

THE RAINHAM TOKENS, 2012

Site: Rainham, Essex

Materials: Cast Bronze

Dimensions: 15cm diameter x 12

Client: Havering Council



Rainham has an important history that has been hidden behind the industrial growth and development of the surrounding area which now encapsulates it like a time capsule. It only allows hints and clues to its stories and history in the facades of the structures and shops along its streets. The local stories etched into people's memories and the histories stamped into the printed archive materials have been used to mark certain moments in time of 12 particular sites. The timeline of the trail of bronze markers starts with the influence of the shipping trade on a particular Medieval resident of Raynham, through the civil war and the minting of a local coin, the early Victorian commuters, the entrepreneurial Hills and Hernes and their emporiums, through the roaring 20's and the swinging sixties to now. The artworks uncover some of these forgotten histories of the people and commerce that helped shape this part of Havering.



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