



Antique, Original Football Rattle in Beech Wood

Sold



REF: 28537

Height: 25.5 cm (10")

Width: 27.5 cm (10.8")

Depth: 3 cm (1.2")

Description

Vintage Treen Football Rattle.

A good wooden Victorian football rattle. This piece is made from beech with a well turned handle and in original working condition, the wood with beautiful patination. When swung rapidly the wooden rattle will emit a strong clacking sound, these were also used as a bird scarers.

Later rattles can be found stamped 'ARP' which stands for 'Air Raid Precautions' and were air raid warden's gas rattle. The rattle was used to give warning of a gas attack or during gas mask drills during the Second World War with the British government passing the Air Raid Precautions Act, requiring local authorities to ready themselves in case of an air attack, with the air raid warden being at the front. The warning was given by holding the handle and spinning the rattle around, emitting a strong distinctive clacking sound, the 'all clear' signal was given by ringing a hand bell.