

# SILVER COLLECTION GROUP VISITS

An opportunity to view the historic Silver Collection at The Birmingham Assay Office which includes many spectacular objects created by some of Birmingham's most celebrated silversmiths including Matthew Boulton, Nathaniel Mills and Elkington & Co.

The Birmingham Assay Office and its collections can only be viewed by recognised groups by prior arrangement.



# OVER 230 YEARS OF HISTORY



# YOUR VISIT



**If your group is looking for an historic visit with a difference, The Birmingham Assay Office is a perfect choice.**

It owes its existence to the efforts of leading Birmingham industrialist and silversmith Matthew Boulton whose skilful lobbying of Parliament resulted in the passing of the 1773 Act that allowed Birmingham to have its own Assay Office.

The Birmingham Assay Office is today the largest Assay Office in the world and continues to carry out the statutory duty of hallmarking articles manufactured in gold, silver and platinum.

Housed in an impressive, late Victorian grade II listed building, The Birmingham Assay Office is located on the edge of Birmingham's historic Jewellery Quarter.

Matthew Boulton, Founder of The Birmingham Assay Office

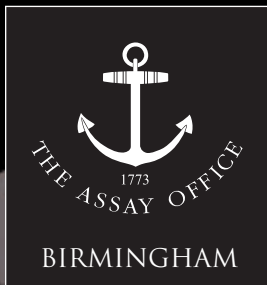
## Coffee and Tea are provided on arrival

- The Curator at The Birmingham Assay Office will give a talk on the organisation, its history and hallmarking in general.
- A video covering the processes of assaying and hallmarking and the current operations of The Birmingham Assay Office will be shown.
- Tour of the unique and extensive Silver Collection.
- Tour of the Library, which is equally remarkable and contains many fascinating volumes on a wide variety of subjects.

*The complete tour will last for approximately two hours.*



The Curator is also available to give external talks on the history of hallmarking and The Birmingham Assay Office. A fee plus travelling expenses (inc VAT) is charged for these talks.



# BOOKING A VISIT...

The number of visitors to The Birmingham Assay Office is limited to 20 per session.

## Silver Visit Charges:

<b>Cost per person</b> (inc. VAT) (Minimum charge of £50.00 (inc VAT) applies to each booking)	£5.00
<b>External talks</b> (inc VAT) (In addition travelling expenses will be charged)	£60.00

Student and technical visits to The Birmingham Assay Office can also be arranged. Prices on application.

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