



Chateau Impney (161)

Wed, 7th Dec 2016, Chateau Impney

Lot 36

Estimate: £14000 - £16000 + Fees

1969 NSU 1200 TT

Registration No: EPX570H

Chassis No: 3670614619

- Former Autocar road test car and part of NSU's contemporary UK press fleet

- 1 of just 8 survivors known to the DVLA, much restoration work from 2010-2015 (engine overhaul, re-trim etc)

- Intriguing Mini Cooper S or Fiat Abarth 850TC rival, credible but unwarranted 76,000 miles

The world's biggest motorcycle producer by 1955 and a dominant force in 125cc / 250cc racing with numerous Isle of Man TT successes to its credit, NSU re-diversified into small car manufacture two years later. A rival to the likes of the Mini Cooper S and Fiat Abarth 850 TC, the NSU 1200 TT was launched in June 1967. Powered by a rear-mounted 1171cc SOHC four-cylinder engine allied to four-speed manual transmission, the newcomer took class wins in rallies, hillclimbs and the European Touring Car Championship. Boasting an oil cooler, all-round independent suspension, twin carburettors and front disc brakes, the compact four-seater was renowned for its nimble handling and nigh on 100mph performance.

First registered as 'EPX 570H' on 15th October 1969, this particular RHD example formed part of NSU's contemporary press fleet. As well as being featured in the company's 'An invitation . . .' sales brochure, the 1200 TT was judged faster, freer revving, less cramped and more refined than a Mini 1275GT in Autocar magazine's December 4th 1969 issue (a copy of which is included in the sale). One of just eight 1200 TTs currently known to the DVLA, 'EXP 570H' was treated to much restoration by then owner David Graham of Bristol from 2010- 2015. The engine was thoroughly overhauled using parts sourced from German marque specialist Frank Mellman (timing chain / tensioner, valves, pistons, engine mounts etc) and the services of South Cerney Engineering Ltd. The seats were re-upholstered in the correct material by Krych Trimming Ltd, the ignition system refurbished and various trim pieces renewed. More recent work has seen the front suspension overhauled with uprated Spax adjustable dampers and poly bushes and a set of period-looking alloy wheels fitted. Displaying a credible but unwarranted 76,000 miles to its odometer, 'EXP 570H' is offered for sale with V5C Registration Document, numerous invoices and fresh MOT certificate.

PLEASE NOTE: This Lot does not have an MOT.