

SA1222577

Victorian Carved Whitby Jet "Mother" Brooch



Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1222577****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Description

A lovely Victorian brooch carved in jet with the legend "MOTHER" incised by hand across the front. Jet is a type of coal, made from driftwood which sinks to the floor of the sea and becomes slowly buried in mud, hardening over millions of years. Victorian jet, now extremely collectible, largely comes from the English seaside town of Whitby - not to be confused with "French jet", which is actually black glass. Jet was popularised by Queen Victoria, who wore only black mourning jewellery following the death of her beloved husband Prince Albert in 1861. Jet was expensive - both limited in supply and requiring skilled craftsmanship to carve without breaking - and popular cheaper alternatives included gutta percha, vulcanite and bog oak, as well as onyx. SIZE: 5 x 1.7cm. WEIGHT: 7.8g. MATERIALS: Jet, metal clasp. HALLMARKS/STAMPS: None. CONDITION: The brooch is in good antique condition with a nice sturdy clasp, though has a chip bottom front, see photos. ERA: Victorian (c.1837-1901).

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