



National Motorcycle Museum (207)

Wed, 20th Jul 2022

Lot 110

Estimate: £24000 - £26000 + Fees

1959 Lambretta Li150 (200) Series 2 'Karslake' Combination

Registration No: 104 SHK

Frame No: 814407

Engine No: Not visible

CC: 200

MOT: Exempt

- Original early Italian Li150 series 2 combination with extraordinary providence
- Famous owner 'Mr Lambretta' Mike Karslake
- Running 'very well' and used occasionally by the vendor
- Engine recently re-conditioned by DW Scooters
- Rare Watsonian Avonette sidecar
- 12v period ignition and equipment fitted
- SX200 engine fitted courtesy of Lambretta Concessionaires
- Dazzling array of historical badges, plaques and original accessories
- Comes with Mike Karslake's original helmet, jacket and pin badges
- Blue DVLA V5 registration document
- Mileage 12,977 miles

This stunning historical vehicle needs no introduction for most people involved in the British scooter scene. However, for those who are not familiar, the short story is this: Lambretta Concessionaires was the British importer of Lambretta and other Innocenti products and was run by the late Peter Agg. The late Mike Karslake was an enthusiastic supporter of the business and personal friends with Peter Agg when they both lived in Surrey in the 1950s. Mike Karslake was a founder member of BLOA the British Lambretta owners Association and designed the BLOA logo and badges used by the club. In recognition of his support for all things Lambretta, Peter Agg gifted Mike the early Li150 series 2 scooter you see here. It was later fitted with the rare Watsonian Avonette sidecar for use in competition races including the Isle Man scooter races. Over the next years the sidecar combination traveled widely to competitions and rallies and all of this is documented on the scooter and sidecar with numerous plaques and badges. Any internet search will find numerous entries for this scooter including a TV appearance on the BBC's 'Pebble Mill at One'.

In the '60s Lambretta Concessionaires gifted Mike once more, with a replacement SX200 engine for the scooter, for competition use when that range was launched. The myriad of extra period equipment includes: Genuine original Pegasus seat, 12v electronic ignition and lighting, genuine Innocenti time clock, BLOA competition badge, front disc brake and fork dampers and an extra driving light, whilst within the sidecar is extra lighting and a chronometric speedometer useful for competing in trials events. The package also comes with Mike Karslake's original helmet, jacket and pin badges and the actual map he used to navigate the Isle of Man in the races.

In the 1980s Mike Karslake relocated to Devon with his wife and family and started the world's first Lambretta Museum. However shortly after setting up the museum Mike sadly passed away and his entire collection was sold at auction except for a few items including this sidecar combination which stayed with the family. In 2016 it was eventually sold by

a family member to the current owner who himself intended to start his own museum with this as a centerpiece. This scooter combination represents a true milestone in the history of British scootering. It is an unrepeatable opportunity.