

When we came out of the first lockdown at the end of June, as a firm we were concerned about the future of the auction world and how the market would react to the changes that Covid-19 would inevitably bring. We were aware that we would need to change the way we operated, and once implemented, those changes have seen a more than positive response from buyers and sellers alike.

We now have two bidding platforms which regularly attract hundreds of potential bidders to our sales from across the globe and generally prices seem to be considerably higher than they were before lockdown. We are firmly of the view that “things will not get back to how they used to be” and that this is the new normality and the way the auction world will operate. We would like to thank all our clients who have embraced coming to the saleroom by appointment only, sanitising and wearing masks, paying by bank transfer and collecting lots as soon as possible after sales. The calendar for our forthcoming sales will be published on our website [www.serrell.com](http://www.serrell.com) and we would recommend that you check there regularly for the latest news.



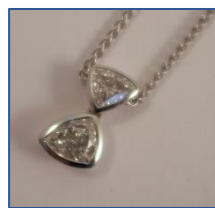
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The lots in our sales have been as diverse as ever since we re-started our auctions in July. A



Patek Philippe gentleman's watch taking the honour of top price with £26,000, a cherished vehicle registration number plate LCP 1 sold for £15,000, a pair of oil paintings by Brian Shields made £9,200 and three gold sovereign proof sets sold for £9,000, whilst a diamond pendant and earstuds found a new home at £4,700 and a late 17<sup>th</sup> century walnut chest sold for £2,500.



Over the years we have become one of the leading firms of auctioneers specialising in the sale of Worcester Porcelain and a number of excellent prices have been achieved, including £19,000 for a pair of Stinton vases and £17,000 for a George Owen vase, as well as some remarkable prices for hand painted fruit.



The message seems to be that there is very much the demand out there for the right items – if you are thinking of selling, please contact the saleroom for free sales advice ([auctions@serrell.co.uk](mailto:auctions@serrell.co.uk))

The next group of sales is looking to be equally as successful with a number of excellent entries already included. A number of hand painted Royal Worcester pieces are destined to find new homes, as is a 1689 William and Mary Gold Guinea and a collection of Grand Tour plaster intaglios. We are also delighted to have been instructed to deal with two important estates who we have acted for over the last thirty years which will be offered over the next three months.

We are happy to advise on the disposal of a single item or a complete house contents, as well as provide valuations for Inheritance Tax, Sale and Insurance purposes.



The media world has been busy too with Philip recording Antiques Road Trip with Izzie Balmer and Tim Medhurst, as well as a number of episodes of Bargain Hunt, including Anniversary Specials. Philip's next book is with the publishers and will be on the shelves next spring.



## STAY SAFE AND KEEP BUYING AND SELLING

### Sale dates for the remainder of 2020:

Sales commence at 10am – (dates can be subject to change due to current pandemic)

	ANTIQUA AND FINE ART SALES	INTERIORS SALES
<b>OCTOBER</b>	----	8 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>	---
<b>DECEMBER</b>	---	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>