



National Motorcycle Museum (207)

Wed, 20th Jul 2022

Estimate: £4000 - £6000 + Fees

1951 Norton ES2

Registration No: YFO 743

Frame No: F434528

Engine No: F434528

CC: 500

MOT: Exempt

- Formally owned by the late Geoff Davies, VMCC past president
- In Geoff Davies' ownership for many years
- Used for many local club runs and events
- Not used for the last year due to ill health
- Comes complete with a V5C and various paperwork
- Will need recommissioning before use

First introduced into the Norton range in 1928, the ES2 shared many of its mechanicals with the CS1 but had an OHV engine made throughout its existence with a more up to date specification than the Model 18. 1939 saw the introduction of plunger rear suspension as a short-lived optional extra as the ES2 was dropped from production during WW2. When re-introduced after the war, plunger rear suspension and telescopic Roadholder forks were standard. In 1948 the engine received a major redesign including an oil feed to the rocker box, stronger timing side crankcases and a largely improved valve train. 1950 saw the introduction of the Laydown gearbox. This reduced the travel on the lever which made for an easier box to use, but does nothing to limit the persistent oil leaks.

Formally owned by the late Geoff Davies past president of the VMCC, it had been in his careful ownership for many years. Often used for the many local club runs and events, it had not been used for the last year, sadly, due to the owner's ill health. The motorcycle is accompanied by a V5C and various other paperwork. This machine will need recommissioning before use.