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PAIR OF ENGLISH MEDIEVAL LIMESTONE CORBELS

A PAIR OF ENGLISH MEDIEVAL LIMESTONE CORBELS CARVED WITH GROTESQUE HEADS
14TH CENTURY
SIZE: 18.5CM HIGH, 16.5CM WIDE, 47CM DEEP – 7¼ INS HIGH, 6½ INS WIDE, 18½ DEEP
19CM HIGH, 13CM WIDE, 50CM DEEP – 7½ INS HIGH, 5¼ INS WIDE, 19¾ DEEP

LITERATURE

THESE TWO GROTESQUES WITH EXAGGERATED FACIAL FEATURES WERE PROBABLY CARVED BY THE SAME STONEMASON. INTENDED FOR INTERPRETATION BY AN UNEDUCATED MEDIEVAL AUDIENCE, THEY WERE INTENDED TO AVERT ANY EVIL INFLUENCE FROM WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE CHURCH AND TO ADMONISH THE SINNER.