

SA858793

Large Victorian Carved Whitby Jet Mourning Brooch

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA858793****Date of manufacture: Victorian**

Dimensions

Height = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Width = 4 cm (1.6")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

A large Victorian mourning brooch of shining Whitby jet, beautifully carved by hand. The design is abstract with chevron-decorated ribbons across the top. In excellent antique condition, with no obvious chips or cracks. Secures with a simple C clasp in gold coloured metal. Size: 5.5 x 4cm. 2cm high. Weight: 18.5g. 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. FREE INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING!

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