

Lockdales' Auction #283 Report: Coins & Exonumia: 21-22 January 2025

Total prices realised: £260,847 (incl. prem.)

An impressive result with high attendance online and extra in-the-room at this key time for stocking up. This is no wonder, since there was so much estate material entered "to sell" we saw a 90% success rate and a higher hammer than top overall. With gold hovering around the all-time high, naturally all exceeded initial prices and not a scrap was left. In the further English milled we sold some countermarked Dollars including a Thistle Bank of Glasgow for £1500, and some attractive pattern Halfpennies including a "cartwheel" type for £650. Silver proofs and bullion/BU were fiercely contested.

The World section included some Indian rarities such as an EIC trial Rupee (£1500) and a Baroda Nazarana Half (£1250). We note growing interest in Australia, Germany and New Zealand, with continued strength in India, Thailand, USA and Lithuania.

Part 2 of the Walter Beaney Collection attracted much interest, with results such as £800 for an Offa fragment, £1000 for the Rufus, and £1000 for the small Brentford C1 hoard. The final part and re-lots to be sold in March. In the further Ancient & Hammered we sold Greek and Roman coins from a deceased estate, and since allowed to "find their price" they were very popular. Notable Roman coins included a Marcus Aurelius sestertius (£360), a Republican sextans (£440), and a 15th Legion den (£440).

The second day was comprised of a huge Bulk section where there were many speculative lots from estates and thus a frenzy of activity. This was followed by Exonumia (Tokens & Medallions) where we noted particular interest in engraved coins.

Our next auction of Coins & Exonumia is scheduled for 18-19 March, with consignment up to 14th February.



Lot 67: Thistle Bank countermarked Dollar. Est. £1000-£1500. Hammer £1500.



Lot 259: EIC Bengal Presidency trial Rupee. Est. £800-£1000. Hammer £1500.