

# THE COPPER ELF BRASIER & BLACKSMITH

*Purveyor of handmade Copper & Brasswares  
and Ironmongery to those with a love of History  
or the Arts or in general want of such Products in  
the County of Northamptonshire & across all  
the Lands in the Kingdom of Great Britain.*



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# THE COPPER ELF ETHOS

All Copper Elf Products are inspired by Artefacts seen visiting Museums, Churches and Castles across UK and Europe or in archaeological reports and resources. These items come from a time before the “Perfection” of Machine production, before regularly shaped rolled bars and sheets; they are “Perfectly Imperfect”.

Due to the Nature of Hand Made products no two pieces will be identical, as with the originals they are based on. The Copper Elf’s Products are not those for the King or Cathedral but those for the Average Man, the Merchant or Parish Church and care has been taken to replicate the look of the original Products that still survive intact.

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# The Brasier



The Brasier - maker and seller of all things domestic made from copper and brass. The Copper Elf produces historic and contemporary designs for re-enactment, museums and the modern home. The range includes kettles, utensils, boxes and sconces. All historic reproductions have their dates and other details included in this catalogue.

## Kettles, Pans and Cooking Utensils



### 16th and 17th Century style brass kettles.

½ gallon (2.5 litres)	£275
1 gallon (4.5 litres)	£315
2 gallon (9 litres)	£365
Full set	£925

These kettles are made from cartridge brass (see The Colour of History below) with copper rivets and blackened steel handles. This style is based on examples found from the 16th & 17th Centuries.





## Mastermyr Style Cauldrons

10th - 11th Century cauldron from a tool hoard discovered in Gotland. The cauldron is made from gilding metal with tin soldered clamp joints. The handle is blackened steel.



2 litre (0.4 gallons)	£200
3.5 litre ( $\frac{3}{4}$ gallons)	£245
7 litre ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ gallons)	£295

The original cauldron this range is based on is the 7 litre version. It also had a lot more patches!



## Brass Skillets/Frying Pans

This range of untinned brass skillets is based on an illustration from the early 15th century (inset). This style continues to be used into the 19th century. The handle is blackened steel fixed with copper rivets. Also available in copper.

Small (10cm cooking area)	£50 (£40 in copper)
Medium (15cm cooking area)	£70 (£60 in copper)
Large (20cm cooking area)	£90 (not available in copper)







### **Ladles and skimmers** from £38 to £60.

Round copper and brass skimmers were used from the 12th century into the 19th century and in some regions until the mid 20th century.







## STANDARD HANDLE RANGE



FILKINS  
CROOK

HELPSTON  
LOOP

FLAT  
LOOP

SCAPPI  
HOOK

ROUND HANDLES    FLAT HANDLES

All ladles and skimmers are available with on these standard handles or others to suit your personal preference or historical needs. Handles are steel blackened with beeswax, but are available with no blackening if preferred.



## Boxes



### 17th-19th Century Tinderboxes

boxes range from approx 5cm to 15cm in a variety of styles, some with handles and candle holders.

#### Basic prices:

- box alone from £25
- damper + £5
- flint and steel + from £15.

### 15th/16th Century Round Boxes



Round boxes based on finds in Yorkshire & London dating from the 15th and 16th centuries.

Sizes are approximately: Small 5cm, Medium 7.5cm and Large 10cm

- copper: S £40, M £50, L £60
- brass: S £45, M £55, L £75
- gilding metal S £50, M £60, L £80

£5 less without catches.

# Lighting



## 14th-15th Century “Cathedral Lantern” and candle douter.

This medieval lantern is approximately 8cm diameter and stands 43cm tall. It has a solid oak base 2.5cm thick.

Lantern : Copper      £60  
              Gilding metal    £80

Douter : Gilding metal    £20





## Wall Sconces

Wall sconces are available in various sizes and styles. Copper sconces start at £20, brass sconces from £25.



## Chamber Sticks

Chambers sticks are available with steel or copper/brass hands and with copper or brass drip trays.

