



Imperial War Museum Duxford (200)

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Estimate: £42000 - £50000 + Fees

1934 Wolseley Hornet Shelsley Special

Registration No: AOG 462

Chassis No: 155462

MOT: Exempt

- Powered by the well-respected 1271cc 6 cyl OHC Wolseley engine, 'AOG 462' was registered in Sept 1934 as a 'Shelsley Special', and is thought to have been bodied by Samuel Holbrook Ltd.
- Restored in 1992-98 with evidential receipts and photos on file, it was treated to further works in 2015-16 as well as routine servicing
- The substantial accompanying paperwork includes restoration receipts / invoices / images, period photos and the original (1934) RF 60 buff logbook which helps chronicle the ownership history since new.
- Reported to be in 'outstanding condition', 'AOG 462' represents an exceptional opportunity to purchase what must be one of the best looking Hornet Specials produced, and a viable alternative to the 6 cylinder MG's of the period

According to its original buff logbook, chassis 155462 was first registered as 'AOG 462' by Birmingham C.B.C. on 12th September 1934. The same document lists it as a 'Shelsley Special' which was a designation typically given to Wolseley Hornets that had been bodied by Samuel Holbrook Ltd of Wolverhampton. Understood to have had just six keepers from new, the fifth of these - Libby Mason Fenwick – treated it to much restoration work during her forty-seven year tenure. From 1992-1998, attention was paid to the car's floor, seats, scuttle, bonnet, valance, exhaust, dashboard, windscreen frame, wiring harness, ignition parts, kingpins, wheels, tyres, bearings, hubs, headlamps, brakes, radiator, dampers, rear axle, chomework, body, paint and trim. A cylinder head overhaul in 2004-2005 encompassed welding and machining, valves, valve guides, studs, camshaft, springs, timing chain and gaskets but also saw the carburettors, distributor, petrol pump and water pump overhauled. Entrusted to the Chairman of the Wolseley Hornet Special Club, Barry Baxter, during 2008, 'AOG 462' benefited from a new clutch, reconditioned oil pump, gearbox overhaul and engine refurbishment (rebored / honed block, reground crankshaft, new white metal bearings, fresh pistons, composite head gasket etc). Further improved since entering the current ownership in 2014, the Shelsley Special has gained: new wings, wing stays, rear valance, exhaust, Blockley tyres, Brooklands steering wheel, aero screens, dashboard, chromework, restored seats, new upholstery and a respray. Plus fettling of its distributor, steering box, gearbox, differential, gauges, radiator, carburettors, brakes and linings etc. The water pump was overhauled in 2017, the fuel pump replaced during 2018 and 2020-2021 has seen the original distributor rejuvenated and the battery, coil and HT leads renewed not to mention oil changes for the engine, gearbox, differential and steering box plus a grease service. Surely Wolseley Hornet Specials do not come much better! Offered for sale with hood, tonneau, original buff logbook and copy instruction manual and factory parts book.