

PRESS RELEASE

MELTON MOWBRAY HORSE SALES GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Melton Mowbray Market, already the operator of the leading horse sales of their type in the country has just held two sales on consecutive weekends, including a first Catalogue Warranted Sale on 8 October and a standard sale on 15 October. The Catalogue Sale also included premium tack and coincided with the successful sale by tender of an important collection of paintings by F M Hollams (1877 - 1963) on behalf of a private owner. In total the sales realised over £50,000.

The standard horse sales have been run on a monthly basis since March, following a reintroduction in September 2015 and the Catalogue sales will also continue from Spring 2017.

"We were very pleased" commented Market Manager Tim Webster; "The Catalogue Sale was welcomed by both sellers and buyers, with the market very busy on the day and some excellent quality horses and ponies sold. Top price of 2,450 guineas went for a 16hh 7 year old heavyweight gelding, but there were also some lovely hunter and pony club types.

"Following £5.5m investment in the site, we will recommence the Catalogue sales in April 2017, when we have new buildings and facilities available. The standard sales will continue on a monthly basis throughout the year."

CEO Hugh Brown added "Horse sales are a key part of the expansion of Melton Mowbray Market as we look to service the strong community of buyers and sellers in the region, many of whom already use us for other livestock sales".

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ABOUT MELTON MOWBRAY MARKET

Melton Mowbray Market is the largest town centre livestock market in the country and has been in existence for 1,000 years, predating the Domesday Book. The main market has been held on a Tuesday since at least 1324 when it was granted a charter by King Edward II. Melton Mowbray Market is operated by Gillstream Markets Ltd and has a diverse business, running many other markets and events throughout the week including the region's largest Fur & Feather and horse markets, a farmers, antiques and general market. The Market Tavern and Banqueting Suite holds weddings, conferences and other events. The livestock market alone serves over 2,500 farming customers annually, with 250,000 visitors coming through the site annually.



'Anna' by F M Hollams, sold by tender



Patric, sold at Catalogue sale 8 October