A fabulous and rare pair of George III yew and fruitwood comb-back Windsor armchairs, West Wales, circa 1780

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Height: 103 cm (40.6")

Width: 73.5 cm (28.9")

Description

Principally yew, with fruitwood seats.

Each back with a central hand-drawn upright spindle, flanked by matching pairs of gently splayed spindles, below a rounded and serpentine-shaped cresting, the rear of the particularly outsplayed arms jointed through the outer spindle and with well-defined circular ends, on four similar spindles morticed and wedged through the arm and attached to the broad saddle seat, with chamfered underedge to the flat front, on four splayed hand-drawn legs, joined by elliptical-turned H-form stretcher, (2).

All legs have a 'washer' just below the seat; a tightly bound coil of coarse woven linen. They have been in place for a considerable time. The construction method where the leg protrudes through the seat meant legs often eventually became loose requiring the joint to be tightened. Coils of linen or pieces of rag were a simple remedy used frequently.

Provenance: Private purchase from Robert Young Antiques, Battersea, circa 2000

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