



## The Pavilion Gardens Buxton (202)

Wed, 8th Dec 2021

### Lot 56

**Estimate:** £5000 - £7000 + Fees

#### 1966 MG Midget

**Registration No:** CEC 888D

**Chassis No:** GAN347147

**MOT:** Exempt

- Current ownership since 2002
  - Offered with a collection of invoices and old MOT's
  - Restored in the early 2000's with photographs included
  - Recently fitted with a new front bumper and windscreen
  - Fitted with Minilite style alloy wheel and hardtop included
- By the '60s, the MG Car Company had long since been absorbed into the giant British Motor Corporation (BMC). In an effort to fully capitalise on the many respected names in its care, the company embarked upon a programme of 'badge engineering' and the new MG Midget was essentially a MKII Austin-Healey Sprite in a slightly different suit of clothes. In christening its new small sports car 'Midget', BMC revived a name made famous by a range of pre-war MGs. Certainly, the Midgets, old and new, shared the same basic concept - i.e. they were two-seaters clothed in a simple, relatively light body and equipped with front-mounted engines driving the rear wheels. Moreover, they had suspension and brake components etc common to other cars, making them easy to replace or repair and cheap to service. The Midget MK I was introduced in 1961 and ran for a couple of years only with the 948cc engine. In 1962 it was upgraded and the 1098cc engine was fitted and this ran for three years, but surprisingly less examples were made. It was in essence an Austin Healey Sprite with a more attractive grille and side chrome trim; and from 1962 disk brakes were standard.

#### Vendor Condition Ratings:

Bodywork: 'Good'

Engine: 'Good'

Electrical Equipment: 'Good'

Paintwork: 'Good'

Gearbox: 'Good'

Interior Trim: 'Good'