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Barn-finds and restoration projects at Bonhams' Beaulieu sale

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At its annual sale held at the Beaulieu National Motor Museum, Bonhams will offer not only classics restored to perfection, but also several 'barn-finds' and restoration projects. Here are the examples we'd most like to see brought back to life...

Included in the roster of for-restoration classics is a 1929 Bentley 4½-Litre Sports Saloon with matching numbers, owned by the same family since 1935. The estimate is set at £150,000 – £250,000... but we all know about the current market appetite for 'barn-finds', especially for highly original cars with a story to tell. A little time, patience and cash could also see a 1950 Bristol 402 Drophead Coupé or a 1969 Aston Martin DB6 Mkl Vantage given a new lease of life. Just be prepared to call on professionals if necessary, though.

If you're looking to keep your own hands busy as the winter months close in, perhaps a 1930 BSA 770cc or 1921 Harley-Davidson Model F might be a more realistic project for you to resuscitate personally? Of course, those that prefer an easy life can always choose from a number of pristine classics in the auction lotlist, many of which have quite reasonable estimates attached.

Our favourites from Bonhams' 2015 Beaulieu auction



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