

**SA1231390**

## Rare Interwar English Folk Art Shellwork Box

Price

**GBP 975**

| USD \$1,329 | EUR 1,138

**Item Reference: SA1231390**

**Date of manufacture: 1930**

Dimensions

Height = 20 cm (7.9")

Width = 44 cm (17.3")

Depth = 24 cm (9.4")

## Description

A rare and highly decorative example of English folk art dating to the early 20th century. This unique piece is cleverly built around a Victorian pine box, spectacularly transformed into a vibrant seaside keepsake. The box features a bold, masterfully arranged collection of native English seashells. The four sides are meticulously encrusted with shells forming graduated, symmetrically matching geometric borders. The top lid showcases a more varied, sculptural collective display of distinct individual specimens, making the piece wonderfully tactile and visually striking from every angle. The box is raised on simple, sturdy square block feet that anchor its form. Reassuringly robust, it retains its original, strong brass hinges alongside a fully functioning Victorian brass lock and its matching key. It remains in good condition, with the natural shells showing a beautiful, soft age-related patina that adds to its authentic period charm. Origin: England Period: Interwar Period / Folk Art, circa 1930 (on a Victorian carcass) Materials: Shellwork (English Sea Shells), Solid Pine, Brass. Condition: Good original antique condition. The shellwork is largely intact and stable;...

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