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**FOR SALE BY ONLINE AUCTION**  
**14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024**  
**REGISTER TO BID 7 DAYS PRIOR**  
**(Unless sold Prior)**



**Approximately 10.45 Acres of Grassland**  
**At North of Ferny Knowle, Upper Hulme, Leek,**  
**Staffordshire, ST13 8UG**

**Guide Price £4,000 - £5,000 Per Acre**



### Situation

The land lies off the main A53, Leek to Buxton Road, by taking the left hand turn after approximately 4 miles from Leek, which gives a right of way as shown coloured in brown on the attached land registry plan.

The land lies 4.7 miles from Leek and 8.3 miles from Buxton.

The location of the land is shown in red on the attached plan.

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### Description

The land comprises a sound block of ring fenced undulating grassland extending to 10.45 acres or thereabouts, and being suitable for grazing purposes. It is also considered that the land may well be of interest to those with enviromental interest

It is noted that there is a small wooden railed livestock catching pen.



The land can be further described in the schedule below: -

<u>OS Field No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Area (Ac)</u>
5117	Grassland	<b>10.45 acres or 4.23 hectares or thereabouts</b>

- **Sound Block of Undulating Grassland**
- **Access Via a Track off the Main A53, Leek to Buxton Road**
- **Ring Fenced**

Messrs. Graham Watkins & Co. for themselves and for the vendor or lessor of this property whose agents they are, give notice that:

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All statements contained in these particulars as to this property are made without responsibility on the part of the Messrs. Graham Watkins & Co. or the vendor or lessor;

None of the statements contained in these particulars as to this property are to be relied on as statements or representations of fact;

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### **Services**

The land is not connected to mains water but does have a natural water supply

### **Land Registry**

The land is held on the land registry under title number SF573351, a copy of the plan is attached.

### **Tenure and Possession**

The land is held freehold and vacant possession will be given upon completion.

### **Local Authority**

The local authority is Staffordshire Moorlands District Council to whom interested parties should make their enquiries of planning or other relevant matters.

### **Viewings**

At any reasonable time with a set of these particulars.

### **Conditions of Sale**

The conditions of the sale will be available on line through the Auctioneers seven days prior to the sale. The purchaser will be deemed to have knowledge of the Conditions of Sale and to have satisfied themselves on all matters contained or referred to either there or in the sales particulars.

### **Buyer(s) Fee**

The successful buyer of each lot shall be required to pay a buyer's fee of £500 + VAT (£600 including VAT) to the auctioneers. This is due on the fall of the hammer. The buyer will be provided with a VAT receipt following the auction.

### **Mapping**

The plans provided in these particulars are indicative and for identification purposes.

