


# CLASSIC DRIVER



## 1931 Coventry Eagle Other

Stafford, 18 October

Lot sold	<b>USD 1 302 - 1 823</b> GBP 1 000 - 1 400 (listed)	Condition	Used
Year of manufacture	1931	Location	
Engine number	not located (49502 in logbook)	Motorcycle type	Street
		Colour	Other

### Description

1931 Coventry Eagle 147cc Silent Superb  
Registration no. HY 3440  
Frame no. not located (15302 in logbook)  
Engine no. not located (49502 in logbook)

Established in Victorian times as a bicycle manufacturer, Coventry-Eagle built a diverse range of motorcycles using proprietary (mainly JAP) engines from 1901 onwards, though machines only began to be produced in significant numbers after WWI. Six Coventry-Eagles were offered for 1923, all JAP-powered except for a Blackburne-engined 350, ranging from the formidable Flying Eight to the diminutive S14 Ultra-Lightweight. Most famous of these was the Flying Eight which, with its 1.0-litre JAP v-twin engine and muscular good looks, was a worthy rival for the Brough Superior and a formidable Brooklands racing machine. The early-1930s Depression forced Coventry-Eagle to abandon its larger models and concentrate on producing bread-and-butter lightweights. Before then, a landmark development had been the introduction in 1927 of a two-stroke lightweight featuring a novel pressed-steel frame, and this method of construction spread to larger models the following year, remaining a characteristic of the marque until motorcycle production ceased. One of the most significant introductions was the Silent Superb, a well-specified 147cc lightweight that first appeared in 1931 alongside a less well-equipped and cheaper version. Produced initially with Coventry Eagle's own engine, the range was updated with 148cc Villiers engines in 1933 and continued in this form until 1940. This Silent Superb is offered for restoration and comes with an old-style RF60 logbook. It should be noted that the registration 'HY 3440' does not appear on the HPI database.

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