



Fire Mark Circle

Auction Catalogue – February 2026
(Text only version.)

- 1. Norwich Union Fire Insurance Soc.** Tin. W29G(i). A good example of this mark from the most prolific of company variants, no flattening to Justice and some red background colour and black shield. **Plus.** another similar Copper W29P. A mark in very good condition with all its original colour and gilding, no flattening or surface damage. (£60-£70)
- 2. Union Fire Office.** Copper. W4F A very good example of this early company mark issued in 1865, no original colour or flattening to the hands, believed to have been used for overseas and promotional use. (£40-£50)
- 3. Kent Insurance Co.** Copper. W36D. A good example of this mark with the rarer recessed panel lettering. No surface damage or flattening to the horse, some minor nail hole damage. (£60-£70)
- 4. West of England Fire Insurance Co.** Copper. W48C. A very good example of this mark from this Exeter company, one of seven different designs issue by them, no original colour or flattening to Arthur. (£60-£70)
- 5. Worcester Fire Office.** Tin. W27D. A fair example of this much sought after tin variant no original colour, some missing parts to the tower and minor fraying at the panel. **Plus.** **County Fire Office.** W45B. A good example of this copper variant still retaining its original colour and gilding, some damage at the nail holes. (£40-£50)
- 6. District Fire Office.** Copper. W83E. A very good example of this Midlands mark showing the arms of Birmingham all original gilding to the lettering and shield. **Plus.** another **District Fire Office.** Copper. W83A. A fair example of the first mark to be issued in 1834, no surface damage but the panel with District is missing. (£40-£50)
- 7. Salop Fire Office.** Copper. W20B. A very good example of this Shrewsbury mark, the second of two to be issued, the first being lead, no surface damage of fracturing to the leopards' heads, some enlarged nail holes. (£40-£50)
- 8. Atlas Insurance Co.** Copper. W50A. A fair example of the only mark to be issued by the company based in Cornhill and one of several who relied on the public to man the pumps at any large fires, a subsequent small oval tin mark was issued for overseas business. **Plus.** **Norwich Union,** Copper. W29P A good example of this later variant, no original colour, some fraying at the panel edges. (£50-£60)

9. Westminster Insurance Office. Copper. W5D. A very good example of the last mark to be issued by this early company formed by the breakaway directors of the Hand in Hand, and the only copper variant issued in 1830, some minor damage at the nail holes and all original gilding and black background. (£60-£70)

10. Imperial Fire Insurance Co. Copper. W40C. A good example of this London's company mark issued in 1846 when they extended their business to cover all risks, no surface damage or original colour. **Plus. Northern Assurance Co.** Copper. W88A. A very good example of this Aberdeen's company mark, still retaining all it's original colour and gilding. (£70-£80)

11. Phoenix Assurance Co. Copper. W23G. A fair example of one of eleven variants issued by one of the early companies to run fire brigades in most large cities, no original colour, small stress fracture on the edge and no spear tip. **Plus.** another **Phoenix Assurance Co.** Copper. W23K. A very good example of the last of the eleven variants issued in 1865, all original colour and gilding. (£60-£70)

12. Lancashire Assurance Co. Copper. W98A. A very good example of this Northern company's mark, based in Manchester and was instrumental in the formation of the Liverpool Salvage Corps and was eventually taken over by the Royal Insurance, all original colours. (£50-£60)

13. Guardian Fire and Life Assurance Co. Copper W57A(v) (*reproduction*). A good copy of this variant with no colour or surface damage. **Plus.** Another **Guardian.** Tin.A57D(v). A mint example of this later variant introduced in 1900 for advertising and promotional purposes. **Plus. Reliance Marine.** Tin. B967. A mint example of this later mark from 1881 which merged with the Guardian in 1916 using the same shape and detail as the original. (£30-£40)

14. Protector Fire Insurance Co. Copper. W80A. A good example of the first of two similar marks issued in 1825 and was one of two that illustrated a fireman in action, no original colour, some gilding and damage at the two nail holes. (£50-£60)

15. Union Fire Office. Copper. W4E. A good example of this early company mark issued in the 1830s, no original colour or flattening to the hands, although some minor indentations are evident. (£40-£50)

16. Alliance Fire and Life Assurance Co. Copper. W63B. A good example of the second of three marks to be issued for sole use in the UK, with a third for overseas use, no original colour but some gilding and fraying on the base of the panel. (£40-£50)

17. Queen Insurance Co. Copper. W99A. A very good example of the first of five variants issued by this Liverpool company, later to merge with the Royal, no surface damage and most original colour. (£60-£70)

18. Birmingham Fire Office Co. Copper. W42C. A good example of this Midlands mark dating from the 1840s and one of two marks to show a fireman in action, no surface damage or flattening to the fireman, some gilding to both fireman and pump. (£50-£60)

