

Practical Heraldry for the Self-Isolator

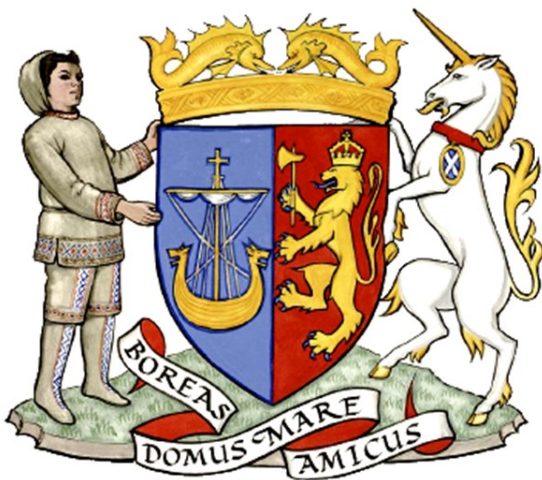
Week 5 Topic: Local Government Arms 2.

Island and City Councils 1973-1995

The three Island Councils were created in 1973 as unitary authorities, combining the powers of Regional and District Councils so they were allowed the same template as the Regional Councils but used a different, very lovely crown, with two dolphins:



a circlet richly chased, from which are issuant four dolphins two and two respectant naiant embowed (two visible) Or;



ORKNEY ISLANDS COUNCIL

Dexter supporter: A 15th century UDALLERER (land-owner)

Parted per pale Azure and Gules: in the dexter a dragon galley Or, sails furred Argent, and in the sinister a lion rampant imperially crowned Or, armed and langued Azure, holding in its fore-paws a battle axe erect in pale Gold.

The gold dragon galley on an azure field is an ancient symbol of the Earls of Orkney while the sinister field is a hat-tip to Norway, of which Orkney formed a part until 1472.

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

Dexter supporter: A Shetland Pony Proper

Azure, a base inverted barry Argent and Sable, the alternate party lines being engrailed and plain, a dragon ship Or, the sail charged with a raven Proper, oars in action Or, flag and mast Gules.

The gold dragon galley on an azure field is an ancient symbol of the Earls of Orkney while the raven is a quotation from the arms of Lerwick.



Dexter supporter: An eagle proper.

Or, on a fess wavy Azure between three lymphads, oars in action, sails furred Sable, flagged Gules, two barrulets wavy Argent.

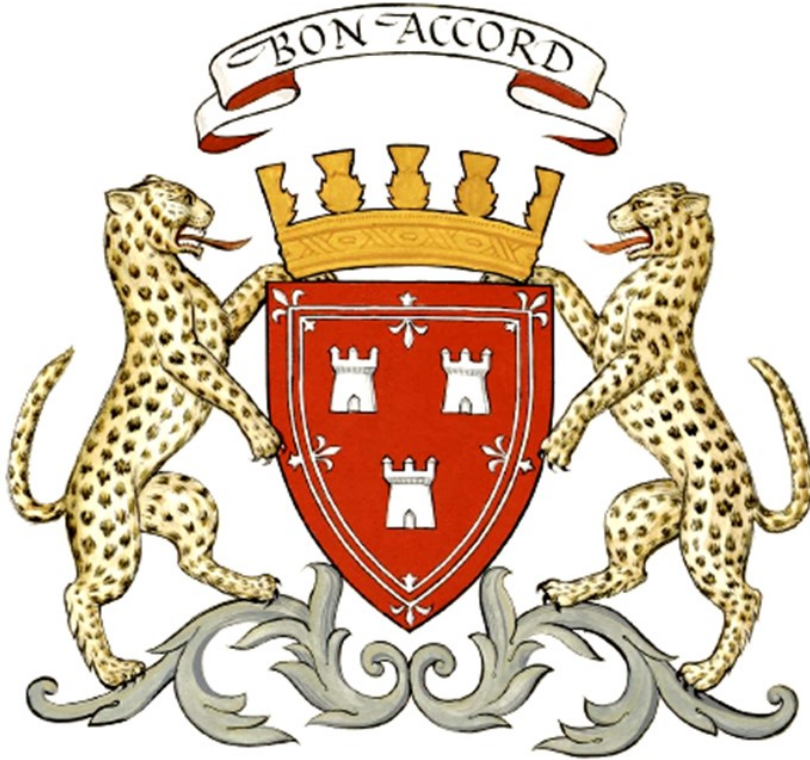
The three lymphads are a very ancient symbol of the Lordship of the Isles which predates the Kingdom of Scotland; the wavy fess simply suggests the sea.

