

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

10½" George II style silver salver

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REF: 6340

Diameter: 265 mm (10.43")

Weight: 708 g

Description

Shaped square George II style silver salver with moulded and applied border, and mounted on four scroll supports.

The term salver was used in England from the mid-seventeenth century to denote a flat tray without handles, usually made of silver. Like this one, some salver designs feature supporting feet - usually three or four.

The word derives from the Latin *salvare* meaning to save. Originally, food or drink intended for royalty would be initially tasted by a servant for signs of poison before it reached the royal top table. Being served on the salver indicated that this process had taken place and the food and drink was now fit for a king.

Salvers later became commonplace in aristocratic and wealthy homes and Samuel Pepys is recorded as an owner of a salver, signifying his high social standing.