

Thimbleby & Shorland

The Reading Carriage Sale – Wednesday 2nd November 2011

Considering the current economic climate, the November sale was better than expected with 80% of the carriages changing hands. As is the usual practise, quality always sell and the Hawkers Dray which required extensive renovation made the excellent price of £4,000. There are always gypsy wagons in the sale and this time three changed hands.

Sundries continue to sell at good prices. Sets of harness were a bit harder to clear.

Wagons & Hand Carts – A Hawkers Dray built by Watts of Bridgwater to suit 15 to 15-2 made £4,000; London Trolley made £2,500. Four hand carts were entered with a two-wheel wooden cart reaching £300 and a Bread Cart making £180;

Exercise Vehicles – Exercise vehicles made between £20 and £195

Two-Wheelers – Governess Carts sold between £200 and £340, one of which was by Dennis of London. A French Market Cart from Normandy sold for £400 and a Market Milk Cart for £380

Four Wheelers – A Victorian Hooded Carriage made £2,000; a Brougham fetched £1,600; a WWII Ammunition Carriage built by Werkstatte of Germany around 1935 sold for £700

Gypsy Wagons – Three Gypsy Wagons were entered with the Open Lot Wagon built by Tom Gaskin of Doncaster making £6,000; the Ledge Wagon making £4,300 and a Gypsy Wagon for 14 to 15 hh making £2,750.

Sets of Harness: Single - A black/patent/maroon tradesman's harness made by Huskissons of Birmingham to fit 14-2 to 15-2 sold for £2,800; another Huskissons set made £2,500; another trade set reached £1,750. **Pairs** - A pair set of Zilco harness by George Bowman made £500. **Team** - A set of team harness by John McDonald to fit 15-2 to 16-2 fetched £1,000

Carriage Parts – A wooden swingletree fetched £195 and an undercarriage with wooden wheels fetched £100 as did a large quantity of rubber matting.

Sundries – The top price in this section was for a copper coach horn by Merry of London reaching £650; a pair of Phaeton carriage lamps by Slack Bros. of Manchester for £420; a pair of Dog Cart lamps made £190 and another pair made £130. A 30" black heavy horse collar made £310; a 23" collar for £260 and other collars making between £150 and £200. Bridles made between £100 and £170. A square leather pattern hat box reached £190 and others sold between £130 and £180. Plough chains made £105. A spirit flask made £190 and a hunting canteen fetched £110. A holly Gig whip dated 1899 sold for £260; various whips made £200 such as a pony whip by Swaine & Adeney and another by the same maker dating 1905; another holly whip by Hampson & Scott for £180 and another by Callow & Son made £160. Part of a whip by G.Holland sold for £130. A picnic set for two sold for £200. A pair of brown gent's boots with trees fetched £280. A Western saddle fetched £275 and an Australian stockman's saddle made £140 as did another; and a ride and drive saddle fetched £180. A carriage umbrella sold for £220.

Pictures, Models and Books – A set of eight hunting prints set in original Arts and Crafts frames made £80 as did a large framed photograph of Mr Alfred G Vanderbilt's coach the Venture. Two prints by Cecil Aldin each fetched £60 as did of his named Brighton fetching £48.

The first Reading Carriage Sale for 2012 will be held on Wednesday 7th March and will include a Horse Brass section

For further information on the above sale or any future sales, please call 0118 950 8611 or email lynn@tsauction.co.uk