

Ancient Jewellery

Gem or stone set jewellery – Do not submerge in water or get wet, use a soft cloth.

Gold Pieces- Use a toothbrush and warm soapy water.

Silver Pieces – Do not clean



Ancient Roman Sphinx intaglio ring, circa 1st-2nd century AD.



Metals

Gold and Platinum Jewellery

For example – wedding bands and posy rings

Soak gold and platinum jewellery in warm soapy water and clean the inside. It can then be dried and polished with a soft cloth.



Gold posy 'Love never dies where virtue lies' circa 18th century.



Engraved platinum wedding band, circa 1920.



Clean and Check

We offer a free annual clean and check service on all our jewellery. These appointments are booked online in the 'My Account' section of the website. Click on 'Make an Appointment' and select 'Clean and Check' and choose a date and time convenient to you.

Where not to wear your ring

- * Swimming in the sea
- * At the gym
- * Doing DIY
- * Gardening
- * Moving house

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Gemstones

Diamonds

To care for your diamond jewellery, get a bowl of warm water with washing up liquid in it. If it is really dirty leave it in the water for a minute to break up the dirt. Clean the piece gently using a soft toothbrush, scrubbing the top, sides and underneath as this is where hand cream and soap may collect. Once clean, dry with a soft cloth.



Art Deco step cut diamond ring, circa 1925.



Rubies and Sapphires

Ruby and sapphire jewellery can be cleaned in a bowl of warm water with washing up liquid. Submerge the ring in this solution for ten minutes, then thoroughly clean the stones and settings by gently rubbing across the outside and inside with a soft bristled toothbrush. Dry with a soft cloth.



Sapphire and ruby two stone ring by Chaumet, French, circa 1970.

Emeralds, Amethysts and Aquamarines

Care should be taken when cleaning. Using a soft cloth, gently wipe the gemstone and setting. It is very important to avoid exposure to harsh chemicals. Do not soak in hot water or vigorously scrub the surface of the gemstone as it can cause abrasion.



Colombian emerald and diamond cluster earrings, circa 1920.



Pearls and Opals

Care should be taken when cleaning. Using a soft cloth, gently wipe the gemstone and setting. It is very important to avoid exposure to harsh chemicals. Do not soak in water or vigorously scrub the surface of the gemstone as it can cause abrasion.



Art Nouveau opal, pearl, demantoid garnet and diamond necklace, circa 1900.

Tap Test Checking for Loose Stones

To ensure that the stones are secure within their settings, perform the 'tap test'. Hold the ring up to your ear using your thumb and middle finger and tap the outside of the band with your index finger and listen carefully.

If you hear a rattling, this suggests that one or more of the stones is loose. Put the ring back in the box and bring it in to us so we can send it to the workshop to restore it to perfect condition.



Georgian Pieces

Georgian rings with closed back settings can be cleaned using a soft damp cloth to polish and remove any dirt or grease from the stones and setting. Rings of this type should not be submerged in water as liquid may become trapped in the setting.



Georgian diamond brooch/pendant, circa 1770.