



1
Late Victorian gold mounted diamond/tourmaline pendant brooch, stylised foliate design, 2in, original leather case. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £2,800. ABP: £3,293.*



2
Diamond brooch, cased. *Bellmans, Wisborough Green. Mar 10. HP: £2,800. ABP: £3,293.*



3
Pair of 18ct white gold and diamond drop ear studs, in Bentley & Co box, total weight approx 1.85cts. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £2,700. ABP: £3,175.*



4
Pair 1930s Ceylon, sapphire & brilliant cut diamond drop earrings, 1.5in, Montevideo box. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £2,500. ABP: £2,940.*



5
Lady's 2 stone diamond ring, early brilliant cut stones, each approx 1 carats, white gold crown setting, yellow gold shank, 18ct h/m, size L or 5.3/4 US. (5.3g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Nov 09. HP: £2,250. ABP: £2,646.*



6
Belle Epoque platinum diamond set white gold bow brooch, 1.75in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £2,200. ABP: £2,587.*



7
Antique moonstone brooch/hair ornament, carved moonstone, 18mm, 'The Man in the Moon', chip to left cheek, in crescent of 16 old cut diamonds, total weight approx 1.70 carats, star to top with 6 small diamonds, set in silver & 9ct gold, gross 7.3g, hair fitting missing. *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Nov 09. HP: £2,200. ABP: £2,587.*



8
Pair of diamond stud earrings, central brilliant cut stone surrounded by two diamond halos. *Charterhouse, Sherborne. Feb 10. HP: £2,200. ABP: £2,587.*



9
1930s platinum set emerald and diamond cluster ring, central octagonal cut emerald within a border of brilliants, size I. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £2,200. ABP: £2,587.*



10
Pair of diamond clips, set in ribbon form with central stone, 42 smaller stones and 5 baguettes within white gold, and fitting into a brooch mount, 2.25in wide overall, approx diamond weight 3.80cts. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 09. HP: £2,000. ABP: £2,352.*



11
18ct white gold three stone diamond ring, total weight approx 2.30cts, size N. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £2,000. ABP: £2,352.*



12
Edwardian gold ruby/diamond set dress ring, central oblong cut ruby flanked by bands of brilliant cut diamonds, size M. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £2,000. ABP: £2,352.*



13
14ct white gold ring, marquise stone set within marquise set shoulders. *Charterhouse, Sherborne. Feb 10. HP: £2,000. ABP: £2,352.*



14
Two carat diamond solitaire ring, round old cut diamond weighing approx 2cts, estimated assessed colour J/K, assessed clarity S11/S12, platinum six double claw setting and shoulders each set with three small round cut diamonds to an 18ct yellow gold shank. *Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Nov 09. HP: £1,900. ABP: £2,234.*



15
Victorian 15ct gold and cabochon garnet bracelet, 7in, in original Tessiers box. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £1,700. ABP: £1,999.*



16
1970s stylish 18ct gold necklace and matching bracelet, gross 123 grams. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £1,650. ABP: £1,940.*



17
Edwardian ruby/diamond set gold and platinum four leaf clover brooch, 1.25in, original box. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £1,600. ABP: £1,882.*



18
18ct white gold solitaire diamond ring, brilliant cut shoulders, central stone approx 0.95cts, size P. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £1,600. ABP: £1,882.*

The Jewellery Market

by John Ainsley

Readers continue to request market information on jewellery prices, a category we cover frequently. The market is huge and the interest intense. In 2009 the RICS Surveys showed that, after silver, jewellery was the second strongest sector, with a net rise of +37 point. Silver and jewellery are traditional safe havens in troubled times, particularly when derisory interest rates are being offered for savings. Prices are also related to the meteoric rises in scrap precious metal values, an area we have also covered in depth. For the latest market stats and RICS Report, and scrap metal prices, see pages 4-5 etc.

