



National Motorcycle Museum (204)

Wed, 6th Apr 2022

Estimate: £14000 - £16000 + Fees

1962 BSA Rocket Gold Star

Registration No: 751 UXU

Frame No: GA10835

Engine No: DA10R 8833

CC: 650

MOT: Exempt

- Part of a small private collection of BSA Gold Stars
- Nicely restored 1962 BSA Rocket Gold Star 650
- The bike has been started and run recently by the vendor
- Supplied with VMCC and Classic Services dating certificates
- Full width front brake on Dunlop alloy rim included in the sale
- Registered on a current V5C with a few old MOTs

The Birmingham Small Arms factory was established in the Small Heath area of Birmingham 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. Probably the most sought after models produced by BSA are the Gold Star range of 350 and 500cc singles and the rare Rocket Gold Star 650cc twin of the late 50s early 60s.

This nicely restored Rocket Gold Star has been part of a small private collection of Gold Stars for a few years. Presented in touring trim with rear footrests, standard gearbox, 120 MPH Speedo, 8000k Tacho and a single sided 180mm front brake, a spare full width hub on a Dunlop alloy rim is also included in the sale. The wheels have been rebuilt using stainless steel rims fitted with period correct Avon tyres. The numbers have been checked with the Gold Star Owners Club and it would appear that frame number GA10 835 was despatched with an earlier DA10R 88XX engine to BSA New Jersey in December 1962 and engine number DA10R 8833 allocated to GA10 402, also dispatched to BSA New Jersey in December 1962. Confusingly, engine number 8833 is also shown as being fitted to frame number GA10 830, dispatched to E Andrews in Scarborough on 13 December 1962! The club's best guess is that 8833 went to BSA New Jersey and it has therefore been mated with GA10 835 at some time in the States and the anomaly is down to a 'ledger clerk error'. The bike has been run recently and comes with a VMCC and a Classic Services dating letter together with a few MOTs and a current V5C.