

Jewellery



1
Solitaire diamond ring, brilliant cut stone approx 1.20cts with small diamond shoulders, claw set in platinum, size L. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 06. HP: £3,600. ABP: £4,234.*



2
18ct gold marquise solitaire diamond ring 1.17ct, clarity VS2, colour F. *Cotswold Auction Co, Cirencester. Sep 07. HP: £3,000. ABP: £3,528.*



3
Platinum/diamond solitaire ring, stylish facet cut sapphire and emerald shoulders, central stone approx 1ct, size N. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 10. HP: £3,000. ABP: £3,528.*



4
Platinum solitaire diamond ring, approx 1ct, colour I/J, clarity VS2, with baguette cut shoulders, size N. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £2,400. ABP: £2,823.*



5
18ct white gold solitaire diamond ring, stylised mount, single stone approx 0.85cts, size M. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 10. HP: £2,300. ABP: £2,705.*



6
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, oval cut stone, weight approx 1.04 carats, clarity VVS2, colour E, tension set platinum shank, with an Anchor Cert diamond certification from the Birmingham Assay Office, laser engraved on girdle for security, platinum h/m, size N or 6.1/2 US. (11.1g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Aug 05. HP: £2,100. ABP: £2,470.*



7
Platinum set pear shaped diamond solitaire ring, GIA certificate weighing stone at 0.90cts, clarity CS1, colour grade I, size M. *Gorringes, Lewes. May 10. HP: £2,000. ABP: £2,352.*



8
Solitaire diamond ring, claw set in platinum with baguette shoulders, approx .90cts, size Q. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 06. HP: £1,800. ABP: £2,117.*



9
Platinum/diamond solitaire diamond ring, approx 1.05cts with baguette set shoulders, size L. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 09. HP: £1,800. ABP: £2,117.*



10
Solitaire diamond ring, claw set, 18ct gold shank, (1.13cts), size N. *Dee, Atkinson & Harrison, Driffield. Apr 06. HP: £1,600. ABP: £1,882.*



11
18ct gold/platinum solitaire diamond ring, with baguette cut shoulders, the central stone approx 0.95cts, size M. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 09. HP: £1,600. ABP: £1,882.*



12
18ct white gold diamond solitaire ring, approx 0.80cts, size L. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 09. HP: £1,600. ABP: £1,882.*



13
18ct white gold solitaire diamond ring, brilliant set shoulders, central stone approx 0.95cts, size P. *Gorringes, Lewes. Mar 10. HP: £1,600. ABP: £1,882.*



14
Solitaire diamond ring, old cut stone claw set in platinum shank, open scrollwork under shoulders, approx 1.2cts, size L. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Oct 08. HP: £1,550. ABP: £1,823.*



15
Solitaire diamond ring, pear shaped stone approx 1.16cts, claw set, platinum. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 06. HP: £1,500. ABP: £1,764.*



16
18ct gold/platinum solitaire diamond ring, brilliant cut stone approx 1.05cts, size P. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 08. HP: £1,500. ABP: £1,764.*



17
18ct gold solitaire diamond ring, approx 0.95cts, size M. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 09. HP: £1,500. ABP: £1,764.*



18
Platinum set solitaire diamond ring, approx 1.1ct, white G/H, SI2, size N. *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 09. HP: £1,500. ABP: £1,764.*



19
18ct gold mounted solitaire diamond ring, old mine cut cushion shaped stone approx 1.2cts, size P. *Gorringes, Lewes. May 10. HP: £1,500. ABP: £1,764.*



20
Solitaire diamond ring, claw set, platinum, approx 1ct, size K. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jun 07. HP: £1,450. ABP: £1,705.*

The Solitaire Market

By John Ainsley

Precious metals and jewellery have always been a safe haven and particularly now when investing in money is a poor option. Readers continue to show an interest in the jewellery market and I am surprised at how many are actively investing in this worthwhile area. After all, jewellery is functional. You can wear and enjoy and also see your investments grow.