### **Wayleaves & Easements**

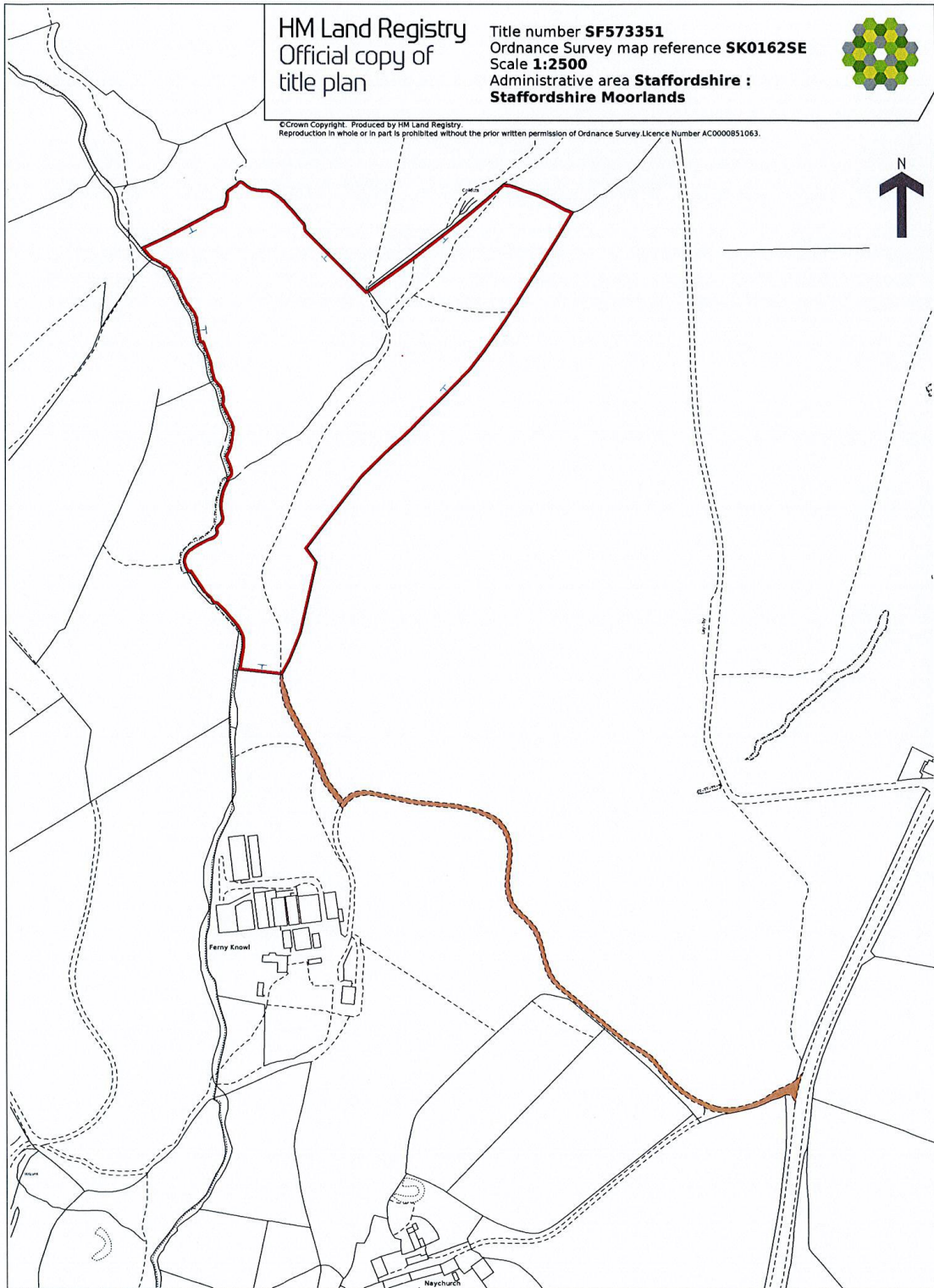
The land is sold subject to and with the benefits of all rights, including rights of way, whether public or private, light, support, drainage, water and electricity supplies and other rights and obligations, easements, quasieasements and restrictive covenants and all existing and proposed wayleaves for masts, pylons, stays, cables, drains and water, whether or not referred to in these stipulations, the particulars or special conditions of sale.

