



# How did faith shape the area in and around Telford?

## Faith within Telford

The item below is a Medieval Seal Matrix, found just outside of modern day Telford (in an area known as Wrockwardine).

These seals were used when sealing a letter, by stamping the wax to mark it. This would ensure the letter remained unopened.



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What can we infer about local people's beliefs?

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What can we infer about local people's skills?

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What can we infer about local people's wealth?

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## What can we infer from a seal?

This seal shows a woman holding a baby. This could be representing “Madonna and Child” a term used to describe artistic depictions of the Virgin Mary and Jesus Christ. A shrine behind them adds to this assumption.

The seal has inscriptions around the edge. These are Roman in origin (Latin).

The seal is made from silver - an expensive metal at this time.



## What could the seal tell us about the people living in Telford during this time period?

The religious symbolism demonstrates the importance of faith.

Seals were placed on letters to help ensure they were kept closed until reaching the intended recipient. They also told you who a letter was from, so the Latin writing featuring the name of a lord or person implies wealth.

The seal is made with incredible detail, showing the high level of craftsmanship operating within Telford at this time.

## "Secretum Roger de Venloke Ave Gratia Plena"

This can be translated as Secret (or counter seal) of Roger of Venloke - which could be Much Wenlock or Little Wenlock - a town close to where the seal was found.

# Medieval Seal Matrix

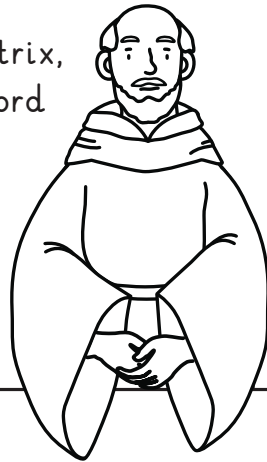


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## Who are Teacher's Pet?

Teacher's Pet have been providing downloadable and playable educational content to early years and primary school teachers for over 14 years. We cover all areas of the curriculum and use a team of in-house teachers and designers to create engaging and memorable concepts, that the children will love.

## Why local history?

At [Teacher's Pet](#) we want to empower primary school teachers by giving them the tools they need to deliver inspiring and thoughtful lessons about the local area and its history. We believe local history teaching has such an important part to play in a child's wellbeing – helping to give children a sense of pride in where they live.

Our Local History project is designed to provide teachers across the UK with everything they need to successfully carry out a full scheme of teaching about their local area, through key enquiry questions and source led activities.

Working with [Historic England](#) gives us access to archived maps and photos for resources and information from knowledgeable local historians, as well helping us to provide the content to you free of charge.

For more information about our Local History project or to find out more about Teacher's Pet Classroom Resources, please visit our website.