

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

8" scroll & shell silver salver

Fordham & Faulkner

Sold



REF: 1947

Diameter: 205 mm (8.07")

Weight: 388 g

Description

An early George V silver salver made in the style of a design first made popular in the 1760s. The pie-crust-shaped, applied border is decorated with scrolls and scallop shells and the salver is mounted on three typical ball-and-claw supports.

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