



Chilly start as hail storm fails to dampen bidding at Stone Sale

We were delighted to see a large crowd brave the chilly conditions and a brief hail storm at our first collective auction of the year at The Gallops, Stanklyn Lane, Stone, near Kidderminster last Friday. Bidding was positive all day to make it a successful start to 2012.

Top price of the day was £1,500 and went to a Case International 585 tractor. Other sales in the tractor section saw an International 474 tractor sell for £1,000 and a Massey Ferguson TE20 make £500.

The Farm Implements Section had a wide range of entries, ranging from bales of hay that sold for £26 per bale to an Applied Road Sweeper that made £450. Other sales in this section included a Dowdesdale Muck Spreader at £900, a LR16 Hydramower Hedgecutter at £650 and a seven-leg Subsoiler and tipping trailer at £400 each.

There was the usual high volume of entries in the trailer section with Ifor Williams trailers making the top prices. Notably a Ifor Williams tri-axle dropside trailer made £1,350 and an Ifor Williams 505 horse trailer made £1,140. We even had a couple of caravans with the top price of £820 going to a Ace Award Brightstar model.

The vehicles section saw a Ford Focus 1.9 TD go for £1,020 and a Land Rover Discovery make £800. There was also a Yamaha 2wd Big Bear 350cc quad bike, which sold for £400.

The rest of the field saw the usual high number of entries with good trade in the timber and building materials section, the highlight of which was a large amount of scaffolding which was catalogued as separate lots but was sold in one lot for £1,000. There was also an excellent trade in the small tools section with competitive bidding throughout.

Entries are already coming in for the next sale **on Friday, February 24** and we would like to take this opportunity to remind everybody that the **catalogue deadline is Monday, February 13.**

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