



The Pavilion Gardens (187)

Wed, 27th Nov 2019

Lot 7

Estimate: £18000 - £22000 + Fees

1961 Austin-Healey Sprite

Registration No: 942 DUY

Chassis No: AN5/48607

- Only 56000 recorded and credible miles
- Restored in early 1990s
- One owner from 1978 until 2017
- Steel front end
- Full weather equipment

We are indebted to the vendor for providing the following information:

"1961 Austin Healey Frogeye Sprite with 56,000 miles recorded upon the odometer believed correct. Long term owner over 39 years. Finished in its correct Speedwell blue with contrasting blue interior piped cream, exceptionally nice condition having been restored in the early 1990s. New inner wheel arches, New outer rear wings. New inner/outer sills, New lower bonnet front valance, New front wheel arches, New petrol tank and pipes, New brake pipes and cylinders, New kingpins bushes shockers, wishbones., Recon radiator, Gearbox recon by specialist, Carbs overhauled, New exhaust system, New hood. Serviced and maintained superbly. Recent new aluminium radiator fitted.

Known history, 1st owner was a Doctor who bought the Sprite new in 1961, 2nd owner 1966 a friend of the former owner, 1978 to 2017 former keeper. Recent new rear leaf springs and service and it drives superbly. A Donald Healey design aimed to capture the popular sports car market of the day. Launched in 1958 and cost £669.00 pounds. It used a tuned 948 cc OHV motor borrowed from the Austin A35 and it put out 43 BHP helped by Twin SU carburettors. Independent front suspension, semi elliptic rear leaf springs and rack and pinion steering made it handle and driver very well. Production ended in 1961 and the MK2 Sprite was launched which also shared the MG Midget badge. A classic British sports car with bags of charm and its ready to enjoy. Supplied with V5C, supporting history."