

IN THE SALEROOMS

Adam's

A pair of early 20th-century Kashmir sapphire brooches proved their worth at Adam's Fine Jewellery and Ladies Watches Auction on September 9.

The first (est €150,000 to €250,000) held a cushion-shaped sapphire weighing 6.53 carats. It sold for €540,000.

Weighing 8.24-carats, the second sapphire was slightly larger. The brooch (est €200,000 to €300,000) fetched €550,000, equalling the record-breaking price achieved for another Kashmir sapphire, which sold at Adam's in May.

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Hegarty Antiques

If you're in the market for an antique fireplace, the September auction at Hegarty Antiques has many options.

The live online sale, which takes place on Wednesday, September 24 from 11am, includes



**18th-century
French desk box;
and (below left) 6.53ct
Kashmir sapphire**

the lifetime collection of Noble Antiques, a Cork specialist in 18th and 19th-century fire surrounds.

Items for sale include an Italian marble firepiece (circa 1880) that was once in the Jack Lynch Room of the Metropole Hotel, Cork (Lot 85), and a Georgian marble fire surround (Lot 78).

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Matthews Auction Rooms

A sale of jewellery, gold, watches and silver takes place at Matthews Auction Rooms in Kells, Co Meath, on Tuesday, September 23 at 5.50pm.

"Gold and silver prices have jumped about 10pc since we catalogued this sale," says Damien Matthews.

"Most lots offered are at below their scrap weight prices, which seems incredible – but it's a crazy world right now."

He describes gold and silver as a safe haven for investors.

Highlights include a 5kg bar of pure silver, minted in Switzerland. (Lot 227: est €6,000 to €9,000); as well as an 18th-century French ladies desk box (Lot 151: est €2,500 to €3,500)

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Georgian marble fireplace surround, on sale at Hegarty Antiques, September 24