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## 1952 Rover 75

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Lot sold	<b>USD 1 320 - 1 980</b> GBP 1 000 - 1 500 (listed)	Drive	LHD
Year of manufacture	1952	Condition	Used
Chassis number	24300550	Location	
Number of seats	2	Fuel type	Petrol
Drivetrain	2wd	Exterior colour	Other
Lot number	601		

### Description

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The ex-'Siegfried Farnon', All Creatures Great and Small

1952 Rover 75 Saloon

Registration no. 483 LHY

Chassis no. 24300550

"The Rover 75 and its derivatives were to prove that Spencer Wilks hadn't lost his touch by offering the traditional formula of Rover's good engineering with comfortable and discreet interior ... " - Jonathan Wood, The Enthusiast's Guide to British Postwar Classic Cars, Osprey, 1980.

This handsome and decidedly upper-middle-class 1950s Rover 75 will be familiar to millions of TV viewers as that driven by vet Siegfried Farnon (played by actor Robert Hardy) in the BBC's popular series All Creatures Great and Small (1988-1990). During filming the Rover was registered 'GFC 529' having previously been registered 'RPJ 18'. A signed photograph of Robert Hardy 'Best wishes to my old Rover' is included in the sale. Interestingly, this Rover 75 was first owned by Harold Harrington Balfour, 1st Baron Balfour of Inchrye, a former WWI flying ace and politician who as Under Secretary of State for Air in 1944 was instrumental in the establishment of Heathrow Airport (see photocopied logbook on file). The previous owner purchased the Rover at Brooks' Earls Court auction in October 1991 (Lot 29). Offered for restoration and sold strictly as viewed, the car comes with the aforementioned documentation and a V5 registration document.

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