

Care of your bronze products:

Bronze is an extremely hard wearing metal which, with proper care, will provide decades of use.

The surface of the metal is called the patina. Please take a minute to read the following care and maintenance advice. If you live relatively near the sea this information is particularly important as the salt in the air will greatly accelerate any corrosion process.

Regularly (at least once a week) wipe the piece with a damp soft cloth or brush to remove dust and salt build-up. If the patina has noticeably changed over time, use a mild soap and warm water on a soft cloth. Some experts even suggest using “distilled” water in this mix, rather than tap water. Never use a solvent or cleaning chemical on the bronze. Corrosive chemicals (such as those used to clean silver and other metals) could damage or strip away the patina. After wiping the piece clean, allow it to dry completely before handling.

About once a month you should apply a coat of wax to help protect against the weathering effect of the salt and water. A simple furniture or beeswax will usually be suitable.

Apply the wax with a brush in a “stippling” fashion to ensure you reach any crevices. You can gently wipe away any visible excess of wax but wait until the piece is completely dry (several hours) before polishing with a clean, soft cloth. There is no harm in applying another coat to further protect the piece over time.

Over time the patina may develop a slight “green” tinge to it – this is perfectly normal and is a part of the metal's natural defence against the elements. The green is caused by the copper in the alloy (which accounts for about 65% of the metal).