



National Motorcycle Museum (204)

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Lot 295

Estimate: £2000 - £3000 + Fees

1970 BSA Bushman 175 Only 300 believed produced for UK

Registration No: YTN 509H

Frame No: AD04861 BB175

Engine No: AD04801 BB175

CC: 175

MOT: Exempt

- Part of an enthusiast private collection for the last 25 years
- Rare Bushman version of the classic BSA Bantam 175
- Thought to be only 300 produced for the British market
- Original unrestored condition as last used over 20 years ago
- Fitted with a rear carrier and the correct upswept exhaust system
- Stood for a few years so will need recommissioning, supplied with a 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. Their best-selling model was the Bantam first seen in 1948 as a 125cc and in fact became the best selling British made bike of all time.

The Bushman 175 model is probably the rarest and most sought after of all Bantams and there are thought to have been only 300 UK market models produced, signified by the BB prefix. This example has been in an enthusiast's private collection of mainly BSA off-road bikes and appears to be in very original condition including its upswept exhaust and period correct rear carrier. Not used for a number of years it will need recommissioning before use but the engine turns freely and the bodywork appears to be solid. It comes supplied with a current V5 registration document.