



## National Motorcycle Museum (204)

Wed, 6th Apr 2022

**Estimate:** £8000 - £10000 + Fees

### 1962 BSA Rocket Gold Star

**Registration No:** Unregistered

**Frame No:** GA10 145

**Engine No:** DA10R 6986

**CC:** 650

**MOT:** Exempt

- Part of an enthusiast private collection for the last 45 years
- Partly restored condition, last used in the early 1970s
- Matching numbers bike verified by the Gold Star Owners Club
- In touring trim fitted with a full width front brake
- RRT2 stamped gearbox, 120mph speedo, 8k tachometer
- Original buff log book, not on computer unfortunately

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 1962 Rocket Gold Star has been part of an enthusiast private collection of mainly BSAs since the 1970s. The numbers have been checked by the Gold Star Owners Club and they verify that it was dispatched to Cooke's Garages in Crewe, Cheshire as a Rocket Gold Star on 16 April, 1962. It seems BSA did not keep a record of what specification Rocket Gold Stars were manufactured in, but this one is in touring trim sporting a RRT2 gearbox, full width front hub, 120mph speedo and a 8000rpm tachometer. Whilst some restoration work has been carried out in recent times it is offered for sale in essentially the condition it was last used in over 40 years ago. The wheels have been rebuilt and fitted with a pair of period correct Avon tyres and quite a few items, such as the mudguard stays, have been copied in stainless steel by the engineer owner. There cannot be many Rocket Gold Stars left that have not been fully restored so this is an ideal opportunity to acquire a genuine bike from the era to either restore to concours or recommission as it is. It comes with its original buff log book showing registration number '968 XMA', but unfortunately was never put on the computer, so will need re-registering before use.