

NOTES & CONDITIONS

ESTIMATES

Estimates are given as a guide to the market value. In this and all future auctions no lots will be sold for less than 75% of the estimates given. Bids submitted below that level will not be entered.

ABSENT BIDDERS

For commission bids please use the bidding form found within this catalogue. We also accept bids by telephone, email or fax (to reach us by **7pm** the day before the sale). Telephone bids should be confirmed in writing whenever possible.

When equal bids are received the one submitted at the earliest date will be successful. If you wish us to break a tie in the event of this occurring, please sign the relevant section of the bid form. Trevor Chinery or a representative of his agency will be in attendance to act as auction agent. Should you wish to engage Trevor to bid on your behalf, his contact details can be found later in this catalogue.

Will absent bidders please note that bids must be in line with the bidding steps below. Any bids not so will be entered at the step below e.g. a bid of £57 will be entered at £55.

BIDDING STEPS

Up to £20 in £1 steps

£20 up to £50 in £2 or £3 steps

£50 up to £100 in £5 steps

£100 up to £500 in £10 steps

Over £500 at the auctioneer's discretion but not less than £20

RESULTS

Our office opens for all enquiries from 2.30pm on the Monday following the auction.

Telephone calls before this time will reach an automated message.

Alternatively, results will be available to view on our website

www.somersetstampauctions.com from Monday lunchtime. Clients wishing to collect successful commission bids may do so from 2.30pm onwards.

BUYER'S PREMIUM

A buyer's premium of 21% (inclusive of VAT) will be added to the hammer price of all purchases, including those from the unsold list.

UNSOLD LIST

A list of unsold lots will be on the website from Monday lunchtime. Unsold lots may be purchased at the quoted reserve price (plus premium) on a first come first served basis.

PAYMENT

Bank Transfer – Payments to **Somerset Stamp Auctions**, Account No: **00960798**

Sort Code: **30-92-40** please quote your invoice number as reference.

Cheques made payable to Somerset Stamp Auctions. **Debit Card** accepted with no handling fee for UK/EU card holders. Overseas account holders outside of the EU pay a 3% surcharge on all payment methods. **Business Credit Card** – accepted with a 3% surcharge. Please note at present we do not accept personal credit cards.

GUARANTEE & RETURN OF LOTS

All single stamps and sets are guaranteed to be as described and any found unsatisfactory may be returned within seven days of receipt for a full refund.

No guarantee or return applies to collections or mixed lots and must be taken with any faults etc.

Extensions for single stamps must be requested prior to bidding to obtain vendor agreement. Certificates gained without an agreed extension will not be guaranteed.

Absent bidders who bid incorrectly and purchase an incorrect lot are responsible for the error and such mistakenly bought lots may not be returned. (So please bid carefully !)

SENDING OF LOTS PURCHASED

Lots won by absent bidders will be sent out in the week following the auction. Small lots weighing up to 2kg will normally be sent by standard post, Signed For or Special Delivery for more valuable consignments.

Heavier items e.g. albums or boxes will be sent by Parcelforce. For mainland UK the cost for sending a parcel weighing up to 20kg and a value of up to £1000 will be £15. Value up to £5000 will be £20. This is a fully insured, tracked, next day service. Northern Ireland, Islands & Highlands may incur a surcharge. Overseas parcels will depend on destination but will also be sent at cost.

Clients who wish to organise their own courier will incur a £5 packing fee per lot.

FUTURE AUCTION DATES

6th December 2025

2026 Dates coming soon. They will be published on our website shortly and detailed here in our next catalogue.

LOTS FOR FUTURE AUCTIONS

We are always pleased to accept collections and good quality singles for future sales.

We will provide a free valuation for any material you may be considering selling. Just phone or email us, make an appointment, and bring it along.

If you have a large consignment, we will visit and arrange collection for auction.

Insurance and probate valuations also undertaken for which there will be a reasonable charge, refundable later if assigned and accepted to auction.

Please note that auction lots submitted which are of low value (i.e. under £30) will be combined as we see fit.

Outright cash purchases also considered if the vendor so wishes.

Please note that all material for auction must be submitted at least one month before the auction date.