Of course the carat weight of a diamond is obviously a determinate of value, but there are also just as important determinants such as clarity and colour and of course cut. For example at **1** a 1.2 carat platinum ring fetched over £4,200 whilst at **49** a similar example fetched £729. Both sales occurred in 2006, so clarity and colour, and perhaps condition would have all played their parts. Readers will see that some auctions do not catalogue clarity and colour gradings, but this information may be available for prospective buyers who ask for a 'Condition Report'. I also find that some auctions even then will not commit themselves to specific gradings, but will use expressions like 'slightly tinted' or 'some small inclusions visible on the edge of the table'. I like to get the opinion of the jewellery auctioneer. If he or she admires the ring and says for example that the diamond is bright and lively and is willing to suggest a likely selling price, then it is down to the prospective buyer and the market. Most pieces will fetch about their market value at auction. However this can be substantially below what you would pay if buying new. Most auctioneers agree that auction prices are exceeded by two to two and a half times on the high street and it is not uncommon to see items selling at some high street outlets at 400% of the usual auction price. Having said this some high street outlets dealing in secondhand jewellery can offer prices, not that much higher - say 20% more than at auction, without of course the lottery of the saleroom.

Notice the reoccurrences of the term 'round brilliant' or 'brilliant cut'. The 'round brilliant' is comparatively modern - say from the 1920s-30s on and has 58 facets, including the table and the culet. The 'old cut' or 'old European cut' is an earlier version but less precisely cut. Check out your diamonds with a jeweller's loupe - we sell one at 20x magnification, which also allows you to spot inclusions and gain an idea of clarity. Don't confuse 'old European cut', which is round, with 'old mine cut' which is cushion shaped. See **19**. Some solitaire diamond rings have diamond set shoulders, such as at **32** or **42** or with baguettes or even both. See **21**, **24**, **28** and **47**. Here is a handy carat weight guide. A 0.5 carat 'round brilliant' or 'old cut diamond' will be about 5.2mm in diameter. Three quarters of a carat will measure about 5.9mm, whilst the highly desirable 1 carat round stone is about 6.5mm. 2 carats is 8.2mm and 3 carats will measure about 9.5mm. Briefly, in the clarity gradings 'VVS' is good, meaning very, very small inclusions, 'VS' is quite good meaning very small inclusions. Then follows the 'S' grades of small inclusions followed by 'P' (from the French pique) which are more heavily included. See for example the lowly priced 1.1 carat solitaire at **52** with a 'P' grade.



21
Platinum set solitaire diamond ring, approx 1.05cts, flanked by brilliant cut shoulders, size J. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 09. HP: £1,400. ABP: £1,646.*



22
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, brilliant cut stone, approx 1.00ct, in white gold collet setting with yellow gold twist shank, 18ct h/m, size J or 5 US. (3.2g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Oct 06. HP: £1,300. ABP: £1,529.*



23
Platinum solitaire diamond ring, approx 0.90cts, baguette cut shoulders, size K. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £1,300. ABP: £1,529.*



24
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, brilliant cut stone, approx 1.10 carats, set in an 8 claw platinum crown, shoulder panels each set 3 graduated brilliant cut diamonds, shank stamped platinum, size Q or 8 US. (3.7g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Aug 07. HP: £1,200. ABP: £1,411.*



25
18ct white gold solitaire diamond ring, approx 1.05cts, size L *Gorringes, Lewes. Oct 08. HP: £1,200. ABP: £1,411.*



26
Platinum and princess cut solitaire diamond ring, approx 1ct, approx colour I/J VS1, size M. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 09. HP: £1,200. ABP: £1,411.*



27
Platinum set solitaire diamond ring, approx 1.16cts, size O. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 09. HP: £1,150. ABP: £1,352.*



28
Platinum set solitaire diamond ring, centre stone approx 1ct, baguette and round cut set shoulders. *Gorringes, Lewes. Dec 07. HP: £1,100. ABP: £1,293.*



29
18ct white gold solitaire diamond ring, baguette cut shoulders, approx 0.80cts, size N. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 09. HP: £1,050. ABP: £1,235.*



30
18ct gold solitaire diamond ring, approx 1.05cts, size L. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 09. HP: £1,000. ABP: £1,176.*



31
18ct white gold solitaire diamond ring, brilliant cut stone approx 1.00cts, in modern elliptical setting, size N. *Gorringes, Lewes. Sep 09. HP: £1,000. ABP: £1,176.*



