

Title:	1977 Silver Jubilee Sign
Description	The 1977 Silver Jubilee sign that was in the grassed area in front of Blunden Court has deteriorated badly and needs restoration.
Owner:	BPC
Area:	Restoration
Status	Restoration underway by Guildford signs
Last Updated:	22/01/2024

## Actions

Date	Action by	Action/Event
23/01/2024	BVS	Progress update from Guildford Signs who are restoring the Sign
19/06/2023	BVS	Request made to Fete for funds to restore sign
18/06/2023	BVS	Guildford Signs begin restoration
15/06/2023	BPC	Ownership of the sign transferred to BVS
16/02/2023	BVS	Quotations of £1,000 to £1,400 submitted to BPC. BPC declined to support the request to restore the sign due to lack of funds. BVS requested that ownership of the sign be transferred to BVS who would then undertake raising the necessary funds.
01/02/2023	BVS	John May renovated and installed 'Best Kept Village' plaques in the Village Hall Entrance.
30/07/2022	BVS	Gather quotations for restoration
29/07/2022	BVS	BVS presented a proposal to BPC for the restoration of the sign as part of a proposal for recognition of the Platinum Jubilee. BPC asked BVS to submit quotations.
05/01/2023	BVS	Quotations received from Simon Thrower and Guildford Signs.
16/02/2023	BVS	Quotations presented to BPC. BPC unable to fund restoration of sign.
16/02/2023	BPC	BPC to confirm transfer of asset to BVS so that BVS can find other source of funds for restoration.

## Details

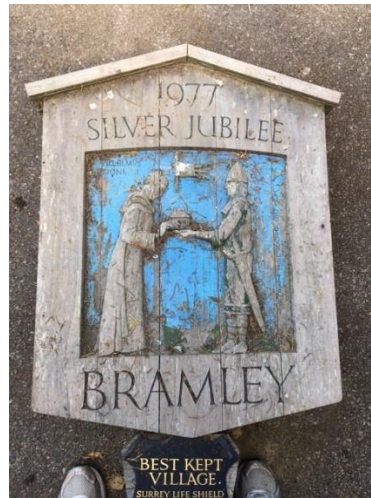
### Background

The 1977 Silver Jubilee sign was located in the grassed area in front of Old Rectory Close and facing the A281



Unfortunately, at some time in the past the post had rotted and the sign was placed upright against the wall by the Rhens Wine Press. Subsequently, the sign had fallen to the ground, most probably

due the wall collapsing. It is not known how long the sign was lying on the ground (face up), but certainly over the last winter. The sign is now in a serious state of disrepair.



the sign depicts William 1 (the Conqueror) handing Bramley over to his half-brother Odo. The sign has a Latin inscription: 'Willeimus Odoni Villam De Brunlei Tradit' which translates as 'William bequeaths the village of Bramley to Odo'. Whilst the picture may not be totally accurate historically, Bramley is recorded in the Domesday book as being part of the land owned by Bishop Odo of Bayeux

The photograph below shows the sign as it was in 2002 when it was already in need of some restoration, but at least shows most of the detailed colouring. It should be noted that the picture itself is a relief carving rather than just a picture painted on a flat panel.



According to the Surry Advertiser, the sign was unveiled on 12<sup>th</sup> December 1977. The Bramley History Society scrapbook has an entry for 16 Dec 1977 that states that Lord Hamilton unveiled the Plaque which was made by a George Taylor of Petersfield.

#### Ownership

It is believed that the Sign belongs to Bramley Parish Council. BVS minutes for 1977 record that the BVS was invited to the unveiling ceremony by the BPC.

Currently the following 2 plaques are attached to the post which it is believed belong to the BVS. It is proposed that these are relocated, possibly to the Village Hall. [These have now been renovated and installed in the Village Hall entrance; thanks to John May].



#### Restoration

The sign has been moved to the BVS store to prevent further deterioration, and the sign detached from its post. A new oak post is required. The sign itself requires sanding, sealing, and repainting, which should be undertaken to a professional standard. It is assumed that the sign can be installed by volunteers at no cost.

#### Update Restoration Starts

As the panels of the sign were separating, Guildford Signs have taken the sign apart, sanded off the flaking paint, and reassembled the sign ready for painting.



## Progress on Sign Restoration

Latest update from Guildford Signs (as at 23/01/2024)

*I'm sorry for the delay with this. The summer is always an exceptionally busy time of year for us and we have been researching the best way to give the sign the greatest life expectancy after our work is finished. We will be, over the next couple of weeks, applying a stain over the entire sign to bring it back down to the slightly darker wood colour that it was before and we will then apply a latex based primer on the section that is to be painted in colour. Once this has settled I will then begin painting the internal carved area to match your photo as closely as possible. We will then apply a clear protective coat over the top of the whole sign to help better protect the wood and the paint.*

*Then we will source the Oak post at the correct length and be back in touch to arrange an installation where we will concrete the new post into the ground (we will need you to specify where you would like it positioned) and then hopefully it will be there for many years to come.*