



National Motorcycle Museum (201)

Wed, 27th Oct 2021

Estimate: £2500 - £3500 + Fees

1961 BSA Golden Flash 650

Registration No: 864 VPG

Frame No: GA711491

Engine No: DA101355

CC: 650

MOT: Exempt

- 1961 BSA 650cc Golden Flash, later swinging arm model
- The wheels have been rebuilt and fitted with new tyres
- The paintwork is good and the seat has been recovered
- New chrome standard exhaust system recently fitted
- A good usable 1960s classic which will need further recommissioning before use
- Supplied with a current V5C

The Birmingham Small Arms factory was established in the Small Heath area of Birmingham in 1861 and as the name suggests manufactured weapons. Around the turn of the century they started making bicycles and progressed onto motorcycles a few years later. BSA went on to be one of the world's largest producers of motorcycles up until its demise in the early 1970s. The 650cc A10 Golden Flash, to give it its full name, was developed by Bert Hopwood in 1949 to compete with the parallel twins being offered by Triumph and Norton at the time. With a good turn of speed and a strong chassis, it probably became the world's first 'Sports Tourer', equally happy as a weekend pleasure bike or lugging around a double adult sidecar during the week.

This 1961 A10 is the later swinging arm version with full-width hubs. It has recently had a completely new chrome exhaust system and the wheels have been rebuilt and fitted with new tyres. The paintwork and chrome work are good and the seat has been recovered. Bought by the vendor about three years ago it has not seen much use recently so will need some recommissioning before returning to the road. It comes with a current V5C.