**Solicitors Details**

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# Land Registry Plan



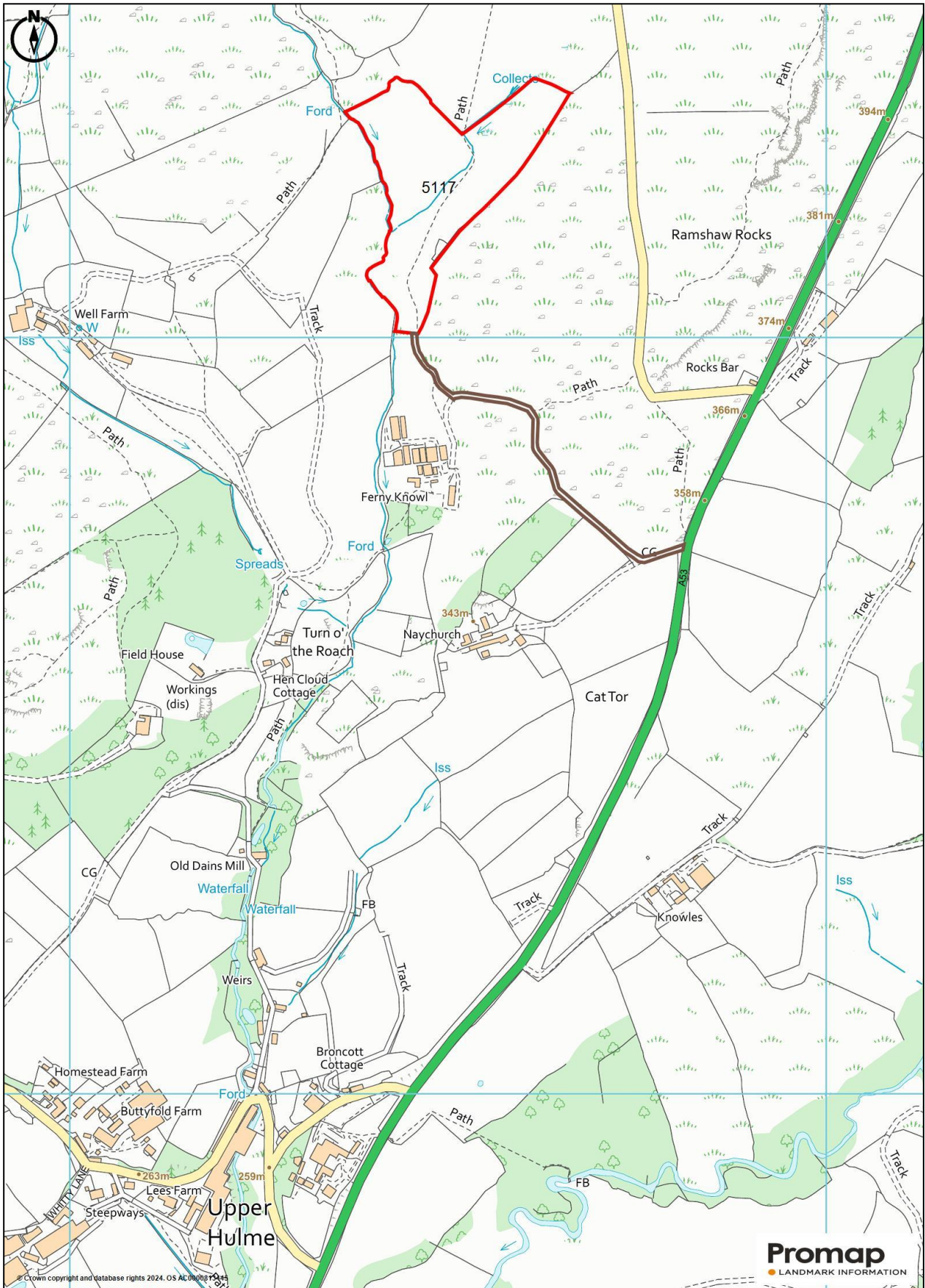
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This plan is published for convenience only and although believed to be correct its accuracy is not guaranteed and it shall not be deemed to form part of the contract.

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# Online Buying Guide

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- Registration and contract accessible SEVEN DAYS BEFORE the auction and no sooner. Register via the blue box on our website listing.
- Needed for registering - contact details, bank details ID and solicitor's details. You may need to register for lots individually.
- 9am auction day – bidding starts on all lots. Either bid throughout the day or put in a maximum bid and the system will bid up to that amount for you. Each lot has an individual finish time from 5pm onward, the running order will be advertised.
- **ADVISORY:** bidding at the last moment is not recommended. Losing internet connection may not submit your bid and you risk losing out.
- If successful, you will receive an email the following day detailing the next steps. We contact both yours and the vendor's solicitor too, so please ensure to enter your solicitor's details when registering.
- If unsuccessful, the pending transaction disappears within days, and you incur no costs.
- **IN DEPTH DETAILS LISTED BELOW**

## **INTRODUCING GRAHAM WATKINS & CO ONLINE AUCTIONS**

Graham Watkins & Co Online Auctions is a new, innovative and pioneering platform for buying and selling property.

It provides all the benefits synonymous with traditional auctions, including: speed and certainty of sale, transparency and zero risk of gazumping or double-selling, but with the added advantage of being able to bid pressure free from the comfort of your own home or office via desktop, tablet or mobile phone.

