

This month I am going to look at the issue of pre owned, pre loved jewellery. In years gone by the concept of such jewellery was not always highly regarded, but today many people view this very differently. I realise that pre owned may not be for everyone, but for the many who enjoy such pieces here are a few points to bear in mind.

## Pre-owned, pre-loved

by Sally Thornton

1. Pre owned pieces can be interesting and varied as they are often of designs and styles that are no longer made.
2. To find the pieces that we think you will like, we at AA Thornton spend a great deal of time seeking out pre owned pieces from all over the country and even further a field.
3. Every piece that we acquire goes straight to our workshop where our onsite goldsmith checks the item and carries out any repairs that may be needed before cleaning and polishing it.

4. Pre owned can not be replaced. We can not just order in or make up another, so if you see something you like don't delay for too long as it may well be sold by the time you make up your mind. Indeed when we advertise pre owned items it is not uncommon to find that they are sold before the publication is printed. As they say when it's gone it's gone.



Second hand 18ct Yellow Gold Sapphire & Diamond Cluster Ring £1,150



Second Hand 9ct Amethyst & Diamond Dress Ring £125



Second Hand 18ct Single Stone Diamond Ring £1,150.psd



Second Hand 18ct Emerald & Diamond Cluster Ring £950

5. Sadly there are however many pitfalls in buying pre owned jewellery. These range from poor quality previous repairs, worn out claws and poor settings, bracelets or necklets with worn links, porosity, chipped or poor quality stones and rings that can not be sized.

If you would like to stay up to date with what's going on at AA Thornton, including new pre owned pieces when they arrive, why not sign up to our Jeweller's Gems email newsletters. Just go to [www.aathorntonjeweller.com](http://www.aathorntonjeweller.com) and follow the links to Jeweller's Gems.

6. Pre owned can represent good value if you find the piece you like. I would suggest however that you feel completely comfortable with who you buy your pre owned pieces from.
7. Pre owned may not be loved by all. Indeed many people have items in the bottom of their jewellery box that they don't wear as it simply isn't their style. So why not see if we will make an offer for it so somebody else can love it.



Second Hand 9ct Masonic Signet Ring £295



Second Hand 18ct 3 Stone Diamond Ring £1,500



Second Hand Stamped 750 White Gold Diamond Half Eternity Ring £775



Second Hand 18ct WG Single Stone Diamond Ring £2,750



Second Hand Stamped 18ct Diamond Half Eternity Ring £350



Second Hand 18ct Sapphire & Split Pearl Ring £455



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