



## Chateau Impney (157)

Sun, 10th Jul 2016, Chateau Impney

### Lot 10

**Estimate:** £14000 - £18000 + Fees

**1984 Audi Quattro**

**Registration No:** B73 VTM

**Chassis No:** WAUZZZ85ZEA901290

**Mot Expiry:** June 2017

- The subject of twenty-seven articles in Audi Driver magazine whilst owned by Paul Harris

- Engine overhauled by John Reade complete with gas-flowed cylinder head, AET hybrid turbocharger and Karl Schmidt pistons

- 104,700 recorded miles (accompanying service book carries stamps up to 90,000 miles)

- Fettled by acknowledged specialists including Dialynx and so able to boast Koni adjustable dampers, Quattro MB-series twin-pot front brake callipers, Cargraphic stainless steel performance exhaust system and recent Toyo Proxes T1-R tyres

Brainchild of Audi chassis engineer Jorg Bensinger and developed by a team of just twelve including Walther Treser, the 'Ur' (or original) Quattro was launched on March 4th 1980. Capable of humbling many a contemporaneous supercar thanks to its ingenious permanent four-wheel drive system and powerful turbocharged five-cylinder 2144cc engine, the newcomer was handbuilt by a dedicated team in Hall N2 at Audi's Ingolstadt factory. Progressively developed until production ceased in March 1991, most of the 11,452 cars completed were to left-hand drive specification.

Supplied new to the Supertyres Motorist Centre Ltd of Welwyn Garden City, this particular example boasts service stamps up to 90,624 miles and a current odometer reading of 104,700. Professionally repainted in Pearlescent White, the Quattro also had its original engine extensively refurbished and lightly breathed upon by John Reade (an ex-Audi engineer who supplied powerplants for the David Sutton rally team) who gas flowed the cylinder head, installed Karl Schmidt pistons and an AET hybrid turbocharger prior to entering Paul Harris's ownership in 2004. The editor and publisher of Audi Driver magazine, Mr Harris dedicated no fewer than twenty-seven articles to 'B73 VTM' and its ongoing improvement. As well as keeping a personal diary of maintenance and fuel consumption, he entrusted the rally-bred Coupe to specialists such as Dialynx Performance Ltd so that it could be upgraded with a Cargraphic stainless steel exhaust system, Koni adjustable dampers, Quattro MB-series twin-pot front brake callipers and Toyo Proxes T1-R tyres. A familiar sight on Guild of Motoring Writers' events, the Audi was sold by Mrs Harris following her husband's death in 2015.

Springly used as part of a private collection since then, 'B73

VTM' is offered for sale with a V5C Registration Document, fresh MOT certificate, original Service Schedule booklet, workshop manual, sundry invoices / receipts and the relevant issues of Audi Driver magazine.