



REF: 6661

Height: 45 mm (1.77")

Width: 235 mm (9.25")

Depth: 90 mm (3.54")

## Description

Finely crafted in the Arts & Crafts style, this oak wood and silver mallet and trowel set were expertly made as presentation pieces to celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of Liverpool University's new engineering laboratories in 1910.

Although this beautifully made silver set is unmarked and therefore we don't know who made it, it has the look and feel of Omar Ramsden's work.

The inscription on the trowel reads:

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL  
PRESENTED TO  
T FENWICK HARRISON ESQ  
BY THE ARCHITECT BRIGGS WOLSTENHOLME  
& THORNELLY  
ON LAYING  
THE FOUNDATION STONE  
OF THE  
NEW ENGINEERING  
LABORATORIES  
22 OCTOBER 1910

Inscription on the mallet:

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL  
PRESENTED TO T FENWICK HARRISON ESQ  
BY THE BUILDERS  
JOSHUA HENSHAW & SONS  
ON LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE  
NEW ENGINEERING  
LABORATORIES  
22 OCTOBER 1910

The dimensions shown are for the trowel only.

The Arts & Crafts movement emerged from a disenchantment with the impersonal, mechanised direction of society in the 19th century and sought to return to a simpler, more fulfilling way of living. The movement was admired for its use of high quality materials and for its emphasis on utility in design.