Chamber sticks from £20

## Other Wares



### Barber's bowls

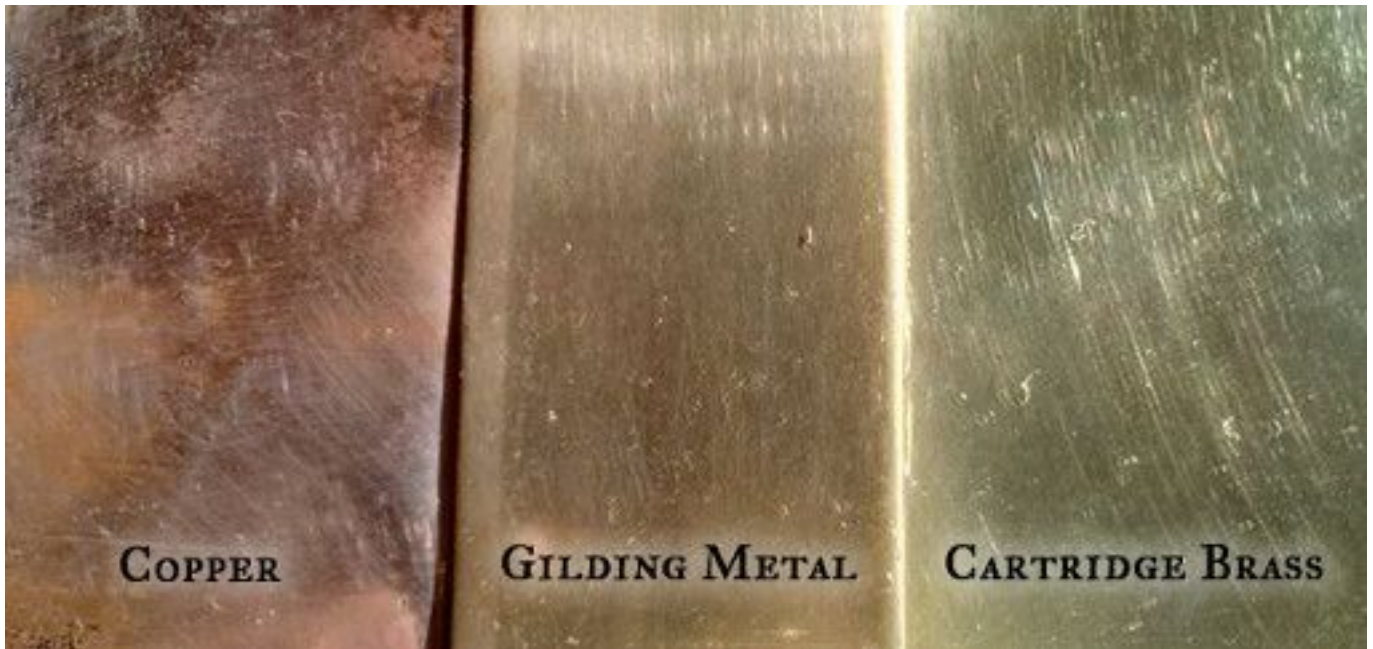
Available with or without chin cut out approx 23cm diameter.

Copper £60    Brass £70





# The Colour of History



COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF COLOURS. MODERN “COMMON BRASS” (Cu 63% Zn 37% MIX) HAS A COLOUR THAT IS DISTINCTIVE AS MODERN BRASS DUE TO IT’S ZINC CONTENT BEING OVER 30%.

HISTORICALLY BEFORE THE 19TH CENTURY IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO REACH SUCH A HIGH ZINC CONTENT, THE HIGHEST IS AROUND 28-29%. THE COPPER ELF USES CARTRIDGE BRASS WHICH IS MUCH MORE AKIN TO BRASS OF 18TH CENTURY AND EARLIER WITH A WARMER YELLOW, THE ZINC CONTENT IS BETWEEN 28% AND 30%. FOR ROMAN “AURICHALUM” BRASS (OR AS A VISUAL ALTERNATIVE TO BRONZE) GILDING METALS ARE AVAILABLE WITH A ZINC CONTENT OF ONLY 10%. COPPER IS COPPER THROUGHOUT HISTORY AND HAS A LOVELY PINK TO RED/BROWN GLOW.

THE PHOTO ABOVE SHOWS THE THREE METALS USED BY THE COPPER ELF BOTH POLISHED AND A LITTLE TARNISHED.

# The Blacksmith



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## Hinges for Coffers, Chests and Caskets



### “Viking” Loop Hinges

A common style of hinge during the Viking period and also used later.

Available with or without punched holes and hand made nails from £25.

### Hasp & staple

A common style hasp and staple throughout history on many church coffer boxes.

Available with or without hand made nails and with or without staple back-plate from £20.



## Medieval Loop Hinges

Loop hinges continued to be used into the 16th century. Hinges are available decorated or undecorated and with or without punched holes.

Priced from £20 to £45.



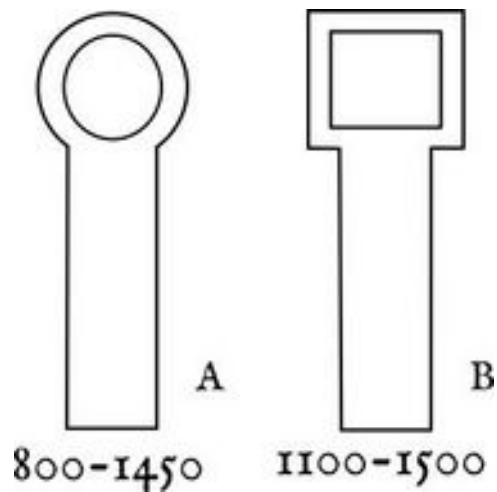
Matching hasps and staples. Back plates for hasps are available.

Prices start at £20.

