

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Victorian regimental marksman's silver-plated tankard trophy

Elkington & Co

Sold



REF: 7276

Height: 200 mm (7.87")

Diameter: 100 mm (3.94")

Description

Made by premier Birmingham silversmith Elkington & Co, this handsome antique silver-plated quart size tankard of bellied form, is hand chased in fine detail with typical Victorian flourishes of floral work and foliage. The s-shaped scroll handle features an acanthus leaf pattern thumbpiece and the interior of the lid is gilded. The intricate decoration incorporates two oval panels; one adorned with a cast and applied plaque showing soldiers in a shooting competition while the other bears the inscription:

Presented by
Abraham Garrett Esq
to the 9th Suffolk
Rifle Volunteer Corps
for competition
by Members in the 2nd Class
won by
Private John Hegg
Sept 20, 1862

A tankard is a lidded drinking vessel. Unlidded drinking vessels with a handle are called mugs. Although it seems strange now to drink out of a lidded vessel this was the norm until the second half of the 18th century. Perhaps this was because ceilings were not plastered underneath, so without a lid you stood the risk of having dirt, straw and spiders dropping into your ale.