



Fraternity of Saint George Archery Award Brooch

£480



REF: 30913

Height: 9.8 cm (3.9")

Width: 2 cm (0.8")

Depth: 0.8 cm (0.3")

## Description

Archery Prize Brooch 1837, Fraternity of Saint George.

An archery trophy designed in the shape of an arrow with intricate detailing along its shaft and feathers. At the center is a shield-shaped plate featuring ornate engraving. The inscription read: 'F.St. G.', To the Best shot at 80 yards, 1837'. The arrowhead and fletching are both finely crafted, with the shaft decorated in a scrolling floral pattern. The shield in the middle serves as both a decorative centerpiece and a commemorative plaque, indicating that this brooch was awarded as a prize in an archery competition.

The earliest record of the Fraternity of Saint George is found in a series of payments made by Henry VIII to a small guild of archers in 1509 under the same name. The Fraternity was later known as the Honourable Artillery Company, from the French term "Arc tirer" for drawing a bow. The Honourable Artillery Company ceased shooting around 1760, and members later went on to form the Royal Toxophilite Society in 1781. The Fraternity appears to have continued on in some capacity during the 19th century- a reference to an archer known as Mr Marr of the Fraternity of St George is found in Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle (Town Edition), 1863. The present day Fraternity of St George was formed in 2002, and is based in Kent ('Bells Life in London and Sporting Chronicle', 1863) (Fraternity of St George, 2025).