The Four City District Councils—1973-1996

Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh, became City District Councils so heraldically, although they were allowed supporters, they were obliged also to use the new coronet decreed appropriate to a District Council namely:



a circlet richly chased, from which are issuant eight thistle-heads (three and two halves visible) Or.



City of Aberdeen District Council 1973-1995

Gules, three towers triple-towered within a double tressure flowered and counterflowered Argent.

Supporters: Two leopards Proper.

Aberdeen is built on three forts; the double tressure is thought to be an augmentation of honour granted by James I.

City of Dundee District Council 1973-1995

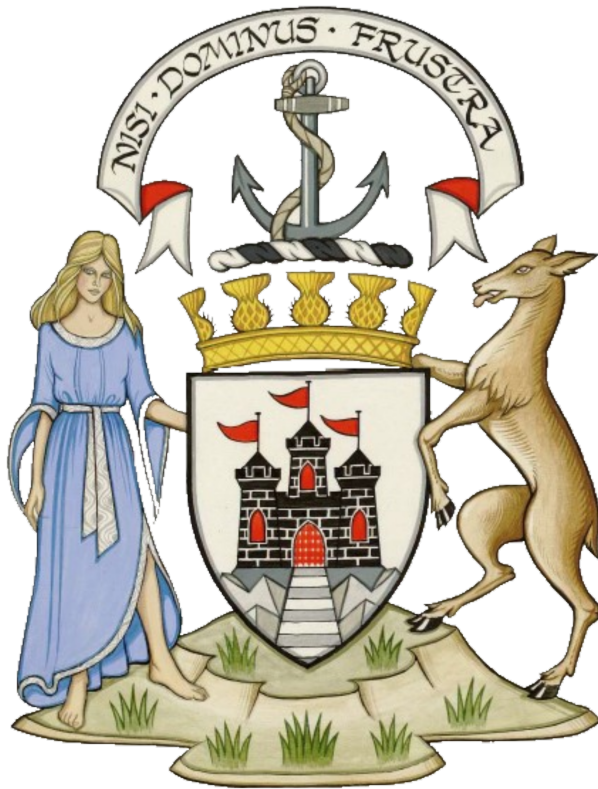
Argent, a pot of three growing lilies Argent.

Supporters: Two dragons wings elevated, their tails nowed together underneath, Vert.

Crest: a lily argent

Dundee was from ancient times dedicated to the Virgin Mary, hence the lilies. The dragons may signify Dundee's extensive trading links with the Far East. The arms have been virtually unchanged for more than 500 years, the city merely obeying instructions about patiently changing coronets.





City of Edinburgh District Council 1973-1995

Argent, a castle triple-towered and embattled Sable, masoned of the First and topped with three fans Gules, windows and portcullis shut of the Last situate on a rock Proper.

Supporters: dexter: a maid richly attired with her hair hanging down her shoulders and on the sinister a doe Proper.

Crest: An anchor wreathed about with a cable all Proper.

The shield is self-evident; the crest perhaps a reference to the Lord Provost's *ex officio* role as Admiral of the Forth. The doe is a symbol of St Giles, patron of the City, while the maid may be Mary Magdalen or simply a personification of the beauty of the city.

City of Glasgow District Council 1973-1995

Argent, on a mount in base Vert an oak tree Proper, the stem at the base thereof surmounted by a salmon on its back also Proper, with a signet ring in its mouth Or, on the top of the tree a redbreast and in the sinister fess point an ancient hand bell both also Proper.

