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Brooks sale bonanza

PRICES went wild when pristine examples of normally low-cost classics were sold in an auction of cars from the world-famous Patrick Collection.

A Wolseley 16/60 raised an incredible £6050, a 1500 brought in £4000, a Triumph 2000 went for £6900, and the last Morris ever made, an Ital, was sold for £2500.

A mint Austin Maxi brought in £2300, a 1984 Rover 3.5-litre Vanden Plas £8280, and a Hillman Imp £2000, all prices plus buyer's premium, at the Brooks auction in Olympia, London. Overall the sale brought in more than £1 million, mostly from the Patrick vehicles.

Many auction records were broken. The cars were all in A1 condition, with the Ital, for example, having gone straight from the Austin-Rover produc-



Immaculate
5780-mile Wolseley
16/60 auctioned for
a whacking £6050

tion line to the Patrick Collection. Some 70 cars from the Collection went to auction.

Recession has been blamed as the reason for the sale, proceeds from which will go to keep the remaining cars in the Collection, which since the later 1970s has

specialised in low-mileage, original classics, modern exotica and rally cars.

It is now primarily only open by appointment for educational visits.

Chairman of the Trust of the Patrick foundation, Alexander

Patrick, said after the auction: 'I am absolutely delighted with the results achieved by Robert Brooks,' and Mr Brooks commented that the sale was one of the most exciting he had ever presided over.

'There was an unbelievable response from potential buyers before the event – and I have never had so many bids during a sale.'

He thought the response was 'extremely encouraging' for the market.

Not all lots achieved dramatic prices, however. A 1975 Reliant Robin three-wheeler, formerly owned by Pink Floyd drummer Nick Mason and used in a cigar commercial, failed to reach more than a mere £600.

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