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A LARGE ENGLISH OR FRENCH LIMESTONE OCTAGONAL OPEN MORTAR

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DECORATED WITH FOUR INTEGRAL CARVED LIMESTONE BALLS.
LATE 16TH – EARLY 17TH CENTURY
SIZE: 38CM HIGH, 46CM WIDE, 46CM DEEP – 15 INS HIGH, 18 INS WIDE, 18 INS DEEP

LITERATURE

MORTARS VARY IN SIZE FROM LARGE FONT SHAPE FLOOR STANDING TYPES SUCH AS THIS EXAMPLE THAT WERE UTILIZED IN GREAT HOUSEHOLDS DOWN TO SMALL 3 OR 4 INCH SPECIMENS USED BY APOTHECARIES FOR INDIVIDUAL PRESCRIPTIONS AND DOMESTICALLY FOR SPICES AND HERBS.