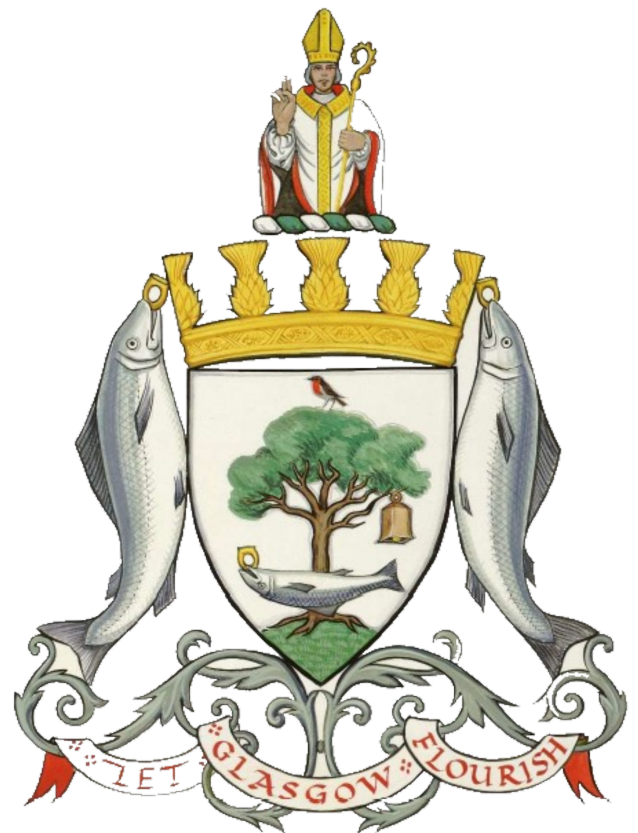
Supporters: two salmon Proper each holding in its mouth a signet ring Or.

Crest: the half length figure of Saint Kentigern affrontee vested and mitred, his right hand raised in the act of benediction, and having in his left hand a crosier all Proper

The elements of the arms all come from the story of St Kentigern or Mungo. The salmon is the oldest element and has supported the arms of bishops/archbishops of the City of over 500 years. The tree ought to be a hazel but at some point was transformed into an oak.

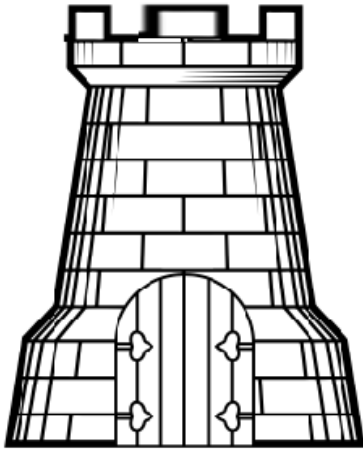
Glasgow children learn the chant:

**Here is the bird that never flew
Here is the tree that never grew
Here is the bell that never rang
Here is the fish that never swam.**

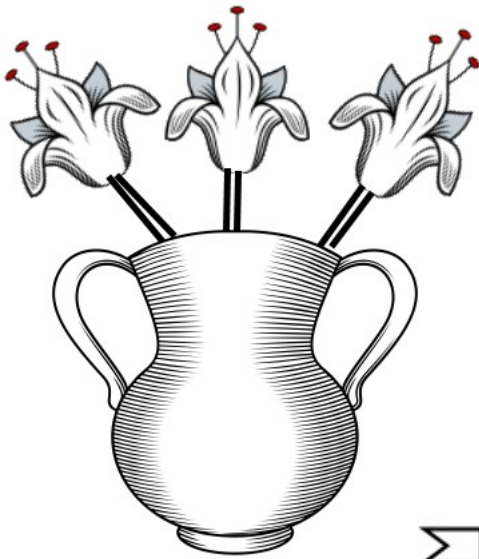
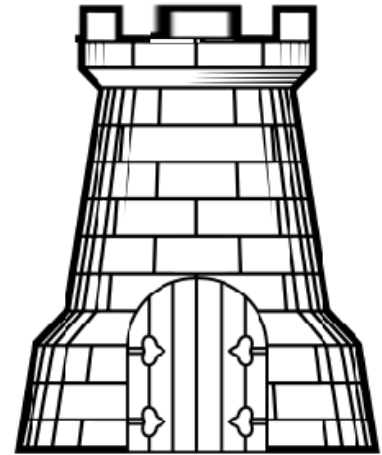


