

Practical Heraldry for the Self-Isolator
 Week 5 Topic: Local Government Arms 1973-1996
 District Councils cont.



Fife Regional Council 1973-1996 comprised:
 Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy and North East Fife



DUNFERMLINE DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1995

Azure, on a rock Proper two lions supporting a tower with four steps Argent, masoned Sable, windows and portcullis Gules.

Malcolm's Tower—associated with Malcolm Canmore—is the principal charge, the supporting lions reminding us of the royal origins of this local (ruined) landmark,



KIRKCALDY DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1995

Azure, an abbey of three pyramids Argent, each charged with a cross pattee Or, between in chief dexter a garb and sinister a buckle and in base a lymphad, sails furled, oars in action, all of the Last.

The abbey is anciently on the burgh seal of Kirkcaldy but it is not clear whether it refers to Dunfermline or an ancient church in Kirkcaldy dedicated to St Bryce. The buckle is a reference to the Leslie family, while the other symbols capture some of the local industries



NORTH EAST FIFE DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1995

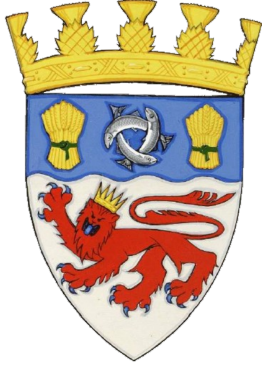
Quarterly: 1st: Gules three crowns of myrtle Or; 2nd: Argent on a mount in base the figure of St Andrew Proper bearing his cross in front of him Argent; 3rd: Argent on a base undy Azure and of the Last a lymphad sails furled Sable flagged Gules; 4th: Gules in chief a garb Or banded Vert, in base a plough also Or share Argent.

The first two quarters capture the arms of Cupar and St Andrews respectively while the bottom two show Earlsferry and local industries.



GRAMPIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL 1973 –1996 comprised the District Councils of:

Aberdeen, Banff & Buchan, Gordon, Kincardine & Deeside, Moray



BANFF & BUCHAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1995

Argent, a lion passant guardant Gules, crowned with an antique crown Or; on a chief wavy Azure three fish fretted Proper between two garbs of the Third banded Vert.

The crowned lion passant comes from the arms of the Ogilvies and the garbs (wheat-sheaves) from the historic Earldom of Buchan. The fret of three fish also occurs in the arms of the RC Diocese of Aberdeen.



GORDON DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1995

Quarterly: 1st: Azure three boars' heads coupé Or; 2nd, Or semeé of torteaux, an oak tree eradicated of ten leaves Vert, fructed of two acorns in fess Azure; 3rd, per fess Argent and Or a fess embattled in chief and wavy in base between in chief an otter passant guardant Sable and in base a boar's head erased between two crescents Gules; 4th, per fess Azure and Pean, three garbs Or; overall at the centre point a tower Or masoned Sable, window and port Gules.

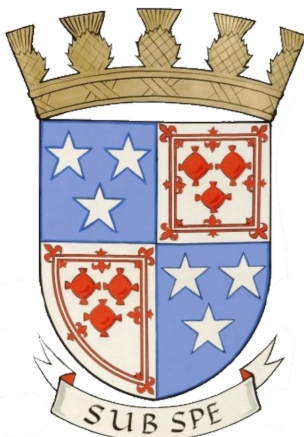
Each of the burghs which made up the District is represented: Huntly gave the Gordon boars' heads, Kintore the oak-tree, Old Meldrum contributed the Meldrum otter, Seton crescents and Seton crescents, as well as the bridge-like fess, the fourth quarter combines Buchan and Ellon. Inverurie's gold tower completes the arms..



KINCARDINE & DEESIDE DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Gules the sword of state and sceptre of Scotland in saltire, in chief the crown of Scotland Or, a closet wavy reduced Azure fimbriated Argent, on a base wavy Vert three pallets Or.

