Edwardian Archery Prize Brooch

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Height: 2 cm (0.8")

Width: 7 cm (2.8")

Depth: 3.5 cm (1.4")

Description

Grand National Archery Prize Brooch, Brighton, 1911.
A fine and historically interesting archery Prize brooch, dating to 1911, and most probably associated with the Grand National Archery Meeting held at Brighton that year.
The brooch, lapel pin features a central circular disc with monogrammed initials, flanked by three crossed arrows, a classic and evocative symbol of late Victorian competitive archery. Around the outer edge of the disc is embossed "Brighton 1911", clearly identifying the event and date.
The reverse is engraved "Best Gold at 60 Yards", indicating the award was presented for excellence in competition, likely for the closest arrow to the gold - a prestigious achievement in archery tournaments of the period.
This wonderful archery brooch is complete with its original fitted case, lined with silk and crushed velvet. The inside of the lid is marked "Brighton 1911" in gilt lettering, further confirming its provenance and enhancing its desirability as a complete surviving prize.

Grand National Archery Society - Historical Context
The first Grand National Archery Meeting was held on the Knavesmire at York in 1843. However, the Grand National Archery Society itself was not formally founded until 1861, when it met at the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool. In its early years, the Society focused primarily on organising the Annual National Championships, at a time when it was just one of many independent archery societies. It did not become the governing body for archery in the UK until much later (now known as Archery GB).
Three older and historically significant archery societies - all of which survive today - pre-date the Grand National Archery Society:
The Royal Company of Archers (founded 1676), The Royal Toxophilites (founded 1781) and The Woodmen of Arden (founded 1785).

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