



**SHARON FITZSIMMONS**  
CHINESE ANTIQUE FURNITURE



## **Sale Price £875 (was £1,400) - Low Round Back Armchairs with Deer Carvings**

SHANDONG PROVINCE, C19TH

**DIMENSIONS:** W:64 D:56 H:86 (cm)

**REFERENCE:** CH188

£875 PAIR

The wonderful vernacular carpentry of bent willow wood design depicts a chair with a three dimensional profile that offers a sculptural combination of line and curve from every angle.

One piece of carefully bent willow wood forms the crest rail. This is supported by the back splat and two tall uprights on each side, giving a graceful curvilinear form which is both continuous and in perfect proportion, creating a sense of three-dimensional space for the sitter to occupy.

The aesthetic is softened by pierced carvings of a deer in the backrest, symbolising longevity or wealth.

The splayed legs are formed by carefully steaming the willow enabling it to bend and pass over the seat frame. The lacquer and rectangular rattan seats are new.

As a form, the round back chair was considered the most ceremonial of chairs, although different designs, such as this one were also used for more casual seating.

