

A QUEEN ANNE WALNUT & NEEDLEWORK LOVE SEAT - REF 2166



A fine rare Queen Anne walnut and needlework upholstered "Love Seat". The chair of wide proportions, with rectangular back, shaped seat and scrolling arms all covered in a period needlework. The chair back and sides are covered in a complimentary fabric with piping to the arms and ribbon and close nailing around the base. The needlework flows from the seat through to the back in an extremely coherent and pleasing fashion. The chair is supported on tapering cabriole legs front legs and to the rear a pair of wonderfully out-swept rear legs all terminating in pad feet. The legs are conjoined by a turned walnut stretcher. The wonderful form and shape of this chair cannot be over emphasised, a fabulous piece of furniture.

Love seats were ostensibly a large chair or small sofa, where perhaps a gentleman might get the opportunity to sit close to his beau, during a romantic interlude. They were also sometimes referred to as a "crinoline" chair, because the larger than normal accommodation, offered a lady sitting in her finest crinoline gown an easy seat without her dress being crushed into an untidy ball! Which ever way you take the explanation, this chair is a wonderful piece of furniture, with an elegant stance and wonderful shape, especially the highly out-swept back legs.

PRICE: £37,900

Provenance: Private residence Shropshire, England.

Origin & Age: English, Queen Anne, circa 1710

Dimensions: 38" wide, 38" high; 26" deep 97cm wide, 97cm high, 66cm deep.

Restorations: Minor restorations to the frame, waxing. The early 18th century needlework has undergone a comprehensive restoration and cleaning process and has been fully re-upholstered on the chair.

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