I have selected over a hundred jewellery lots from sales at auction over the last six months. To ensure I cover the most popular range I have restricted the selection to, from under £3,000 hammer down to £500 hammer across all categories of jewellery. The price rises over the last few years are soon obvious. Looking at 2006-2007 results, prices, including premium for average one carat solitaires is about £600-£750. Move on to 2009-2010 and prices are averaging about a £1,000. Remember of course that individual values are controlled not only by carat weight, but also by the clarity and the colour of the diamonds as well as style, age, quality and condition, plus market factors on the day. Auctions will offer advice to prospective buyers unfamiliar with either the technicalities of the subject or who are unfamiliar with buying at auction. The market offers unlimited variety of period, style and price at about only two fifths to a half at the most, of high street prices for new jewellery. Our Database tells the story but here are some examples. Check out images 1, 4, 6 and 7. Such exquisite jewellery cannot be found new and is in high demand. The later Victorian and early twentieth century is the classic period. To get a feel for this jewellery see the Edwardian diamond and ruby ring at 28. The colour and the clarity of the central one carat brilliant cut diamond is good and the eight 0.15s in support add up to a total of 2.2 carats, probably set in platinum on an 18 carat gold shank, for just £1,500! And similarly at 60, see a further variation of the cluster ring with 1.75 carats of diamonds for under £900. I recently took a walk down our high street. Typically small 0.25 carat solitaires were £499 and 0.5 carat solitaires £899 and £949. Buying new should never be an option and frequently represents an ill considered approach to the jewellery market as well as a rather careless use of the personal budget! Currently I am advising a friend's son on a solitaire engagement ring in the £2,000 range. He **will** be buying at auction. I will leave the reader to study the 100 or so lots. Don't miss the range of styles and periods which are not available in the new goods sector. Check out the art deco rings with old European cut stones at 93 and 101. I find that older hand cut diamonds have a charm that it is simply not possible to reproduce with machine cut stones.



19
Two colour gold and pearl bracelet, French, last quarter 19thC, case detailed Lemoine Fils, Paris. Bellmans, Wisborough Green. Mar 10. HP: £1,500. ABP: £1,764.



20
Edwardian gold opal and diamond pendant, target form, 1.25in. Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £1,500. ABP: £1,764.



21
Diamond and platinum floral bow double clip brooch, 125 round brilliant cut diamonds and six channel set baguette cut diamonds, (one diamond deficient) total diamond weight approx 4cts, 48 x 38mm, 14.9gms. Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Nov 09. HP: £1,400. ABP: £1,646.



22
Emerald and diamond fancy cluster ring, centre emerald approx 11.7 x 10.4mm, approx 6.5cts, sunray effect surround of 12 tapered baguette cut and 20 round cut diamonds, total diamond weight approx 3cts, 14ct yellow gold claw settings, mount/shank. Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Dec 09. HP: £1,400. ABP: £1,646.



23
18ct white gold and diamond cluster pendant, with central brilliant cut stone within a double band set with brilliants, 0.75in, fine link chain. Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £1,400. ABP: £1,646.



24
Diamond pendant, central brilliant cut stone surrounded by a diamond halo on a white coloured metal chain. Charterhouse Auctioneers, Sherborne. Feb 10. HP: £1,400. ABP: £1,646.



25
1930s platinum, sapphire and diamond cluster ring, oblong cut sapphire within a border of brilliants, size J. Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £1,400. ABP: £1,646.



26
Heavy 18ct gold textured two colour bracelet, flexible brick link design, 24mm wide, tongue snap clasp with double safety clips, approx 96.6gms. Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Mar 10. HP: £1,375. ABP: £1,617.



27
Platinum solitaire diamond ring, approx 0.90cts, with baguette cut shoulders, size K. Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £1,300. ABP: £1,529.



28
Large diamond cluster ring, centre round brilliant cut diamond weighing approx one carat, assessed clarity SI, assessed colour G/H, surround of eight 0.15 carat round brilliant cut diamonds, total diamond weight approx 2.2 carats, white claw settings and 18ct gold shank. Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Jan 10. HP: £1,300. ABP: £1,529.



29
Dachshund dog brooch, with diamond chips and garnet eye. Charterhouse Auctioneers, Sherborne. Feb 10. HP: £1,300. ABP: £1,529.



30
Edwardian 15ct gold and platinum sapphire/diamond mounted quartz brooch, of winged torc design, 3in. Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £1,200. ABP: £1,411.



31
Pair of 18ct white gold mounted nine stone diamond cluster ear studs. Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £1,200. ABP: £1,411.

