

SA659053

Pair of Small Antique Orkney Chairs

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA659053

Date of manufacture: 1920

Dimensions

Height = 83 cm (32.7")

Width = 53 cm (20.9")

Depth = 43 cm (16.9")

Description

Superb example of a rare pair of early 20th Century 'Orkney' chairs of small proportions. So called because they were designed in such a way to shelter the occupant from cold Orkney draughts. They were made exclusively in Orkney and were developed through local island tradition using materials that were readily available. In the early 20th Century they began to be exported and retailed by Liberty & Co. This chairs are constructed of stained pine with a drop in rush seat. The back is made from oat straw and bent grass, bound together with cord from twisted bent grass. The back is almost straight before it curves out gradually to create a comfortable seat. The arms come forward and finish in delicately carved scrolls. The chairs are in excellent condition for their age. They have been cleaned and lightly waxed to retain their natural aged patina. Each joint is clean and sturdy. The stained finish has some natural wear and some light surface marks and minor scratches but nothing detrimental. The straw work is strong and free from any major damages and there are just a few small areas of wear and rubbing but nothing out of the ordinary. One chair looks like it has probably be...

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