

Cracking van, Gromit!

The Austin A35 van used to promote the animated film Wallace and Gromit in the Curse of the Were-Rabbit is a star car in the Charterhouse auction of classic and vintage cars on Sunday 12th February.

"I have always been a fan of the Wallace and Gromit series of short films," said valuer Matthew Whitney. "While I own several of the DVDs I never thought we would be instructed to sell this star car."

In the animated film, the A35 Anti-Pesto van was used to transport Wallace's Bunvac 2000 invention. Made as a promotional vehicle, the little Austin underwent a professional restoration which took over 1,000 man hours. It was then distressed to give it a used look. The van was used at the Leicester Square film premiere and numerous charity events. It went on to be displayed at The Wensleydale Cheese Museum, the Cotswold

Motor Museum and for the past couple of years, at The National Motor Museum, Beaulieu where it featured in the On Screen Cars exhibition alongside Del Boy Trotter's Reliant Robin van. Currently owned by a Stilton cheese maker, he has decided now is the time for a new owner to enjoy the Anti-Pesto van. It comes to the Charterhouse auction complete with a selection of large carrots, other vegetables and cut outs of Wallace and Gromit. Estimated at £15,000-£20,000, it offers a Wallace and Gromit fan a rare opportunity to own a piece of motoring heritage.

Charterhouse is now accepting further entries for this specialist auction of classic and vintage cars being held in conjunction with The Great Western Classic Car Show at The Royal Bath & West Showground, Shepton Mallet. It's also taking entries for the auction of



The Wallace & Gromit Austin A35 Anti-Pesto van being sold by Charterhouse

classic and vintage motorcycles on Sunday 5th February.

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