



## The Pavilion Gardens Buxton (196)

Wed, 7th Jul 2021

### Lot 8

**Estimate:** £7000 - £9000 + Fees

**1986 BMW 525i Company registered and then one private keeper from new**

**Registration No:** D439 XRB

**Chassis No:** WBADA320807933307

**MOT:** Feb 2022

- First registered to Rosgill Holdings Ltd of Burton-on-Trent and then only one private keeper from new
- Off the road from 1993 - 2021 before being recommissioned with a new fuel tank, replacement exhaust and general servicing etc
- Exceptionally well preserved and original car that needs to be seen to be appreciated
- One of less than a dozen UK-supplied E28 525i manual cars known to have survived
- Impressive specification includes LSD, electric sunroof, sports seats and electric windows

Built on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1986, chassis 7933307 was finished in Alpine White with Pacific Blue cloth upholstery. Fitted with a 2.5 litre (M30) straight-six engine allied to five-speed manual transmission, its impressive specification included a limited slip differential, electric sunroof, light alloy wheels, electric windows and front sports seats. First registered to Rosgill Holdings Ltd of Burton-on-Trent on 11<sup>th</sup> November 1986, the BMW is thought to have served its only private keeper – Bryan Downer – as a company car before being transferred into his name on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1991. Taken off the road two years later, the 525i was then dry stored for almost three decades. Recently recommissioned via the installation of a new fuel tank, replacement exhaust, fresh battery and general servicing, 'D439 XRB' passed its first MOT since the early 1990s with 'no advisories' on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The sports saloon still wears a sticker from Olympic Valeting of Burton-on-Trent and appears to retain the vast majority of its factory applied paintwork. The interior is a true timewarp with no obvious rips or tears to the cloth upholstery which is pleasingly unfaded. The front chassis legs visible in the engine bay look sound and straight and indeed the whole car is in a condition which belies its thirty-five years of age and 107,000 recorded miles. The How Many Left website indicates that less than a dozen E28 525i manual cars are currently known to the DVLA. Said to be 'great fun to drive' with its 2.5 litre straight-six engine, manual gearbox and limited slip differential, 'D439 XRB' is worthy of close inspection. A rare, practical and fun classic.