

An extremely rare George II Silver mounted Cowrie Shell Cream Boat, made circa 1750, most probably in London.

Sold



Description

This exceptional rare and unusual piece stands on three ball feet with hoof legs attached to the main body with oval mouldings. The wide silver rim, has a shaped edge and displays a protruding reeded silver girdle. The leaf capped scroll handle is decorated with reeding and has a leaf capped top. The main body is formed of a beautifully shaded cowrie shell, which is in excellent condition. This is the first time we have ever seen such a piece and cowrie shells are usually confined to Snuff Box production. This may well have been a special order.

Height to the top of the handle: 3.1 inches: 7.75cm.

Length: 5.5 inches, 13.75cm.

Width: 3.25 inches, 8.13cm