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## 1980s icons excel at Bonhams' first Members' Meeting sale

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The trend of enthusiasm for 1980s icons continued at Bonhams' inaugural Members' Meeting sale, with both Group B-era Audis achieving strong results...

#### 1980s revival at Goodwood





At the first of three auctions Bonhams will hold at Goodwood this year, the 1985 Audi Quattro Sport SWB Coupé sold for £287,100 – surpassing its high estimate, and creating a new World Record in the process. Meanwhile, auctioneer Jamie Knight brought the hammer down on the ex-Works Group B Quattro A1 at £253,480.

### **Ambitious projects and home victories**





The headline lot, a 1959 Frazer Nash Le Mans Coupé ordered new by Kitty Maurice, attracted bids up to £470,000 – some way short of its low estimate of £550,000, but a sale nonetheless. Ambitious restoration projects again proved an auction favourite: a 1962 Aston Martin DB4 Series IV sold for £256,860, a 1966 DB6 Vantage made £194,140 and, perhaps most shockingly, a rust-ridden 1963 Porsche 356B Super 90 Coupé doubled its estimate, achieving £32,200. The action on the track outside must have played its part in stirring up auto-motivation, particularly where British machinery was concerned. A 1959 Jaguar XK1505 Roadster more than doubled its estimate at £225,500, while Pininfarina's elegant take on the Bentley T-Series was another to exceed expectations, fetching a touch over £250,000 against a high estimate of £200,000.

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