



Billiard Snooker table antique decorative carved

£25,000



REF: 1033

Height: 81 cm (31.9")

Width: 366 cm (144.1")

Depth: 198 cm (78")

Description

This full-sized antique billiard or snooker table circa 1890 is crafted from solid English oak and boasts exquisite detailing, standing proudly on eight finely carved column legs each adorned with decorative panels and motifs. Made by Burroughes & Watts the table features patented steel vacuum cushions, ensuring optimal playability, and is enhanced by friezes with roundel fittings. Accompanying the table is a matching scoring cabinet and a freestanding revolving cue stand. It is exceptionally rare to find a complete set like this, with all original accessories intact. The quality of the timber is remarkable, showcasing solid English oak throughout. This piece was likely commissioned for a grand county house of its era, making it a truly special find. English oak refers to a species of oak native to the British Isles, scientifically known as *Quercus robur*. It's highly valued for its durability, strength, and beautiful grain patterns. The wood has a light to medium brown colour, often with a slightly reddish or golden hue, and it darkens over time, developing a rich patina. In furniture making, English oak is prized for its ability to age gracefully and its resistance to wear and tear, making it ideal for creating long-lasting, sturdy pieces like antique billiard tables. It was a popular choice in the 19th century for high-quality craftsmanship, especially for stately homes, grand furniture, and fine joinery.