

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

George II style bellied sterling silver tankard

Thomas Bradbury & Sons

£2,750



REF: 6852

Height: 200 mm (7.87")

Diameter: 110 mm (4.33")

Weight: 766 g

Description

Good quality sterling silver antique Victorian recreation of a George II lidded tankard of baluster (bellied) form with a central girdle. The domed stepped hinged cover is surmounted by a traditional cast open-work thumbpiece.

A tankard is modelled on a beer mug and features a hinged lid. A mug is a cylindrical drinking cup with a handle but no lid. A tankard is a lidded drinking vessel. Although it seems strange now to drink out of a lidded vessel this was the norm until the second half of the 18th century. Perhaps this was because ceilings were not plastered underneath, so without a lid you stood the risk of having dirt, straw and spiders dropping into your ale.