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GAVIN GARDINER LTD'S APRIL AUCTION TO INCLUDE A RARE 8-BORE GUN BY JAMES PURDEY & SONS



A rare 8-bore self-opening sidelock ejector gun by James Purdey & Sons was built in 1919 will be included in Gavin Gardiner Ltd's Live/Online Auction of Modern & Vintage Sporting Guns, which will be held via www.gavingardiner.com on **Wednesday, April 21, 2021** at **2pm**. The gun with 32-inch barrels is very unusual as Purdey completed very few large calibre guns of this type and it remains in a very honest and original condition. It is estimated at £8,000-12,000.

Also of interest are two items by Rigby. An early John Rigby & Co. rising bite Rigby & Bissel patent lever cocking sidelock non-ejector gun is estimated at £800-1,200. The gun with 28-inch sleeved barrels was built circa 1882 and is one of the first to have been built on this now iconic patent. A fine John Rigby & Co. .275 bolt action sporting rifle, built circa 1924 for the Earl of Altamont is estimated at £2,500-3,500. It retains almost all of its original finish and retains its original Aldis pattern telescopic sight on Rigby mounts, and is in its original canvas case.



By Birmingham maker Issac Hollis, a scarce .450/.400 hammer express double barrel rifle is estimated at £3,500-5,000. It retains a very high degree of original finish and would have been built around 1890.

Elsewhere the sale will include over 350 lots including a large collection of vintage hammer guns and military rifles.

Viewing for this auction will take place strictly by appointment only. Viewing will be limited to one-hour time slots, and to one person at a time. Social distancing rules will apply: a facemask is required for entry to view. The auction will be a live auction, behind closed doors, and condition reports and remote bidding options will be available. Absentee bids will continue to be provided free of charge and online bidding with invaluable.com is also available.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Gavin Gardiner is the only specialist firearms auctioneer holding his auctions in the heart of London's West End, where he holds two sales each year as well as his prestigious sale at the Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland in August. Gavin has over 35 years experience in this field. Coming from a traditional background, he was brought up with guns and shooting and has been involved with the Gun Trade from an early age. He first worked for Sotheby's in 1982 helping with weekend viewing of a Sporting Gun auction, while still at School. From that moment he was hooked and has been involved in almost every Sotheby's Sporting Gun auction since. His passion became a full time job in 1987 when he joined Sotheby's initially as a porter on a one day a week assignment to the Gun Department, this soon became five days and he never looked back. He has been involved with many memorable auctions over the years, including Sotheby's sales in New York and Geneva as well as the renowned Gleneagles auction that has remained the market leader in this sector for over twenty years. He has also worked for one of the leading London Gunmakers which gives him a unique perspective in this field. Returning to Head Sotheby's Sporting Gun Department Worldwide in 2001 he doubled turnover in his first year, and has continued to develop and refine the auctions since. He left Sotheby's at the beginning of 2006 to establish his own company.

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