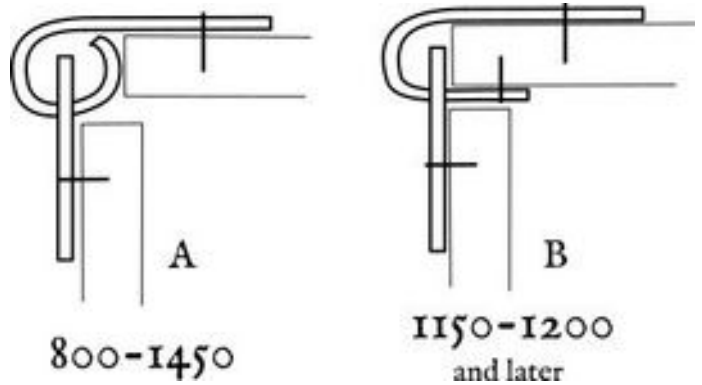
# Loop Hinge Styles and Dating

The following drawings are a guide to dating styles.

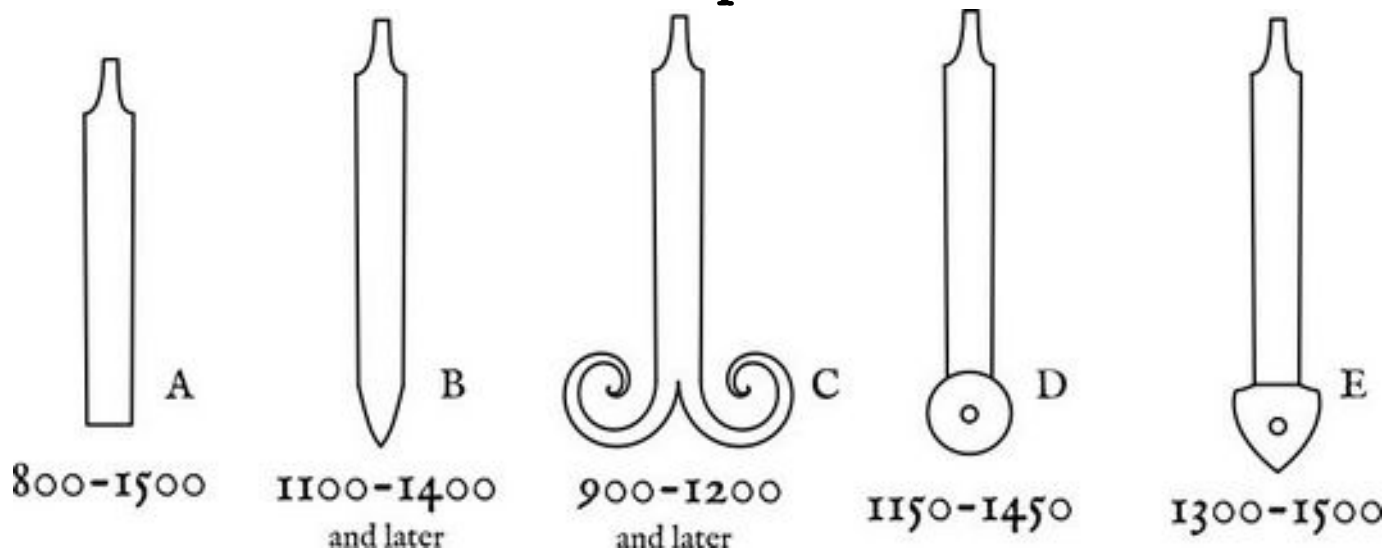
## Loops



## Fittings



## Straps





## Handles for Coffers, Chests and Caskets



### Chest & Coffer Handles

17th Century Chest handles based on the strongbox in Eastbridge Hospital of St Thomas the Martyr, Canterbury. £40 a pair.

## Pokers, Fire Rakes & Log Turners



Fire tools from £12 to £20.

Handle designs match those used on Copper Elf ladles and skimmers.



## Hooks for the Kitchen



### Kilps

Hinged devices for lifting hot pots off fires which slowly changed in design from the 15th century until they stopped being used at the start of the 19th Century. From £15.



### S-hooks

Traditional style S-hooks with rat tail ends.

small	£3.00
medium	£3.25
large	£3.50



# Lighting



## Crusie Lamps

This open grease or fat burning lamps were common in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries until they were replaced with the closed version known as a Betty lamp at the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

*CRUSIE* lamps were also known as *CHILLS* in Cornwall and *CRESSETS* in the Channel Islands.

Available in single and four light versions from £40.

Crusie lamps are also available in brass from £50.



**Mid-1500 Candle holder  
(based on one at Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire.)**

Wall mounting Candle holder from the 16th Century, enlarged to suit modern candles. This style of candle holder was also used during the 17th and 18th centuries. Can be made to suit reproduction period candles on request. £35.



## **Rush light Nips**

Used for holding rush lights, a cheap form of lighting used from at least the 13th century and well into the Victorian period. Nips are available with and without the candle cup. From £40.



# The Tinker



## Tinker For Hire!

Available for cold copper working (bowl and bucket making) for museums, historic sites and other events. £275/day



## **Traditional Fireside Copperware**

Traditional rolled seamed copper coal scuttles and log buckets. From £145



## Copper Bowls

Hand beaten copper bowls with rolled edge rim. Made from reclaimed copper. Prices from £25.



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