The prices quoted are actual Hammer Prices (HP) followed by the Approximate Buyer's Price (ABP) which includes an average buyer's premium of 15% + VAT.



32
Edwardian gold diamond and white opal heart shaped pendant, locket back, later curb link chain, pendant 1.75in. Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £1,200. ABP: £1,411.



33
Ornate antique snake necklet, approx 17in graduated serpentine links, slight discolouration possibly from perfume, ornate head set with four oval turquoise, amethyst set eyes, hanging from the mouth is a heart shaped pendant set with three circular turquoise, woven hair enclosed in back, tested 9ct gold, possibly better: (24.4g) A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 10. HP: £1,200. ABP: £1,411.



34
Georg Jensen Fusion ring, three, bi colour yellow and white gold shaped bands set with scattered, graduated brilliant cut diamonds, all marked 'Georg Jensen, 750, Denmark', weight 15.5gms, within original Georg Jensen box. Halls Fine Art, Shrewsbury. Nov 09. HP: £1,150. ABP: £1,352.



35
Art Deco diamond set white gold clip, 1in. Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £1,100. ABP: £1,293.



36
18ct gold four strand feather link bracelet, 7.75in, 71.5 grams. Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £1,100. ABP: £1,293.



37
Victorian style emerald, diamond, ruby and white opal set gold dragonfly brooch, 2in. Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £1,100. ABP: £1,293.



38
Solitaire diamond ring, a brilliant cut stone claw set, 18ct white gold shank 0.54ct, size Q, stamped 750. Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 09. HP: £1,050. ABP: £1,235.



39
Early Victorian rose diamond set gold flower pendant, with brooch and pin mount, 2in, in original leather case. Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £1,000. ABP: £1,176.



40
Sapphire and diamond three stone ring, platinum setting. Charterhouse Auctioneers, Sherborne. Feb 10. HP: £1,000. ABP: £1,176.



41
Blue enamelled gold and diamond flower brooch, bears Cartier signature and no. L342, 2in, Cartier box. Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £1,000. ABP: £1,176.



42
Gold plain link bracelet, hung with three sovereigns, a 20 franc, an 1893 five dollar, two half sovereigns and a five roubles, gross 77 grams. Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £980. ABP: £1,152.



43
18ct gold double Albert with T bar; elongated alternate links, 15ct gold fob with compass and hardstone panel verso, 15in long, 82.2gms. Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 09. HP: £960. ABP: £1,129.



44
Three stone diamond ring, claw set in platinum on 18ct gold shank, size O. (approx 1.3ct). Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Feb 10. HP: £950. ABP: £1,117.



45
Two strand graduated coral bead necklace, with gold clasp, 26in. Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £950. ABP: £1,117.

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46
18ct gold necklace, graduated engine turned cylindrical links, 16.5in, 74.2gms. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 09. HP: £940. ABP: £1,105.*



47
18ct gold curb link Albert, 17.5ins, 63.5g. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £940. ABP: £1,105.*



48
18ct gold flexible strap bracelet, engine turned with embossed border, 7in long, 72.7gms. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 09. HP: £900. ABP: £1,058.*



49
Aquamarine pendant, oval cut aquamarine set in mille-grain surround setting, two brilliant cut aquamarine drops on platinum chain. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Mar 10. HP: £900. ABP: £1,058.*



50
Gold muff chain, belcher links, 60in long, 9ct gold pendant mount containing a George IV two pound piece, chain unmarked, tested as 14ct, total weight 72.6grams. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 09. HP: £890. ABP: £1,046.*



51
9ct gold curb link charm bracelet, three full sovereign gold coins dated 1907, 1964 and 1966, two half sovereign coins both 1905 and an American Eagle 2 1/2 D coin 1878, total weight approx 71gms. *Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Dec 09. HP: £885. ABP: £1,040.*



52
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, old cut diamond, approx 0.95 carat, in white gold crown setting with yellow gold shank, h/m 18ct, size P or 7.1/2 US. (2.6g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 10. HP: £870. ABP: £1,023.*



53
Edwardian diamond set white gold brooch, modelled as a kris, 2.75in, original fitted case. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £850. ABP: £999.*