### **REGISTRATION**

#### **A STRAIGHTFORWARD PROCESS FROM START TO FINISH**

In order to bid at Graham Watkins & Co Online Auctions you will first need to create an account by providing your contact details. You will be required to verify your email address, by clicking an activation link that we'll send to you via email. Once you've created an account you can 'watch' lots that you're interested in (you'll be kept up-to-date throughout the auction cycle), as well as gain access to the legal packs. In order to place a bid on a lot you will need to complete the bidder registration steps, as detailed below.

Please note, the first time you register to bid you will also be asked to verify your mobile number and upload copies of your photo ID (e.g. driver's licence or passport) and recent proof of address (dated within the last 3 months). This is required so we can easily keep in touch and helps us confirm your identity in the event of you purchasing a lot.

### **ACCEPT TERMS**

#### **ENSURE YOU READ, UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE TERMS AND**

### **CONDITIONS**

You will be asked to read and accept our Online Auction Terms and Conditions. Additionally, there may be specific documentation relating to the sale of the property you're registering to bid on that will need to be read and accepted before you are able to bid.

Once accepted, you will receive a copy of the document(s) via email for your own records.

### SPECIFY YOUR SOLICITOR

#### **PROVIDE DETAILS OF YOUR CHOSEN SOLICITOR**

You will be asked to provide details of your chosen solicitor, so that in the event of you winning the lot we can initiate the necessary legal proceedings between yours and the vendor's solicitors.

### AML CHECK

#### **COMPLETE AN ONLINE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING CHECK**

Graham Watkins are required by law to carry out an online anti-money laundering check on all persons wishing to bid. You will be asked to provide information to verify your identity, including your date of birth, addresses for the last 3 years and at least one of passport, driving licence or national insurance number.

### BIDDER SECURITY

#### **REGISTER YOUR CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD FOR THE BIDDER SECURITY**

In order to bid online you will be required to register a credit or debit card for the bidder security deposit. We use Stripe who provide a secure, online card registration facility, and they will attempt to place a 'hold on funds' on your account for the bidder security amount (often known as a 'payment shadow' as no money is taken at this stage). The bidder security amount will be clearly displayed when registering your card.

On the fall of the electronic gavel, the winning bidder's card will be automatically debited for the bidder security amount, whilst all the unsuccessful bidder's cards will have their shadow payments released (this can take several days depending on the card provider). For more information about this process please read the detailed explanation at the end of this document.

### AUCTIONEER REVIEW

#### **FINAL STEP – AUCTIONEER REVIEW**

Once you have completed the bidder registration steps, Graham Watkins & Co will review your registration to bid. We may contact you to obtain some additional information, so that we can electronically verify your identity with a credit reference agency this is a quick and simple process which leaves a 'soft footprint' and doesn't affect your credit score. You will be notified by email as soon as you have been approved to bid.

### DUE DILIGENCE

#### **RECOMMENDED DUE DILIGENCE BEFORE BIDDING**

In general terms, you are strongly advised to view the property and take professional advice as to its condition and suitability. You should also ensure that you thoroughly read and understand the legal pack and any other associated documentation available online and take proper legal advice accordingly. Finally, understand the contract you are entering into and the financial commitment that you will be liable for should you be the successful purchaser.

### GUIDES AND RESERVES

#### **UNDERSTAND THE GUIDE PRICE AND RESERVE PRICE**

##### **What is a Guide Price?**

A Guide Price is an indication as to where the Reserve is currently set. It is not necessarily what the auctioneer expects to sell the lot for and should not be taken as a valuation or estimate of sale price. The reserve will not exceed the Guide Price by more than 10% if it is a single figure Guide price, and if a Guide Price range is quoted, the Reserve will fall within that range.



## BIDDING

### **What is a Reserve Price?**

The Reserve is the minimum figure that the Auctioneer is currently authorised by the vendor to sell the property for. Please note that Reserve is liable to change throughout the course of marketing. The Auctioneer reserves the right to lower the Reserve during the auction to a level that matches the existing highest bid. In the event that there were no further bids, the bidder who placed that 'highest bid' will be declared the purchaser at the end of the auction process.

