

This month I am writing about one of the most enduring forms of jewellery which is as popular as ever. So what is the charm of Charms?

Things to know about charms

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Second hand 9ct opening boot charm £165



Second hand 9ct 21st keycharm £50

4. Queen Victoria was herself fascinated by jewellery and charms or pendants in particular, which in turn made charm bracelets enormously popular.



Second hand 9ct opening church charm £85



Second hand 9ct bird in cage charm £75

- Charms in the form of unusual stones were thought to have been carried by Neolithic man who believed that they had special properties that would protect him from his enemies.
- Ancient Egyptians believed that they were surrounded by dangers, either supernatural or real. To protect themselves they wore amulets or charms around their necks, wrists or ankles.
- Christians in Rome used to carry small charms in the shape of a fish to let other Christians know of their religious leaning. The fish charm was used because of the Greek word for fish which was an acronym for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour. This is perhaps the first time charms were used as an indication of the wearer's lifestyle.

- It was in 1889 that Tiffany and Co introduced their first charm bracelet in the form of a link bracelet with a single heart dangling from it. This design has been developed and adapted by jewellers around the world ever since, so much so that they are referred to as "Tiffany Bracelets".



Second hand 9ct Mini charm £95



Second hand 9ct dog charm £55

We often think of Charms being worn on a bracelet, but with the current vogue for long necklaces the practise of using a particularly striking charm as a pendant is a wonderful idea.



Second hand 9ct Blodstone horse fob £175



Second hand 9ct yacht charm £35

- Charm bracelets became immensely popular throughout the 1950s and 1960s, as a gift on a girl's 18th birthday, as an engagement or wedding present.
- Charms have been so popular for such a long period of time that there are now some lovely pre-loved second hand ones available which are beautifully made.

- Charms are worn as reminders of good times and because they signify something special and unique to the wearer. As such they make a wonderful gift and a constant reminder of those special times.
- Trollbreads are a modern form of charms. They are interchangeable enabling them to be added to a bracelet, and in some cases a necklet, so allowing the wearer to create their own look. Each bead has a special meaning so you can create your own story.

Second hand 9ct scissors & thimble charm £45



Second hand 9ct flower cart charm £80



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