The charges are a reference to the successful hiding from Oliver Cromwell's troops of the Honours of Scotland, at Dunnottar Castle by the Earl Marischal whose home it was, after the Coronation at Scone of Charles II. The rarely used term *closet* means a thin *bar* and here symbolises the River Dee. The base section looks rather like ploughed fields but may also be a reference to the "Gules three pallets Or" which the Earl Marischal's arms bore on a chief.

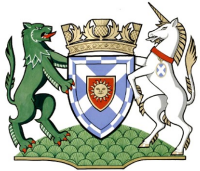


MORAY DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Quarterly: 1st and 4th, Azure three mullets Argent; 2nd and 3rd, Argent three cushions within a double tressure flory counter-flory Gules.

Quarters 1 and 4 are the ancient symbols of the Earldom of Moray while 3 and 4 are the arms of Randolph, Earl of Moray.

The motto is a pun on the legal term *sub spe*—under hope (of ratification) and the fact that much of the area is indeed under the River Spey.



LOTHIAN REGIONAL COUNCIL 1973-1995

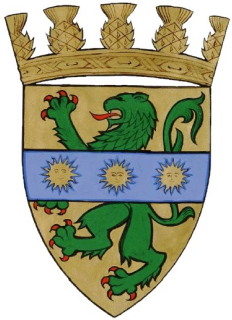
Comprised: Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian and West Lothian Districts.



EAST LOTHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Gules three bars ermine over all a lion rampant Or, armed and langued Azure.

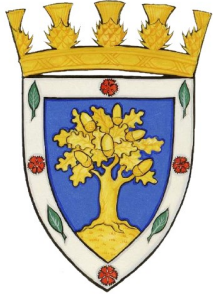
The Giffords of Yester gave the lovely Gules and Ermine field while the lion rampant is used by several local grandees.



MIDLOTHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Or a lion rampant Vert armed and langued Gules surmounted of a fess Azure charged with three suns in their splendour of the field..

The lion comes from the arms of Viscount Primrose while the suns come from the Marquess of Lothian.



WEST LOTHIAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

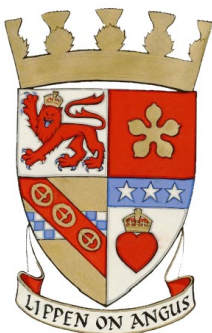
Azure issuant from a mount in base an oak tree fructed all Or; a bordure Argent charged with four gillyflowers Gules alternately with as many laurel leaves slipped Vert.

The arms come from the escutcheon of pretence added to the coat of the Livingstone Earls of Linlithgow .



TAYSIDE REGIONAL COUNCIL 1973-1996

Comprised: Dundee, Perth & Kinross, and Angus



ANGUS DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Quarterly: 1st Argent a lion passant guardant Gules imperially crowned Or; 2nd Gules a cinquefoil Or; 3rd On a fess chequy Argent and Azure surmounted of a bend Gules charged with three buckles of the field. 4th: Argent a man's heart Gules imperially crowned Or on a chief Azure three mullets of the Field..

The quarters each represent a former Earl of Angus: Gillibride (c1135), d'Umfraville (1240), Stuart of Bonkyll (1329) and Douglas (1389).



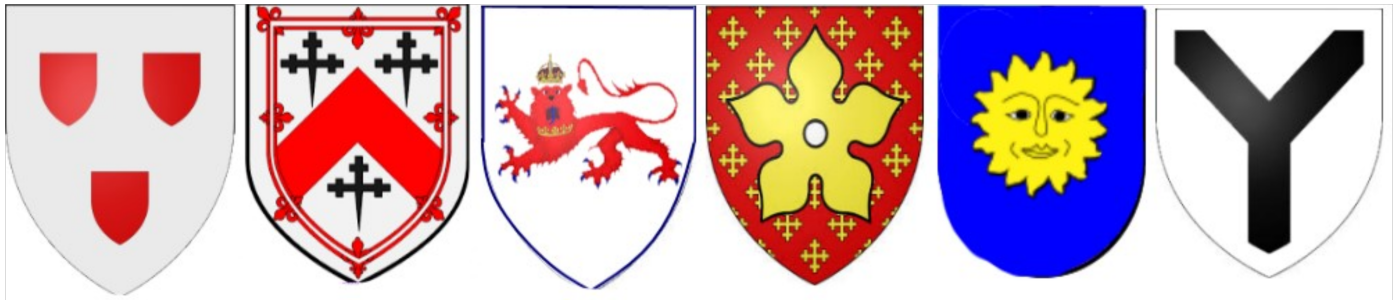
PERTH & KINROSS DISTRICT COUNCIL 1973-1996

