

Plastic lets you pick up a paddle quicker

MODERN life means getting used to all kinds of cards, ranging from credit and debit to travel and loyalty versions.

You can add to them now thanks to a neat little way to save time when you attend a **Holt's** auction in the capital. The Norfolk auctioneers, who hold their live sales at Princess Louise House in Hammersmith Road, west London, have come up with a 'Client Card' (see **above right**).

Embossed with your name and client number, owners can simply swipe the credit card-sized plastic card at the front desk when registering for a paddle to help speed up the process.

"We want to make the process of registering at sales as easy as possible for clients," says Nicholas Holt, who adds that they have been "extremely popular" so far.

"Registering for the card is straightforward and will allow us to be more effective in answering any queries you have regarding your account



by always having your personal client number to hand."

To apply for the free card, email info@holtsauctioneers.com. The next auction is on Thursday, June 18.

In another development, Holt's announced a partnership with Associated Foreign Exchange (AFEX), a global payment and risk management solutions specialist. The auction house will use AFEX to send money to overseas vendors, while Holt's clients buying an auction lot can also use AFEX to make their payment.

Holt's say the advantage for both parties is that payments made via AFEX can benefit from more advantageous exchange rates than those offered by high-street banks.