

A very fine pair of William IV Shell Dishes made in London in 1834 by The Barnards.

Sold



Description

The Shells are of a large size and were most probably made to serve butter. They are modelled as raying scallop shells and stand on three winkle feet. The wide carrying handle display a raised reeded rim, with foliate mouldings where it is attached to the main body. The handle is also engraved with a contemporary Armorial and Crest surrounded by a garter cartouche engraved with the Motto " Fide et Fortitudine". The shells are in quite excellent condition and are well marked on the reverse. The Barnards made very fine shells, as did the company, at its beginning, when it was run by Rebecca Emes & Edward Barnard. Their good size lends them to a variety of uses on the table. The Arms and Crest are those of the Barton family who, since 1826, have resided at, and run, the French vineyard Chateau-Leoville Barton. Length: 5.9 inches, 14.75 cm. Width: 5.6 inches, 14 cm. Weight: 12oz, the pair.