32
1920s platinum solitaire diamond ring, central stone approx 0.90cts, brilliant cut diamond set shoulders, size N. *Gorringes, Lewes. May 10. HP: £1,000. ABP: £1,176.*



33
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, hexagonal brilliant cut stone, weight approx 1.00 carat, set in white gold crown with yellow gold shank, 18ct h/m size O or 7.1/4 US. (2.7g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Oct 06. HP: £970. ABP: £1,140.*



34
Solitaire diamond ring, old brilliant cut stone approx 1.2cts, claw set in 18ct gold shank. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 06. HP: £960. ABP: £1,129.*



35
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, brilliant cut stone, approx 1.00ct, white gold eight claw crown setting, yellow gold shank with open shoulders, tested 18ct, size O or 7.1/4 US. (2.8g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 07. HP: £950. ABP: £1,117.*



36
Solitaire diamond ring, brilliant cut stone approx 0.8cts claw set on an 18ct gold shank, size J. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Oct 08. HP: £880. ABP: £1,035.*



37
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, princess cut stone, approx 1.00 carat, all in white gold, tested 18ct gold, size P or 7.1/2 US. (3.0g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 09. HP: £880. ABP: £1,035.*



38
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.*



39
Platinum 1 carat rose cut diamond solitaire ring. *Great Western Auctions, Glasgow. Mar 07. HP: £860. ABP: £1,011.*



40
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, 1.00ct brilliant cut stone, set in white gold six claw crown, yellow gold shank, 18ct h/m, size O or 7.1/4 US. (3.9g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. May 10. HP: £860. ABP: £1,011.*



41
Solitaire diamond ring, platinum shank, brilliant cut stone approx 1.0ct. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Feb 07. HP: £750. ABP: £882.*



42
Platinum set solitaire diamond ring, approx 1 carat with brilliant set shoulders, size L. *Gorringes, Lewes. Jul 09. HP: £750. ABP: £882.*



43
Solitaire diamond ring, brilliant cut diamond approx 1.1cts claw set on 18ct white gold shank, size R. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Feb 08. HP: £720. ABP: £846.*

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.



44
Round brilliant cut diamond solitaire ring claw set into 18ct yellow gold TDWA 1.16ct. *Wellers Auctioneers, Chertsey. Jun 09. HP: £720. ABP: £846.*



45
Solitaire diamond ring, princess cut cognac diamond approx 1.08cts, claw set on 18ct gold shank, size O, with certificate. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Oct 07. HP: £700. ABP: £823.*



46
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, old cut stone, total weight 0.86 carats, set in platinum crown, platinum shoulders set with three small old cut diamonds, yellow gold shank, stamped 18ct & platinum, size L or 5.3/4 US (3.0g). *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Aug 07. HP: £660. ABP: £776.*



47
Gold mounted solitaire diamond ring, central brilliant cut stone approx 1.0cts, baguette set shoulders, size O. *Gorringes, Lewes. May 10. HP: £650. ABP: £764.*



48
Lady's diamond solitaire ring, old cut stone, approx weight 1.10 carats, white gold eight claw crown setting, yellow gold shank, 18ct h/m, size Q or 8 US. (4.3g) *A F Brock & Co Ltd, Stockport. Feb 07. HP: £640. ABP: £752.*



49
Solitaire diamond ring, central old-round cut diamond approx 1.2cts, set within diamond shoulders, platinum shank. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Jun 06. HP: £620. ABP: £729.*



50
Solitaire diamond ring, brilliant cut stone approx 0.9cts, claw set on 18ct gold shank with stepped moulded shoulders, size P 1/2. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 07. HP: £600. ABP: £705.*



51
Solitaire diamond ring, brilliant cut stone approx 0.8cts, claw set with diamond set shoulders, 18ct gold shank, size R 1/2. *Hartleys, Ilkley. Dec 07. HP: £520. ABP: £611.*



52
Diamond solitaire ring, round brilliant cut diamond weighing approx 1.10cts, assessed colour H/I, assessed clarity P1, high coronet ten claw illusion setting, 18ct yellow gold shank. *Biddle & Webb, Birmingham. Dec 08. HP: £500. ABP: £588.*