

FOSTER & GANE

An Arts & Crafts armchair by Edward Barnsley (1900 - 1987)

£1,850



REF: 5701

Height: 87 cm (34.3")

Width: 58.5 cm (23")

Depth: 50 cm (19.7")

Description

Walnut, with leather upholstered back and drop in seat

England, circa 1960

Edward Barnsley was a renowned British furniture designer and craftsman, recognised for his role in continuing the traditions of the Arts and Crafts movement. The son of Sidney Barnsley, a key figure in the movement, Edward refined and modernised his father's principles, creating elegant yet functional pieces that showcased exceptional craftsmanship and attention to detail. Establishing his workshop in Froxfield, Hampshire, he trained many apprentices, ensuring the survival of fine woodworking skills. His work, characterised by clean lines, exquisite joinery, and the use of high-quality timbers, is celebrated for its timeless beauty and integrity. Throughout his career, Barnsley received numerous commissions, including furniture for institutions such as Winchester College and the Fitzwilliam Museum, cementing his legacy as one of Britain's finest 20th-century furniture makers.