54
18ct gold fancy link muff chain, now interspaced with 9ct gold mounted turquoise links, length 78in, gross 59 grams. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £850. ABP: £999.*



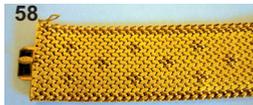
55
Pair 18ct white gold sapphire and diamond cluster ear studs, sapphires total weight 2.58cts. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £850. ABP: £999.*



56
Diamond five stone ring, five round old cut diamonds weighing total approx 2cts, 18ct yellow gold boat shaped head with carved scroll mount, 18ct gold shank, box. *Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Jan 10. HP: £820. ABP: £964.*



57
18ct gold diamond ring, in a marquise setting. *Charterhouse Auctioneers, Sherborne. Feb 10. HP: £800. ABP: £941.*



58
18ct gold bracelet, woven matt central section with polished honeycomb links, within polished link border, Birmingham import marks, 57g. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Mar 10. HP: £800. ABP: £941.*



59
18ct gold curb link Albert, 1887 sovereign fob, 15in, gross 53g. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £770. ABP: £905.*

Images are in descending hammer price order. The price range is indicated at the start of each section.



60
Lady's diamond ring, seven brilliant cut diamonds in flower shaped cluster, approx 1.75 carats in total, set in white gold with yellow gold shank, h/m 18ct, size M or 6 US. (4.7g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 10. HP: £760. ABP: £893.*



61
9ct gold white opal and diamond cluster ring, size O. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £750. ABP: £882.*



62
Cartier gold leaf brooch, set with a ruby, diamond and blue enamelled butterfly, signed Cartier, London, 1.2in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £750. ABP: £882.*



63
Diamond set hinged bangle, sixty round cut diamonds set to openwork garland style integral front, total diamond weight approx 2cts, set in gold with white rhodium plated finish. *Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Dec 09. HP: £700. ABP: £823.*



64
18ct gold sapphire and diamond cluster ring, size K. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £700. ABP: £823.*



65
1930s diamond set white gold pendant, eight simulated jade drops, 1.25in (reconstructed) and three diamond set baton links, 1.75in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £700. ABP: £823.*



66
Diamond cluster ring, three central baguette cut stones in a border of small brilliants, claw set to an 18ct gold shank, size N 1/2. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Mar 10. HP: £700. ABP: £823.*



67
Diamond set 18ct gold fan shaped pendant, set with numerous brilliants and a row of princess cut stones, hung with a tear shaped pearl, 2in long. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Mar 10. HP: £700. ABP: £823.*



68
9ct gold necklace with 9ct crucifix, weight 92.3gms. *Boldon Auction Galleries, Tyne & Wear. Mar 10. HP: £700. ABP: £823.*



69
Two strand graduated pearl necklace, 149 pearls in all, domed circular white metal clasp set with rose cut diamonds, 21.5in long. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 09. HP: £650. ABP: £764.*



70
Georg Jensen foliate design silver necklace, No. 15, 15in and a matching bracelet, No. 11, 8in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £650. ABP: £764.*



71
Pair of Victorian 9ct gold cufflinks, enamelled with one penny stamps, in leather case. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £650. ABP: £764.*



72
Sapphire brooch, sapphires interspersed with flowerheads. *Charterhouse Auctioneers, Sherborne. Feb 10. HP: £650. ABP: £764.*



73
Antique cameo pendant necklace, oval carved shell, approx 50 x 40mm, bust portrait of a lady with a lyre, gold frame with scroll pattern in places, double strand fancy serpentine link chain, part of chain with bobbles in between holding strands together, two bobbles require touch solder, approx 17in, fitted with snap type fastener, tested 9ct gold, chain possibly better. (gross 40.8g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 10. HP: £640. ABP: £752.*



74
9ct gold double Albert chain with Georgian full sovereign fob, coin dated 1830, total weight approx 50gms. *Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Dec 09. HP: £630. ABP: £741.*



75
1930s Art Deco emerald and diamond hexagonal cluster ring, size M. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £620. ABP: £729.*



76
Chinese 18ct gold stiff bracelet, engraved with a phoenix and dragon, 48 grams. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £620. ABP: £729.*