Colouring Practice

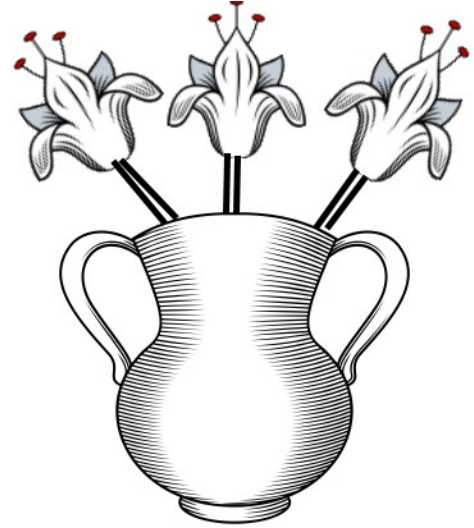
Here are symbols from each city for you to colour



Aberdeen's towers are just described as SILVER (argent).

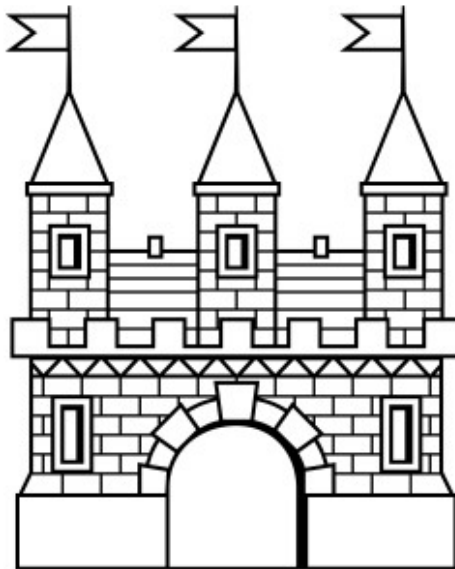


Dundee's lilies and bowl are all supposed to be silver (argent) but the stalks could be green (vert).

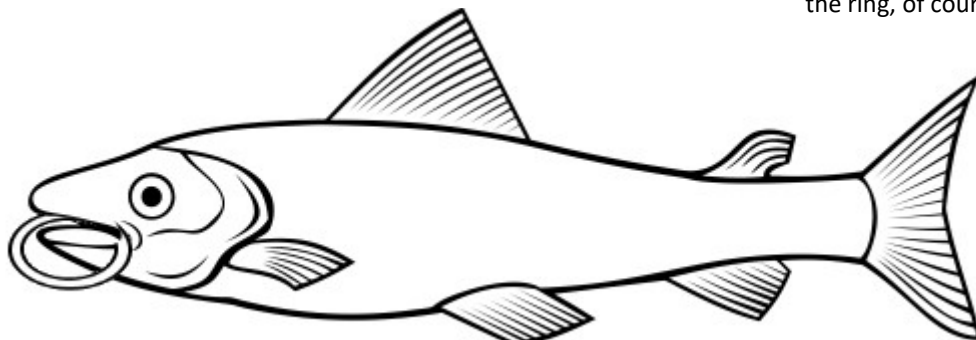


The castle on Edinburgh's shield is BLACK (sable) with WHITE (argent) lines picking out the stones.

The door, window and flags are all RED (gules).



Try to make the Argent Glasgow salmon silvery greeny fishy and the ring, of course, is gold (Or)



The Great Toast Challenge

You may have seen on the News that a very clever man in Lancaster has spent some of his lock-down time in building a copy of Lancaster Castle using TOAST!

We must not waste food and this was obviously bread which had gone stale but here is the challenge:



Choose a coat of arms and try to make it on a plate using foodstuffs. Do not waste the food—wash your hands before and after and ideally eat the results AFTER you have taken a snap of it !Ask an adult to tweet it to @lyoncourt

Here are some samples—you can do better!



Arms of Baden-Baden

Or a bend Gules



Arms of Hay

Argent three escutcheons
Gules