

PRESS RELEASE: **ROBBERY AT THE MUSEUM OF RICHMOND,** **SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025**

The Museum of Richmond can confirm that the theft of nine artefacts from its collection took place on 6th December, 2025. The historic pieces were on loan from St Mary Magdalene Church (part of Richmond Team Ministry) and Richmond Charities (Hickey's Almshouses Chapel) and include precious items such as a pair of Charles II silver flagons, a William III Britannia silver tazza (cup), and a Charles II silver sideboard plate.

We are deeply saddened by this appalling act and are working closely with the local authorities and the police to provide our full support to the ongoing investigation. In parallel, we are reviewing our security procedures in partnership with lenders to ensure that all loaned items continue to receive the highest level of care and protection.

These historic pieces represent an important part of Richmond's heritage, and their loss is felt profoundly by the Museum, Richmond Team Ministry, Richmond Charities and the community.

We urge anyone with information that may assist the investigation to contact the police.

We have provided a list of the stolen items on the following two pages.

The Museum of Richmond remains committed to safeguarding the heritage entrusted to us and will share further updates when we can.

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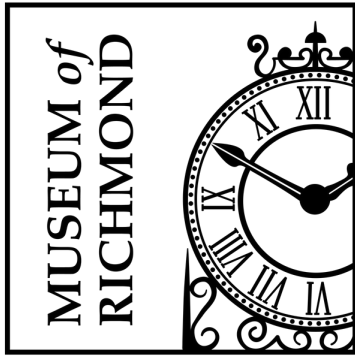
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A PAIR OF CHARLES II SILVER-GILT FLAGONS

London, 1660, mark of R.S. in a shaped shield, mullet above and below of tapered cylindrical form with 'mushroom' cover, elongated scroll handle, and terminating in spread foot, each later engraved to the body IHS in a sunburst surround, and to the lids IHS above a sacred heart, both marked to the body and lid, one repaired twice to the underside of the foot, scratch weights 50oz 3dwts and 49oz 8dwts (measured at 49.5oz and 48.25oz), height 28cm.



A WILLIAM III BRITANNIA SILVER-GILT TAZZA

Mark of Alice Sheen, London, 1700 with moulded rim cylindrical column and spreading foot, engraved IHS in a sunburst surround, 15 oz., diameter 24.7 cm, height 8cm.



A CHARLES II SILVER-GILT SIDEBOARD PLATE

London, 1661-2, mark of R.S. in a shaped shield, mullet above and below circular, with broad rim, later domed and engraved IHS in a sunburst surround, 24.5oz., diameter 29.2 cm.

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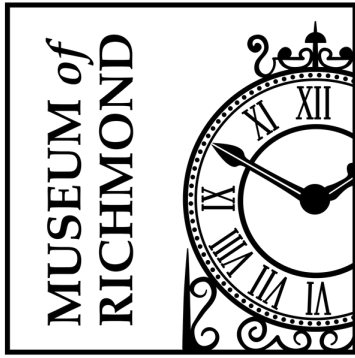
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A GEORGE III SILVER ALMS DISH

Mark of Robert Garrard, London, 1818 with moulded rim, engraved IHS in a sunburst surround to the well and engraved 'He That Hath Pity Upon The Poor... Richmond Church', also inscribed to the back 'The Gift of the Administratrix of the Revd. George Savage, obt. July 27th 1816', 24.5 oz., diameter 29.6 cm.



TWO PLATES - A QUEEN ANNE CIRCULAR SILVER PLATE

London 1711, makers mark rubbed with plain moulded rim, inscribed to the back 'Gift of John Spilman of Richmond to this Parish, 1711', 14.5 oz., diameter 25 cm together with a matching silver plated plate (2).



SILVER CHALICE & PLATE FROM HICKEY'S CHAPEL – HICKEY'S ALMS-HOUSES

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