

SA796213

An Impressive bronze Imperial Half Bushel Measure, County of Wilts, Dated 1836

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA796213****Date of manufacture: Regency**

Dimensions

Height = 19 cm (7.5")

Width = 52 cm (20.5")

Depth = 40 cm (15.7")

Description

A bronze imperial Half Bushel County Measure by the makers De Grave, London. Dated 1836 and commissioned for the County of Wiltshire. This highly polished bronze measure is stamped to one side by the makers De Grave of London, with 'County of Wilts', 'Imperial Half Bushel' below, together with the date '1836' and the set number, 'No.2' '1288'. There are various annual assay stamps around the upper edge, including (importantly) one which was stamped during the very short reign of William IV and serves to prove the age stamped on the side. It has two solid bronze integral handles, making it easier to carry (20.5 kgs) and virtually indestructable. Bronze measures such as this were used by County Weights and Measures officials during inspections to Marketplaces throughout the British Isles to verify accurate apportionment of grain and other market traded goods by Market Traders. To short measure was deemed one of the ultimate antisocial behaviours and punishable by hefty fines and imprisonment, in extreme circumstances even banishment to the Colonies. Today, as well as being a very collectable item, and talking point, measures are often being used decoratively either for dr...

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