The 'Pass Chair' designed by Gimson c. 1906

Further information has been received on the photograph of the chair published in the note by Oliver Heal, 'Letter from Edward Gardiner' (see RFS Newsletter 67, Autumn 2017, p. 3). Terry Rowell recognised the chair as the Gimson-designed, Gardiner-made rush seat 'Pass chair', designed in about 1906. There is another copy of the photograph in the De Montfort University Library, Leicester, where it is one of a set of photographs of rushseated chairs that Gimson apparently used to send out to potential customers. Terry Rowell commented on how Gardiner's letter gives an interesting insight into Gimson's approach, and indicates how closely he based some of his designs on vernacular pieces.