19. Central Insurance Company Ltd. Tin. B1002/A157A(ii)-TI. A good example of this late 19th century tin mark from a short-lived company 1899-1907, no colour or flattening to the central flaming beacon. **Plus. Commercial Union Assurance.** Tin. W100A. A good example of this single-issue company mark, some gilding to the lettering and green Salamander and some cleaned surface rust. (£50-£60)

- 20. London Assurance.** Copper. W9H(i). A fair example of this early variant issued in 1808, some original gilding, the head and spear arm has been replaced. **Plus.** **London Assurance.** Tin. W9I. A good example of this last variant issued in 1824, most original colour showing evidence it has been on a building. (£40-£50)
- 21. Bath Sun Fire.** Copper. W16B. An excellent example of this only copper mark to be issued, no surface damage or flattening to the sun's face, some over painting. (£40-£50)
- 22. Caledonian Insurance Co.** Tin. W43D. A very good example of this tin mark all in its original brown colour from the oldest Scottish Insurance Company, possibly used for overseas and promotional use. **Plus,** another. **Caledonian Insurance Co.** Enamel. A42A(vi)-E. A mint example of this well-known Enamelled variant, small loss of enamel on the bottom tip of the ribbon
- 23. British Fire Office.** Copper. W30C. A good example of the first copper variant to be issued by the company, no surface damage to the lion, some original paint. **Plus,** another **British Fire Office.** Copper. W40E. Another good example of the fifth of six variants, no flattening to the lion, some minor stress fractures to the lion's body. (£50-£60)
- 24. Liverpool & London & Globe.** Copper. W105B. A good example of the second of two marks issued by this Liverpool company, no original colour or surface damage **Plus. Palatine.** Tin. B971. A good example of this tin variant, no original colour, some house paint and showing some surface rust. (£50-£60)
- 25. Manchester Fire and Life Assurance Co. Copper.** W71D. A good example of this copper variant showing the rarer slopping **M**, no surface damage to the shield or original colour. (£40-£50)
- 26. Palladium Life and Fire Assurance Soc.** Copper. W72A. A fair example of this rarely seen mark, no flattening to the figure although some stress fractures on the skirt. **Plus. Reliance Marine.** Tin. B967. Mint example of this late 19th century tin mark issued in 1881 and subsequent reissued in the 20th century. (£40-£50)
- 27. Norwich Union Fire Insurance Soc.** Copper W29C. An early company mark in very good condition with all its original retouched colour and gilding, no flattening to the hands or surface damage. (£60-£70)
- 28. West of England Fire Insurance Co.** Copper. W48F. A good example of this mark from this Exeter company, one of seven different designs issued by them, no original colour or flattening to Arthur. (£40-£50)
- 29. Shropshire and North Wales Assurance Co.** Copper. W89B. A good example of this unusual brass mark, the second of two issued by this Shrewsbury company, no original colour or flattening to the feathers, minor stress fracture at the RHS border. (£50-£60)
- 30. Patriotic Assurance Company of Ireland.** Tin. W73B. A good example of this Irish mark, no original colour, some cleaned surface rusting and fraying at the bottom edges. (£40-£50)
- 31. Bristol Union Fire & Life Insurance Co.** Tin. W54A. A good example of this unusual tin mark from a company lasting only 24 years before passing to the Imperial, some reinforcing at the back. **Plus. Legal Insurance.** Tin. B1013. A very good example of this later 19th century mark before it merged with the Imperial, after only 20 years, all original dulled colour. (£40-£50)

32. American Reproduction Fire Marks. to include a presentation mounted **Mutual Ins. Co.** mark. B22 (*green tree*), which was presented to the FMC by the Officers of the FMCA, dated 1965, together with a smaller **Squatty Oval**. B40, and a **Fire Assoc. of Philadelphia**. B87. Plus two smaller examples of **Miniature marks** mounted on wooden boards. (£40-£50)

33. Salop Fire Office. Lead. W20A. Policy No.3995. A very good example of the first of two variants in lead, the second being Copper, see lot 7, no original paint or surface damage, some widening of the nail holes. (£150-£160)

34. Royal Exchange Assurance. Lead. W10J. Policy No.175052. A very good example of the last numbered mark to be issued in 1800, no flattening or surface damage and two clean nail holes. **Plus. Royal Exchange Assurance.** Lead. W10K. A good undamaged example of this last lead mark to be issued in 1810, no surface damage and three widened nail holes. (£65-£70)

35. Hand in Hand Fire Office. Lead. W2A. Policy No.36540. A very good example of this early mark issued in 1718, no original colour or gilding, small repaired stress fracture below the crown and a soldered repair to the orb as shown. (£150-£160)

36. Norwich General Assurance Co. Lead. W28A. Policy No.5304. A very good example of this lead mark, one of three similar variants showing the arms of the City of Norwich, a subsequent copper similar mark was issued in 1818 just before the company merged with the Norwich Union in 1821. (£170-£190)