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**A GEORGE III WEST
COUNTRY ELM & ASH
WINDSOR ARMCHAIR WITH
COW-HORN STRETCHER,
C.1800–1820**

Price

GBP 1,150

| USD \$1,556 | EUR 1,346

Item Reference: SA1229312**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

A good early 19th-century West Country Windsor armchair, dating to circa 1800–1820. The chair is constructed in the traditional West Country manner, centred upon a broad, single-piece elm seat. The seat measures 55 cm across at its widest point. Rising from the seat is an open hoop-and-stick back principally constructed in ash, with the tall outer hoop enclosing a closely spaced arrangement of slender spindles. The chair stands on four splayed ash legs, the front pair with distinctive ring turning towards the feet, a treatment frequently encountered on West Country Windsor chairs of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Joining the understructure is a cow-horn stretcher, its curved profile contrasting with the otherwise relatively simple construction of the chair. The use of elm for the seat and ash for the bent, turned and spindle components is entirely characteristic of vernacular Windsor chairmaking. Elm's interlocking grain made it particularly suitable for the broad seat, into which the numerous structural elements could be securely socketed, while the strength and flexibility of ash made it particularly well suited to the chair's turned and bent components....

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