77
Pair of antique jade/diamond drop earrings, drop approx 47mm, carved & pierced rectangular pieces, approx 25 x 12mm, long triangular shaped hook wire fittings in white gold each set with 15 old cut diamonds, total weight approx 0.45 carats, tested 18ct. (gross 5.3g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 10. HP: £620. ABP: £729.*



78
Platinum and diamond eternity ring size L. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



79
Pair of 18ct gold mounted solitaire diamond ear studs. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



80
Edwardian single strand cultured pearl necklace, with diamond set clasp, 26in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



81
Pair of 18ct white gold and diamond drop earrings, 1.25in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



82
18ct gold two stone diamond cross-over ring, size K. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



83
Pair of gold diamond and facet cut amethyst drop earrings, 2in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



84
18ct gold five stone sapphire and diamond cluster ring, size L. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



85
Victorian 15ct gold and cabochon garnet bracelet, central cabochon in a tigers claw setting with snake link strap. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



86
Victorian gold snake necklace, with garnet set head and heart shaped drop, 16in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



87
Diamond five stone ring, five round old cut diamonds weighing total approx 1.5cts, claw set within an 18ct yellow gold pierced head and shank. *Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Jan 10. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



88
Antique jade butterfly brooch, approx 75 x 40mm, pierced & patterned wings, slight damage to one tip, been repaired with some unknown material, gold frame & body, small old cut diamonds for eyes, stamped & tested 18ct. (gross 14.9g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 10. HP: £560. ABP: £638.*



89
Five stone diamond ring, graduated baguette stones set on white gold shank, total weight approx 1ct, size M. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Mar 10. HP: £560. ABP: £658.*



90
18ct white gold aquamarine and diamond dress ring, size L. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £550. ABP: £646.*



91
Pair of 1930s 18ct gold cabochon amethyst diamond and quartz cufflinks, one lacking quartz centre. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £550. ABP: £646.*



92
Pair of Victorian silver, gold and diamond cluster earrings, in original leather case. *Gorringes, Lewes. Feb 10. HP: £550. ABP: £646.*



93
Lady's diamond set ring, five old cut stones, total approx 0.70 carats, diamond shaped setting, 3 open bars between each stone, larger stone to centre, in platinum, stamped, size M or 6 US. (3.2g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 10. HP: £540. ABP: £635.*



94
9ct gold graduating curb link double albert chain, two dog clip fasteners and T bar, pendant with loose mounted George V sovereign dated 1915, 70g total. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Mar 10. HP: £540. ABP: £635.*



95
Art Deco style platinum sapphire/diamond cluster ring, centre round blue sapphire approx 4cts, surround of 8 baguette cut diamonds, approx 3 x 1.5mm, 24 small round diamonds between, platinum settings mount and shank, gross weight approx 5.2gms. *Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Dec 09. HP: £520. ABP: £611.*



96
Two stone diamond ring, claw set with cross over shoulders on 18ct gold shank, size N. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 09. HP: £520. ABP: £611.*



97
14ct gold fringe necklace, 18in, 49 grams. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £520. ABP: £611.*



98
Three stone diamond ring, claw set on 18ct gold shank with diamond set shoulders, size P. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Nov 09. HP: £500. ABP: £588.*



99
19thC Indian rose diamond, foiled ruby and emerald set flower brooch, 1.5in. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £500. ABP: £588.*



100
9ct gold flat spectacle loop bracelet hung with approx 26 various charms incl. two seals, compass, articulated clown and a penguin, 82g gross. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 09. HP: £500. ABP: £588.*



101
Lady's antique diamond set ring, art deco with diamond shaped black onyx set in centre with old cut diamond, 5 old cut stones to either end, total weight approx 0.65 cts, white gold faced settings on yellow gold, stamped/tested 18ct, stamp slightly worn, size L or 5.3/4 US. (3.2g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 10. HP: £500. ABP: £588.*



102
Victorian coral necklace, central oval boss carved with flowers and leaves and hung on a pendant bell flower on a similar applied chain necklace, wirework backing. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Mar 10. HP: £500. ABP: £588.*



103
Lady's 9ct gold bracelet with 'buckle' fastening, brushed bark effect finish, 66g, 7in long. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Mar 10. HP: £500. ABP: £588.*