

Dr Richard Halliday

Long-time TCC member and board member, Dr Richard Halliday has now begun working for Charles Hanson at Hansons Auctioneers in the UK. Richard was asked by long-term friend Charles, post PhD, to be a ceramics consultant at his newly acquired saleroom at Bishton Hall, Staffordshire, UK. While Charles has two other salerooms, in Etwell, Derbyshire and in London, the Bishton site is tailor-made for Fine Art sales. Both Charles and Richard have an undeniable passion for British ceramics and are keen to promote this subject and get ceramics back to the forefront of people's minds where they deserve to be.



Bishton Hall, Staffordshire.

Richard, in one of his main roles, will be sourcing ceramics for 'Curated Ceramics and Glass' at Bishton Hall, where he is head of department. This specialist department deals very differently with collections than most other auction houses. Cataloguing collections in an academic way aims to enhance a piece and enables it to attain its true potential within the market. Furthermore, pieces are meticulously catalogued in smaller and often single-pieces-



Richard with one of his favourite pieces: A Wedgwood Water Lily bowl, c.1815.

per lot. This approach allows for better and more comprehensive descriptions so that private buyers and like-minded collectors can purchase pieces rather than large lots aimed predominantly at dealers. The vendor is involved at every step of the selling journey offering a tailored, personalised plan that works for each individual. Regular communication and consultation are the keys here to building a united relationship that the 'Curated Ceramics and Glass' department are renowned for.

Richard is excited by this new challenge and would offer any TCC member, dealer or collector, an excellent service and unmatched rate of commission if they chose to sell with Hansons Auctioneers. <https://hansonsauctioneers.co.uk/>