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**BLACKFORD 1903 210CC 1 CYL AIV 2912**



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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

**Blackford 1903 ca. 210cc AIV single frame & engine # 1 registration number BS8271.**

This motorcycle was made in 1903 by the Hereford City Waterworks and Sewage engineer Charles Arthur Blackford, who lived at the Outfall Works Lodge, Hereford.

It was registered on his name as CJ 230 and later transferred to his son in law, William Benjamin Brook. It was found about 1938 in a yard behind the brewery of Arnold Perrett Ltd. in Maylord Street, Hereford by George Butcher.

He was the proprietor of Fryer's Garage, located in Widemarsh Street.

The machine was almost complete, only missing its Brown & Barlow carburettor.

That had been taken off by an employee who wanted to make it run again.

Sometime during the early post-war years the Blackford was bought by the late Arthur Henry Foxtton, who saved a lot of early motorcycles in the years after the second world war by tracking down and restoring them.

When Mr. Foxtton had restored the machine -fitted with a 1909 B&B carburettor - a photograph was published in the local newspaper that was seen by the garage employee who had taken off the original carburettor.

He contacted Mr. Foxtton and the carburettor was reunited with the machine.

During restoration it was found that the engine was probably of earlier manufacture than the motorcycle because there was a platinum rod in the cylinder head that had been part of a hot-tube ignition system.

Mr. Foxtton contacted Harold Karlake, who was at that time the country's leading expert regarding old motorcycles.

Mr. Karlake suggested that it was similar to an engine that he made from a set of castings that were supplied about 1898.

This would mean this motorcycle has one of the earliest UK engines.

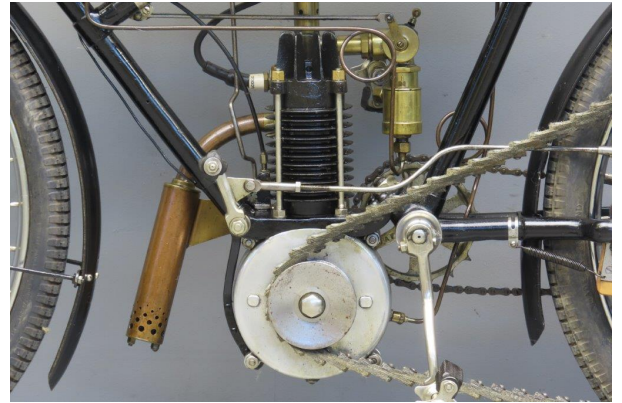
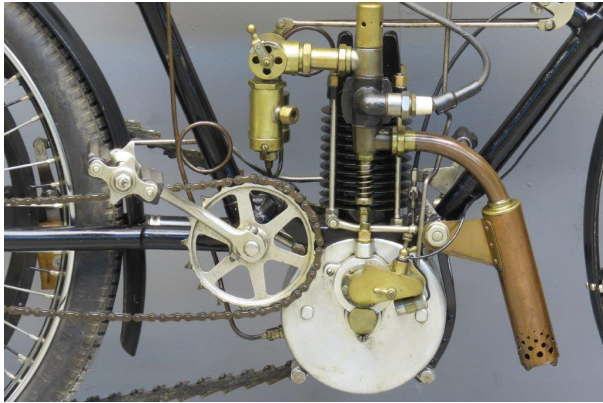
This machine is a "one-off", no others were made. After C.A. Blackford passed it to his son in law, Brook called it "New Penny".

This name is mentioned on the V5 registration document ; also note the 1904 Penny coins soldered to each sides of the petrol tank.

This intriguing early survivor comes with Pioneer Certificate and extensive history file and is in fine condition.



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