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A gold mounted varicoloured agate necklace, probably Scottish, second half of the 19th century, mounted with a row of varicoloured faceted baton shaped links, unmarked, weight 22.6g, length 80cm.

Estimate: £200 - £300

Condition Report

Under a 10x loupe there is both dirt buildup and an excess of glue in places at the joins between the agates and the gold mountings, making examination more difficult.

The shortest agate has some signs of abrasion towards one end, with glue evident, which would suggest it may have been repaired/shortened in the past.

Three or four of the gold mountings have small tears to them, most are compacted with dirt currently but seem to still be holding the agates securely. Two have what looks to be more significant historic repairs, with an untidy appearance to the metal.

Overall there are one or two nicks to the agates in places but generally they appear in good condition, with no obvious fractures. One or two of the agates have tapering ends, possibly these once were hidden by the mountings but are now showing. One or two are also shorter than the others, possibly a sign of old repairs but we cannot be certain.

There is a small extra section of chain present connected to one circular loop, possibly there was a central pendant at some stage in the past, but this is now lacking.

Overall the piece appears secure with perhaps expected historic repairs. None of the agates appear loose currently.

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