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Antique & Contemporary Silver

10" George II style silver salver
Atkin Brothers

£850



REF: 6096

Diameter: 260 mm (10.24")

Weight: 578 g

Description

The shaped and applied moulded rim of this good quality, 10" silver salver is created in a George II variation of the traditional pie crust border and rests on four scroll supports.

Atkin Brothers was known for producing goods of an exceptional quality.

The serving tray as we know it today is an evolution of the salver, which was a term used in England from the mid-seventeenth century to denote a flat tray without handles, usually made of silver. 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.