

## Tackle sale will 'reel' in buyers

Mullock's upcoming auction has plenty to reel you in . . . with an auction of over 900 lots of antique and modern fishing tackle.

Held on March 30-31, some special items feature such as a hugely rare 9" Hardy Bros Alnwick Fortuna Big Game Sea Reel, est £3,000 - £4,000, alongside two other Hardy Fortuna Big Game Sea Reels of 7" and 6" examples and a Hardy Bros Alnwick 2 1/2" Bougle Dup Mk II Spitfire finish reel, est £4,000 - £4,200. There is also a superb selection of good quality useable modern rods, reels, clothes, accessories alongside a wonderful array of antique and collectable items. Bidding online only, customers can watch, listen and bid live via two bidding platforms.

The next event is an auction of rugby and football memorabilia on April 21-22. Call 01694771771 or email [info@mullocks.auctions.co.uk](mailto:info@mullocks.auctions.co.uk) or visit [www.mullocks.auctions.co.uk](http://www.mullocks.auctions.co.uk)

## Banksy artwork under hammer

A bidder from Staffordshire bought their own piece of Banksy art, as a piece entitled 'Walled Off Hotel Box Set' went under the hammer at Cuttlestones. The hammer fell at £1,400.

And it wasn't just the Banksy that brought in the bids in a strong art section on March 11 - other highlights included a Lucy Harwood modernist study of kilns in a wooded landscape sold for £1,200.

For full details of how to buy and sell through Cuttlestones, head to [www.cuttlestones.co.uk](http://www.cuttlestones.co.uk)

# Unusual porcelain glass cooler tops all expectations in auction

**Given that the Caughley factory was situated in Broseley, it is far from uncommon for Halls Fine Art to consign pieces of porcelain from this important eighteenth-century porcelain works.**

Halls has previously held a number of successful important single-owner collections dedicated to the wide number of pieces which were created by the company originally founded by Thomas Turner and Ambrose Gallimore in 1775.

The most recent Spring Fine Art sale, hosted in a new online-only format due to the pandemic, was no exception and saw an entry of 30 further items by the factory.

### Statement

Most notably in the sale was a 'verrière' or glass cooler. This bold statement piece, which saw first inception and use in silver during the late sixteenth century, was intended to hold ice water and the notched upper rim allowed for drinking glasses to be suspended within in order to ensure their eventual contents would be served suitably cold and refreshing.

The Caughley example in the sale is one of only four in known existence, two of which reside in the Shrewsbury Victoria and Albert museums. Incised with the letter 'H' to the base, it is believed that it was a shape which was brought to



The Caughley verrière was sold in the recent Halls Spring Fine Art sale

Shropshire by Francis Hardenbourg. This Strasbourg-born ceramicist first worked at the Sèvres manufactory in Paris before joining Caughley from 1780-88 and verrières of this exact shape are well recorded as being produced at Sèvres from 1770 onwards.

Although consigned for sale from a local vendor, it was originally purchased as one of a pair from Christies in the 1980s. Provenance from that sale dictates that it once resided in a house in Falloden,

Northumberland, which was originally owned by the Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey.

With such interesting history and rarity, it was therefore no surprise that, despite being chipped, the final hammer price sailed away beyond the estimate of £1,500/£2,000 to finally fall at a price of £2,300 + Buyer's Premium.

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## Store offers host of hand-picked and unique gifts

Unique Architectural Salvage is a relatively new venture in Bridgnorth run by Claire Fletcher.

The store features a wonderful collection of beautiful and unique items including a display of troughs, chimney pots, saddle stones, urns and the list goes on.

Unique Architectural Salvage puts time and consideration into hand picking and putting these individual pieces together, and items are displayed to the best possible advantage to give you an impression of just how they may look in your own home.

A spokesman said: "If you are looking for a little something for a present then you have a great choice here, flower-filled urns, statues, mirrors, a vast array of furniture.

"If we don't have what you want then we will do our best to try and source it for you. It is well worth a visit."

Reopening on April 12, the business is based at Saxon House on the Stourbridge Road Industrial Estate in Bridgnorth. If you are unable to visit during normal opening hours, there is flexibility to arrange a viewing out of hours.

To find out more or to book a visit call 07875 753556.

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