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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 and 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.