

# Silverwoods of Lancashire

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**SPECIAL SALE SUCCESS FOR SILVERWOODS**

Silverwoods' first specialist sale of Railway memorabilia took place as part of the company's fine art and antiques auction on 20<sup>th</sup> April. It featured an eclectic mix of items for the rail enthusiast – many from the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway. These included signalling collectables, oilers, carriage boards, and an impressive collection of popular railway hand lamps and achieved nearly £5,000.

Silverwoods' new specialist approach obviously appealed to the buying community, and nowhere was this seen more than in the ceramics section of the sale where a selection of quality Royal Worcester, including this fruit bowl signed J Smith, sold for £1,340. A single internet bidder determinedly set about buying all the nine Royal Albert and Beswick Beatrix Potter figurine lots on offer for £920. Ceramics also produced one of the big surprises early in the day. The second lot in the sale - a Carlton Ware Jazz style vase with attractive flowers and abstract designs - saw all available lines booked and went to one of these telephone bidders for £750.

Jewellery and precious metal, as always, performed very well with some unusual pieces and designer names attracting a lot of attention. This highly decorative David Deakin gold pendant necklace with abalone panels sold to another telephone bidder for £420 and a gold ladies choker in the shape of a serpent went, again to the phone, for £400.

The provenance 'Mitchel Maer for Christian Dior' was probably the reason that this suite of moonstone dress jewellery was snapped up in the room for £380, as was a silver tankard featuring a horseracing scene by Benjamin Stephens of London (1861) for £1,150. An 18 carat white gold and diamond cluster ring achieved £600.

Quality clocks seem to be returning to fashion in the saleroom and this 19<sup>th</sup> century 'Skeleton' example sold for £750, while another by Eric Watson of Saddleworth doubled its estimate and went to a local buyer for £650. There was a great deal of interest in a fine walnut longcase clock in good condition by John Green of London and it went under the hammer for £650.

Proving yet again that full collections are attractive to the buyer, a large archive of pen and ink drawings of local scenes and North American landscapes, first edition books and reprints and personal papers by local writer and artist Jessica Lofthouse was purchased by a room bidder for £580.

The internet was responsible for the best prices in the furniture section, with a Victorian mahogany Partners Desk achieving £750 and an in-vogue 60's Danish armchair by Adriane and Ditte Heath tripling its estimate and selling for £450.

Entries are invited for the next Antiques and Fine Art Auction at Silverwoods which will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

This will host a Specialist Sale of 'Militaria', so antiques or memorabilia associated with the Army, Navy or Airforce are strongly featured. These items can be appraised, valued and entered in advance of the sale by Silverwoods' Militaria expert, James Thompson either during the regular Monday intake or by private appointment until 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Call 01200 423322.

Viewing for the burgeoning and extremely popular weekly antique and collectables sale at Silverwoods starts every Wednesday at 9.00, with the sale itself getting underway at 12.00. Visit [www.silverwoods.co.uk](http://www.silverwoods.co.uk) to find out more.