Or a lion rampant Gules armed and langued Azure standing on a compartment or mount Proper and brandishing in his dexter paw a scimitar of the Last, all within a double tressure flowered counter-flowered of the Second; on an inescutcheon Argent on an island proper on a loch undy Azure and of the Field a castle also Proper.

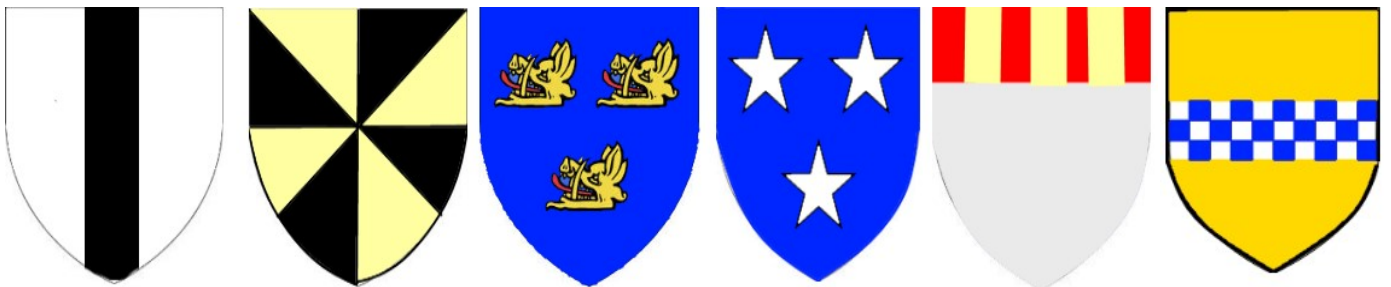
The eagle, royal lion and tressure have been used by Perth for centuries; Loch Leven Castle, where Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned, is from the arms of Kinross.

Bigwigs Revision

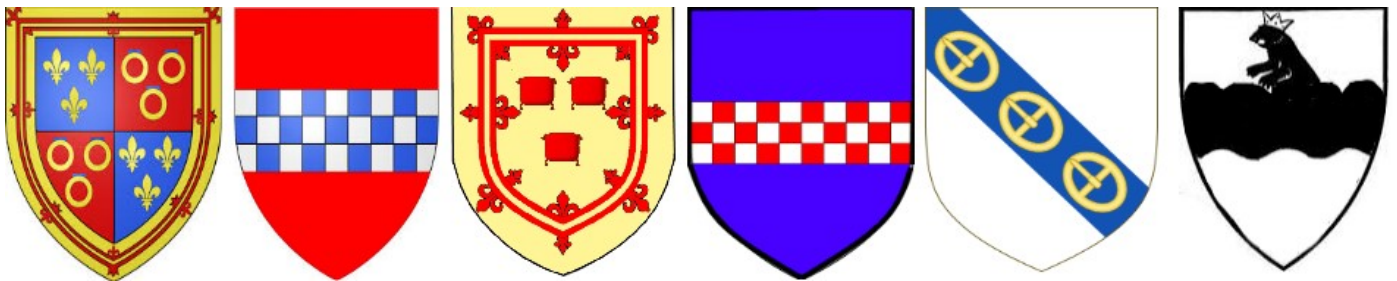
It is obvious that many of the local government coats of arms incorporate elements from prominent local families. How many are you beginning to recognize?



A..... B..... C..... D..... E..... F.....



G..... H..... I..... J..... K..... L.....



M..... N..... O..... P..... Q..... R.....

Boyd Campbell Cunninghame Erskine Gordon Hay Keith Kennedy Kerr Leslie
 Lyndsay Mar Meldrum Montgomery Murray Ogilvie Randolph Stewart Umfraville

Answers on Friday!