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## A WILLIAM IV LEAD CISTERN,

the low rectangular tank cast in relief with Britannia to the centre, flanked by the letters "R" and "B" and the date "1831", anthemion clasps to the corners and a crown to each short end, the base drilled for drainage,

DIMENSIONS: 34cm (13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ) High, 71.5cm (28 $\frac{1}{4}$ " ) Wide, 57cm (22 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ) Deep

STOCK CODE: 49097



### HISTORY

This lead cistern may have been reformatted and could have originally served as a large decorative panel on lead rainwater-goods – it does seem quite low to have been a water cistern. Initialled leadwork was often struck to mark an event such as a wedding but here, with 1831 being the coronation year of William IV, it is feasible that here the initials refer to the central motif: “Rule, Britannia!”.