



Downstairs in Grays: An Extraordinary Ruby and Diamond Antique Swallow, Heart and Flower Locket - H/C Circa 1880, with later 18ct Yellow Gold 22" Chain
£2,350.00

A charming High Carat Yellow Gold and Platinum (tested) Embossed Round Locket set with numerous Diamonds and Rubies.

The locket is hinged and opens to reveal two frames (no glass).

The face is embossed with five "Platinum" flowers; three set with a Ruby and two set with a Diamond which sit above a "Swallow in Flight" set with (8) Diamonds and a single Ruby carrying an engraved Ribbon supporting a Diamond set Heart.

The Diamonds are in full "Old Cut" and "Rose Cuts". The Rubies (tested) are in "Old Cuts". The locket's circumference measures 2.5 cm. and the back is plain.

The Victorians often used a lot of symbolism in their jewellery, the Swallow is symbolic of being apart, perhaps overseas, the flowers would represent tokens of Love and the Ruby Passion.

This wonderful locket would potentially have been a gift to a Sweetheart. Legends suggest that Swallows would safely lead ships home.

A separate 18 ct Yellow Gold chain included available (S5821).

Victorian and English, Circa. 1880

Origin	British
Period	19th Century
Condition	Consistent with age
Materials	Yellow Gold
Main Gemstone	Diamond
Secondary Gemstone	Ruby

