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At the recent classic car auction held by South Western Vehicle Auctions (SWVA) in Poole, Dorset, a wide range of classes changed hands for a variety of prices.

Chris Adamson was there with his camera; here's his report...

An extensively restored 1962 Daimler SP250 which was finished in 2015 after nearly 30 years work topped the sales at the latest South Western Vehicle Auctions classic auction in Poole, Dorset.



The project was the work of one man who had only enjoyed the finished car for less than two years before his death earlier this year - it went to a new owner after some fierce bidding for £44,280 (after fees).

From a batch of classic Porsches in the catalogue the pick was a 1991 911 Carrera 2 Targa in grey which reached its pre-sale estimate at £36,720. Not far behind it was a red 1965 E-Type Jaguar 4,235cc coupe that looked a bargain at £34,020.



Three cars from the same private collection attracted a lot of interest and easily exceeded their price guide. A 1987 Marcos Mantula and a 1990 Lotus Esprit Turbo SE both found buyers at £15,552 while a 1972 Reliant Scimitar GTE was the subject of some of the toughest bidding of the day more than doubling its estimate to go for £7,506.

A late 1959 left-hand drive MGA in ever popular red went for a surprisingly low £18,630 – the price being influenced by not only the steering wheel being on the wrong side but also because there was some uncertainty over the engine due to an odd engine number.

It was the top MG sale in a varied and busy auction that also included a rare piece of MG history, a 1952 YB saloon in two-tone grey (originally in black). Carrying a desirable UMG

number plate it was well presented and attracted a lot of interest – and soon exceeded its £7,500 reserve to sell for £9,990.



Ahead of next year's 60th anniversary of the Austin Healey Frogeye Sprite, a 1960 example finished in its factory colour of Leaf Green which had been originally sold through the garage run by the Rob Walker Formula 1 team hit its reserve of £16,200 when the hammer fell.



Other notable entries included 1935 Humber Snipe (£17,172), a 1966 Jaguar S Type (£18,360), a barn find 1958 Ford Popular (shown in our heading photograph) which sold with no reserve (£2,160), a 1987 Austin Maestro (£925) and an Austin A35 from 1959 that fetched £3,564.



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The next classic sale at SWVA is scheduled to be held on Friday, 26th January 2018. For more information please telephone (01202) 745466 or go to: <https://www.swva.co.uk/>