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Tuesday 7th December 2010Royal Horticultural Halls
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1966 Aston Martin DB6

Undiscovered in a Shropshire barn for the last three decades

**Lot 764**Registration
Number: KLV 401DChassis Number:
DB62778REstimate:
£40,000 - £50,000

The DB6 marked the first substantial evolutionary change from a design that first appeared as the DB4 in 1958. The DB4 and the DB5 that followed were beautiful cars with impressive performance, but Aston Martin felt that a wider market required increased front and rear leg room, the slight lack of which had always been a criticism of the DB4/DB5. In order to achieve this, the platform chassis was lengthened, increasing wheelbase by almost four inches which also meant a structural change at the rear of the car. The DB4 and DB5 used the Superleggera method of construction developed by coachbuilders Touring of Milan, whereby aluminium body panels were attached to a lightweight steel tube frame, but the DB6's extended rear necessitated a stronger and more rigid structure using folding sheet metal frames. The rear of the car now featured the celebrated flicked-up 'Kamm tail', improving the airflow over the car to improve high-speed grip.

Power was provided by the same 3,995cc twin overhead camshaft, straight six engine developing 282bhp at 5,500rpm. Launched in October 1965 at the London Motor Show the DB6 received a warm welcome. Inevitably slightly heavier than its predecessors because more spacious, it had lost none of the DB5's performance.

Today's example is that very rare beast, a true barn find. Undiscovered for 3 decades, the car has been hidden away in deepest rural Shropshire and with a little time and care will be back on the road in all its glory.

KLW 401D, a 1966 model, was purchased by the present owner on 3rd August 1982 and enjoyed by him until October 1985 (as can be seen from the tax disc which expired on 31/10/85) where it was parked in the barn exactly as you see in the pictures; with the key in the ignition and remained in the same position ever since.

The car was first registered on 5th July 1966 and passed through the hands of two keepers before the current vendor. The barn has preserved the car well and the use of a de-humidifier has helped greatly with KLW 401D in good overall condition.

It is fitted with its original engine, number 4002867, is finished in green with a cream hide interior and fitted with the very desirable manual gearbox. Documentation includes a V5 document.

Examples like this are rare and very much in demand; this makes KLW 401D an ideal and most rewarding restoration project for any enthusiast.

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