

Victorian silver presentation spade

Elkington & Co

£8,470



REF: 8246

Height: 900 mm (35.43") Width: 205 mm (8.07")

Description

Wonderful, ceremonial full-size solid silver spade or shovel featuring a beautifully hand chased blade, decorated with acanthus leaves, entwined scrolls, floral garlands and swags. The oak handle is carved with laurel leaves and fluting.

The beautiful, crisply hand engraved inscription commemorates the occasion and reads:

Presented to HARRY ARNOLD, ESQ Chairman of the Hodbarrow Mining Co Ltd On the occasion of his cutting the first sod OF THE OUTER SEA EMBANKMENT WORKS April 27th 1900

Coode Son & Matthews Engineers
John Aird & Co Contractors

Cedric Vaughan Managing Directors William Barratt

The spade is accompanyed by its original presentation case.