



William Birch for Liberty & Co., a Pair of Arts & Crafts Rush Seat Oak Chairs

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£2,200

MAKER	William Birch
PERIOD	Arts & Crafts Movement , 1900-1909
YEAR	1900
STYLE	Arts and Crafts
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
MATERIALS	Rush, Oak
DIMENSIONS	H: 39.17 in (99.5 cm) W: 16.93 in (43 cm) D: 18.5 in (47 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

William Birch

Liberty & Co., retailer. A classic pair of Arts and Crafts rush seat oak chairs with a wide curved headrest and attractive wild grain. Ring turned legs with ring turned front stretchers. These timeless designs were unique to **William Birch**.

A popular model of the day made in large numbers with many survivals. They were made in High Wycombe near London, which in the late *19th Century* was the center of the chair making industry in the U.K.

I do enjoy restoring these classic chairs. Each chair is gently knocked apart, joints cleaned, glued, reassembled, and clamped overnight, then set aside for a few days while the glue fully cures.

They are then cleaned and waxed and sent off to my old-time rush seat specialist who lays new rush, ready for another three or four generations of use.