

SA818422**Antique 9ct gold trench watch,
1919**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA818422****Date of manufacture: 1910**

Description

Antique 9ct gold trench watch, 1919. The watch has a Swiss hand-winding movement which is working nicely. The movement is signed with the initials HP for Hippolyte Parrenin, who was based in Villers le Lac, France which is close to the Swiss border. The movement is stamped Swiss made which suggests it was a blank movement, or an ebauche, imported from France to be finished and cased by the Parrenin factory. The watch measures 32mm diameter excluding the winding crown and the fixed wire lugs, it would suit someone with a slimmer wrist. The case is 9 carat rose gold and there are hallmarks inside the case back for London 1919 with a sponsor's mark of LA for Louis Arnould of the City Watch Case Company Ltd. During the First World War, movements manufactured in Switzerland were imported into Britain to be cased, thus avoiding import duties on precious metals. These duties continued to be charged by the British Government even after the War ended in 1918, which encouraged the setting up of precious metal manufacturing factories. The case has three little "dings" to the hinged case back but otherwise is in good condition. The acrylic lens is in good condition. The dia...

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