### **STRESS-FREE BIDDING FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME**

When the auction opens, you will be able to place bids in line with the pre-determined bid increment levels, using the bid increase (+) and decrease (-) buttons provided. Having set your preferred bid amount and clicking the 'Place Bid' button, you will be asked to confirm your bid at which point it will be placed.

Every time you submit a bid you will be clearly shown whether your bid was successful, and a full list of all bids is displayed on-screen at all times.

### **Maximum (proxy) bids**

You are not restricted to placing a bid at the minimum bid amount but can instead increase your bid and place a maximum (proxy) bid in the system. By setting a maximum bid, the system will automatically bid on your behalf to maintain your position as the highest bidder, up to your maximum bid amount. If you are outbid, you will be notified via email so you can opt to increase your bid if you so choose.

### **How proxy bids work with the reserve price**

Virtually every lot is sold subject to a reserve price (the minimum price that the auctioneer is authorised to sell for on the day). When you submit a maximum bid, the actual bid placed by the system will depend on where the reserve price is in relation to your maximum bid, as defined below.

### **If your maximum bid is below the reserve price**

- The system will place an immediate bid at your maximum bid amount.

### **If your maximum bid is at or above the reserve price**

- The system will automatically increase your bid to be at the reserve and will only bid again on your behalf if you are subsequently outbid by another bidder (up to your maximum bid amount).
  - If another bidder has already placed the same maximum bid or higher, they will be the highest bidder at you max bid level and the system will notify you via email so you can place another bid.

NB: Your maximum bid is kept completely confidential – it's presence or amount are not disclosed to the auctioneer, vendor or any other bidder.

## BIDDING EXTENSIONS

### **BIDDING THE BIDDING EXTENSION WINDOW ELIMINATES 'BID SNIPING'**

Unlike eBay, bid sniping is impossible on our online auction platform. All auctions will close as per their advertised 'Auction End Date', however if a bid is placed within the final 60 seconds of the auction's scheduled end time the auction will be extended by an additional 60 seconds – known as the 'bidding extension window'.

If a bid is placed in the bidding extension window, the countdown clock will immediately reset to 60 seconds again, and the auction will only finish when an entire 60 second bidding extension window passes without any further bids being placed, i.e. 60 seconds of 'bidding silence'. This ensures every bidder has a fair and equal opportunity to place another bid.

Do not leave your bid to the last few seconds. It gives you no advantage, you risk your bid not being received by the server in time and you could lose the lot to another bidder.

Bidding is based on the server time and not your device which could be up to 2 seconds behind the server.

## FALL OF THE GAVEL

### **FALL OF LEGAL POSITION WHEN YOU'VE WON THE AUCTION**

We offer property for sale by immediate, unconditional contract. This means that the fall of the electronic gavel constitutes an exchange of contracts between the buyer and seller. Both parties are legally bound to complete the transaction – usually within 28 days following the close of the auction but this will be confirmed within the legal documentation.

## POST AUCTION

### **WE'LL GUIDE YOU THROUGH TO COMPLETION**

If you are the successful purchaser, we'll be in touch following the online auction to discuss the next steps. The system will take the bidder security amount from your registered credit or debit card (all underbidders will have their hold on funds released); the contract will then be signed on your behalf with copies being sent to both your solicitor and the seller's solicitor and the successful purchaser will be required to transfer a 10% deposit to the auctioneer, or as directed.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:- GRAHAM WATKINS & Co ON 01538 373308**

## PAYMENTS EXPLAINED

### **PAYMENTS HOW THE PAYMENT REGISTRATION WORKS**

In order to bid online you are required to submit details of a credit or debit card. When you register your card, we will be placing a hold on funds on your credit card (or bank account if you use a debit card), to the value of the bidder security deposit. This means that the amount we're holding will affect the available amount you have to spend on your card, as the amount will be ring-fenced and you will not be able to spend it until the hold has been released.

If you are the winning bidder then the amount will be taken in full from your registered credit card or bank account **immediately following the close of the auction**. If you are not a winning bidder then the hold on funds will be released from your card, but be aware that it can take anything from a few hours up to several days for the hold to be released (dependent on the card issuer). If in doubt, contact your card issuer. Please be aware that you will not have access to the funds until the hold has been released.