



Silver

The sterling Silver used for our spoons is refined to 925 parts per 1000 pure silver. The other 75 parts are copper, required to give the silver its superb working qualities, its strength, malleability and ductility.



Sterling silver being purer and richer in colour than lesser alloys available from other countries will always keep its value and is respected all over the world.

Hallmarks

A Hallmark shows that silver has been independently tested by an assay office and guarantees that it conforms to a legal standard of purity. Hallmarks consist of three compulsory symbols; a sponsors or makers mark, a fineness number and the Assay office mark. Every spoon is marked with these symbols as well as a lion passant denoting sterling silver and a date letter which indicates the year of manufacture. The IOW makers mark is unique to us so that you can always tell our silver apart from other makers.



We hope that using and owning an Isle of Wight Handmade Silver Spoon will give you as much pleasure as we have had in making it for you.



Choose & purchase at
www.handmadesilverspoons.co.uk



All the spoons available on the website can only be brought from the site. No two spoons are ever the same.



The last surviving product of the silversmith that is still actually useful, and full of symbolism, is a silver spoon. It tells of wealth, of plenty, of giving and sharing. As a symbol of sustenance, a handmade silver spoon is always both functional and beautiful.

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Isle of Wight Handmade Silver Spoons is a young company started in 2004. Founder Chris Morphy however, has been making spoons for over 20 years.

The forging techniques used to shape the silver have changed little in 4,000 years. The hammer heads and anvils are now steel instead of stone, iron or bronze but the split ash handles and hollowed forms cut into endgrain of beech and oak are the same as they have always been.

Unique
Handcrafted
Silver Spoons
the perfect gift



The Workshop

The workshop can be quite noisy with the tap tap tapping of the planishing hammers smoothing the bowls of the spoons and refining the gentle curves. There is also the louder ringing of the forging and raising hammers used to shape the handles and draw out the tapers for the rats tails, and the roar of the gas annealing torches used to soften the larger spoons. It is often very hot!

During the day the noise drops away until finally each spoon is at last carefully honed by hand with water of ayr stone to remove the last of the fire marks prior to polishing.

A relaxed atmosphere when making belies the concentration, dedication and focus that is required to make several spoons in various stages of completion; working entirely without drawings and without a particular form or even knowing exactly how a finished spoon will look.



The exact Island location of the spoon workshop itself is a secret.

If you would like to see and handle a range of silver spoons, **THEODOSIA** is our shop in Newport on the Isle of Wight which always has a selection for sale.

The best place to explore our full collection of beautiful spoons, is via the website:

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Craft

A handmade spoon has what the artist speaks of as handling and feeling; qualities which have been left out of modern trade silverwork in its march of progress to a soulless mechanisation.

A machine makes very well a perfectly matched set, but a handmade spoon has the secret of the charm that simple straight forward work made lovingly and honestly always possess.



Care for your Spoon

The best possible way to keep a silver spoon clean is to use it. All our spoons are 'fit for their purpose' and completely functional. Over time they will develop a beautiful patina achievable only through constant use. Hot soapy water and a dry cloth is all that is required.

If a spoon does tarnish through lack of use any proprietary silver cleaner can be used to restore its colour. The spoons are solid silver so no base metal will show through as it does on plated wares. A rinse in hot water and your spoon will be ready to use once more, over and over again.



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