

It's easy when you know how.

This simple summary contains all you need to know about buying at auction from start to finish. If you still have questions why not call our office on 01228 904905 and speak to one of our friendly team members who are always happy to help.

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BROWSE

Items in the sale, or auction 'lots', can be viewed online in our fully illustrated catalogue, or in person on a viewing day. All our auctions take place on a Saturday, with viewing on the Friday beforehand.

DESCRIPTIONS & ESTIMATES

Each lot is catalogued professionally to encompass particulars, such as attribution, medium, date and size. An auction estimate will also be provided. Some lots may be subject to a reserve. A reserve is a price below which a lot will not sell. As a reserve is confidential, it will not be disclosed, but reserves will never exceed the low estimate provided.

SEEK ADVICE

The specialists are always happy to give impartial advice and guidance. Condition reports are also available upon request.

REQUEST A CATALOGUE

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BID

THE BIG FOUR

We offer four ways to bid at auction.

1. THE SALEROOM

Experience all the fun of bidding in person. Arrive in time to register and we will provide you with a bidding paddle. If it is your first time we will require you to complete our registration process and possibly provide some form of current identification.

2. BID LIVE

Our online bidding service is provided by the-saleroom.com. It is free to register, and once approved you will be able to hear the auction in real time, directly through your PC, laptop or tablet. Your bid is simply a click away, so you can follow the auction from the comfort of your own living room. You will find further details on the BUYING page of our website. *NB: Bid-Live is currently only available for specialist antique sales.*

3. TELEPHONE BIDS

Telephone bids can be provided, but must be requested in writing via email at least 24 hours before the sale date. These often require an opening bid. Contact the office for further details on 01228 904905 or email us at enquiries@laidlawauctioneers.co.uk

4. COMMISSION BIDS

Bids can be left in writing, via email or by filling out one of our bidding slips when viewing. This is simply your maximum bid, which the auctioneer will execute on your behalf, against interest in the room or conflicting commission bids.

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BUY

WINNING BIDDER

We will get in touch with you via email or telephone. If you live far afield we will even generate a postage quote automatically.

HOW MUCH YOU WILL PAY

If you are successful you will pay the hammer price, plus buyer's premium of 17.5% and the applicable VAT on that.

HOW TO PAY

You can pay by cash, debit or credit card (credit card fees will apply) in person, or over the telephone. You can also pay direct via bank to bank transfer. For further details on these options contact the office on 01228 904905.

DELIVERY

We can help with transport requirements. All packing and posting is done in house, with items being sent via courier. We do require a basic disclaimer to be acknowledged by the purchaser. Charges include the packing materials, labour and actual postage costs. A 'white glove' service is also available for fragile items. This involves the items being handed to a specialist transporter who will deliver directly to your door.

STORAGE

Secure storage is available at our site, and can be arranged at cost.