collectables): 14-15 September 2022

Total prices realised: £421,470 (incl. prem.)

The market for coins remains strong, aided by demand for precious metals and inflation busting investments. Interest in recent Royal Mint issues has increased even further due to a trend for memorial souvenirs of Queen Elizabeth II, with 1950s Sovereigns also achieving a notable premium. Early guineas were selling for up to £4200 (for the 1715 example in near EF). In the main milled section there were only a few unsolds. A collection of Farthings was offered, with price reaching up to £650 for a William & Mary silver pattern in VF. The World section concluded the first day of coins with highlights such as a rare date Ottoman gold 50 Kurush which sold for double estimate at £1050.

Day 2 of the coins began with a strong section of Ancient & Hammered. Here we saw many four-figure results including £4600 for a gold Ryal of Edward IV, and £3600 for a Ptolemaic gold tetradrachm. A superb Anglo-Saxon Kentish wolf sceat went for £1250 (est. £300-£400). There were too many highlights to mention in this section. The demand for ancient and hammered coins is soaring. Following this the Bulk Coin Lots were popular as ever; and lastly the Exonomia brought prices up to £1050 for an Italian Renaissance bronze medal of the French King Charles VIII by Niccolò Fiorentino.

Our other saleroom began with nearly 800 lots of Medals & Militaria on Day 1. Here the standout prices included £3600 for a DCM to Cpl Greenhalgh R. Signals, who was taken prisoner at Dunkirk. A Napoleonic era gunner's calliper made £1000 - well above estimate. MMs with good stories were selling for up to £1000 over top estimate. Overall there were many sleepers. A worn Russian Cross of St George in at £100 went for £1200.

On Day 2 the Weapons were offered, performing solidly. Some Italian WWII daggers were very well received. Subsequently the Paper Collectables categories were also strong performers: A couple of committee certified Iraq Faisal I 25r stamps made £850 and £950, and the demand for Postcards was notably up. The Cigarette & Trade Card sections were some of the main highlights, including two special sections for private collections. The highest price among the cards was £1700 for Duke's (USA) Histories of "Poor Boys" & Other Famous People – booklets – featuring American celebrities of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century including Mark Twain, Thomas Edison and Edgar Allan Poe.

Our next auction of Coins & Collectables is scheduled for 19-20 November, with consignment until 14<sup>th</sup> October.



Lot 514: Edward IV hammered gold Ryal of London. Est. £4000-£4500, hammer £4600



Lot 2200: Iraq 1931 King Faisal I 25r violet, with service overprint. Est. £200-£250, hammer £950