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York Acorn Flagon by John Harrison.



Research has shown that there are only about 36 of this type of flagon still surviving and this is a good example. Furthermore just 6 of these bear the touch of John Harrison of York which includes this flagon with the clear 'IH' touch under a crowned X struck under the base. It has a classic ram's horn thumbpiece and ridged spade handle terminal. The handle is hollow, which is a later feature than solid strap handles, thus dating this flagon to c1730-1750.

Measuring 13 inches to the top of the thumbpiece and containing 120 fluid ounces or six Ale Standard pints it is much the same size as the others recorded by Harrison and probably is from the same moulds.

This is from the Jane Russell Collection and is in overall good condition with a dark, even surface. It has had a more appropriate style of knob attached to replace the previous overlarge replacement one and a small split in the foot rim has been repaired.

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