

SA514856

Late C19th Gothic design
'country-house' type oak
posting or letter-box by
Hardman, Powell and Company.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA514856

Date of manufacture: 1890

Dimensions

Height = 38 cm (15.0")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 17 cm (6.7")

Description

Late C19th Gothic design 'Country-house' type oak posting or letter-box by Hardman, Powell and Company. Mounted with Gothic-design brass strap-work and steel hinges, the lancet form postal box with brass-mounted and engraved slot aperture to the top. Fitted with a brass escutcheon and lock and retaining a key. The interior lined with crimson red paper and having a division in the centre with brass plates labelled "In" and "Out". The door fitted with a gilded brass manufacturers trade label stating "Hardman, Powell & Company Birmingham Fecit" in Gothic script. Hardman, Powell and Company were the later reincarnation of Hardman & Co, the company established in Birmingham in 1838 as manufacturers of stained glass and ecclesiastical fittings. The company worked closely initially with A.W.N. Pugin and latterly with his son E.W. Pugin. The company was a major influence on Catholic Church architecture and decoration in particular and the Gothic Revival in general. Possibly commissioned for use in a private chapel or Gothic-inspired country house. H 15" W 9" D 7" England c. 1890

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