



The Pavilion Gardens Buxton (196)

Wed, 7th Jul 2021

Estimate: £13000 - £15000 + Fees

1960 Austin-Healey 'Frogeye' Sprite Entered from a private collection

Registration No: 406 PPD

Chassis No: AN539332

MOT: Exempt

- Entered from a private collection with current ownership since 1991
- Used on numerous classic rally's by the vendor
- Subject to a previous self-evident restoration
- Offered with Green logbook, collection of old MOT certificates plus V5c

Intended as a spiritual successor to inexpensive pre-war sports cars such as the MG M-type or Austin 7 Nippy, the Austin-Healey Sprite was launched in May 1958. Fruit of the growing partnership between Donald Healey and Austin's Leonard Lord, its design costs were kept to a minimum through some inspired BMC parts bin raiding. Built around a lightweight monocoque, it combined the Austin A35's independent front suspension and four-speed gearbox. Powered by a twin-carburettor fed 948cc A-series four-cylinder engine developing some 43bhp and 52lbft of torque, it was capable of over 80mph. Credit for the Frogeye's wonderful styling lies with both Gerry Coker and Les Ireland. Put on sale for just £669 including purchase tax rarely before or since has a sports car enjoyed such a large fun-to-price ratio. Finished in Pale Blue matched to a Dark Blue interior '406PPD' has been in current ownership since 1991. Entered from a private collection the vendor informs us he has competed in numerous classic rallies with the Sprite with no problems. Subject to a previous self-evident restoration the Sprite is offered with Green logbook, collection of old MOT certificates, old Tax discs and V5c. The vendor currently classes the bodywork, paintwork, interior trim, electrics, engine and gearbox all as 'Good'. Great fun for the remaining summer months.

Vendor Condition Ratings:

Bodywork: 'Good'

Engine: 'Good'

Electrical Equipment: 'Good'

Paintwork: 'Good'

Gearbox: 'Good'

Interior Trim: 'Good'