

Practical Heraldry for the Self-Isolator

Week 5 - Local Government Arms 1973-1995

District Councils cont.



BORDERS REGION comprised four District Councils:

Berwickshire, Ettrick and Lauderdale, Roxburgh, Tweeddale



BERWICKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Argent, on a mount Vert, a bear Sable, collared and chained Or, standing in front of a tree Proper.

These are canting arms—the bear and the wych-elm., taken from the arms of Berwick-on-Tweed which is no longer in Scotland!



ETTRICK & LAUDERDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Argent, on a mount in base a stag lodged regardant in front of an oak tree, all Proper, the tree charged of an inescutcheon of the arms of the Earl of Lauderdale, videlicet:- Or, a lion rampant Gules couped at all his joints of the field, within the Royal Tressure Azure.

The lodged stag at the tree is an old symbol of the area and the Earl of Lauderdale in former times was a major local land-owner. His arms are unusual in that the lion is dismembered.



ROXBURGH DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Azure, a unicorn saliant Argent, horned, maned and unguled Or, the tail tufted of the Last; on a chief of the Second a hunting horn Sable, stringed and viroled Gules, between two esquires' helmets of the field.

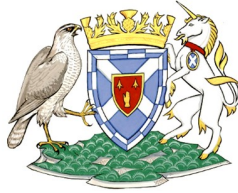
The unicorn appears in the arms of the Duke of Roxburghe while the hunting horn and helmets suggest the Border Ridings.



TWEEDDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Quarterly: 1st, Sable, five fraises Argent; 2nd, Azure, a horse's head couped Argent; 3rd, Vert, a golden fleece; 4th, Or, fretty Gules, a chief embattled of the Last charged with two thunder- bolts of the First.

The fraises are canting arms for Fraser, from whom descend the Hays of Yester, Marquesses of Tweeddale. The 2nd quarter shows the arms of Horsburgh, The golden fleece refers to local industry and the 4th quarter is the arms of Thorburn of Glenormiston, a former County Convener.



Central Regional Council had three District Councils: Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling



CLACKMANNANSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Or, a saltire Gules; a chief tierced per pale, in the 1st Vert, a sinister gauntlet and in the 3rd [also Vert] a dexter gauntlet, both Proper, and in the 2nd, Argent, a pale Sable.

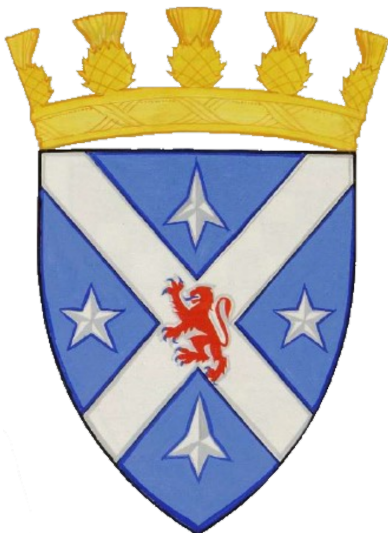
The red cross on the gold shield are from the arms of Bruce. The middle section of the chief is the pale Sable of the Erskines and the gauntlets and motto refer to the old story that King Robert I lost a gauntlet in the area and sent his squire to find it with the injunction "Look about ye!"



FALKIRK DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Quarterly: 1st, Sable, a bend bretessed accompanied by six billets Or, three in chief and three in base; 2nd, Gules, a stag's head erased with a cross-crosslet fitchee between the attires Or; 3rd, per pale Gules and Sable, in a sea in base undy Argent and Azure, a three-masted ship of the 17th century Or, in full sail Proper, flagged Gold; 4th, per fess engrailed Azure and Vert, in chief a demi-angel Proper, attired Argent, wings displayed Or and celestially crowned of the Last, holding in either hand a palm branch of the Second, and in base a bend wavy of the Third charged with a bendlet wavy of the First.

These arms are very crowded as each quarter is made to represent a burgh: the bend is Falkirk, the deer for Grangemouth, the ship for Bo'ness and the fourth quarter the arms of Denny and Dunipace.



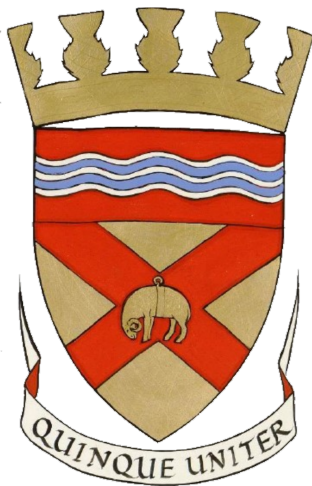
STIRLING DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Azure, on a saltire between two caltraps in chief and base and as many spur rowels in the flanks Argent, a lion rampant Gules, armed and langued of the First.

The saltire and lion rampant remind us of Stirling's status as a former royal capital while the caltraps and spur-rowels signify the Battle of Bannockburn

Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council 1975—1996

Annandale & Eskdale, Nithsdale, Stewartry and Wigtown



ANNANDALE AND ESKDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Or, on a saltire Gules a golden fleece of the First; on a chief of the Second a bar wavy Argent charged with two barrulets wavy Azure.

The Bruce saltire is used on the arms of Annan, with a golden fleece from the arms of Langholm. The wavy bars, refer to the local rivers and the motto to the five constituent burghs.

NITHSDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Argent, a double-headed eagle displayed Sable, beaked and membered Gules, surmounted of an escutcheon of the First charged with a saltire of the Second, and surcharged in the centre with a hurcheon (hedgehog) Or, within a bordure of the Third charged with five estoiles of the Fourth; on a chief wavy Azure an endorse of the Fourth between, dexter, the demi-figure of the Archangel Michael wings expanded, brandishing in his dexter hand a sword all Proper, and on his sinister arm an escutcheon of the First charged with a cross of the Third; and sinister on a rock in base Proper a double-leaved gate of the Third triple towered on an ascent of five steps flanked by two towers all of the First, towers arch-roofed and masoned of the Second, vanes of the Third.

The double-headed eagle with the saltire and hedgehog refer to Maxwell of Herries, Lords of Nithsdale. St Michael comes from the arms of Dumfries and the castle from those of Sanquhar. The numbers in the blazon refer to the order in which they were first mentioned —the Fourth, for example, being Or. This is laughingly supposed to save space and confusion!



STEWARTRY DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Azure, a lion rampant Argent, armed and langued Gules, crowned with an antique crown Or surmounted of a bar chequy Argent and Vert.

The arms show the silver lion of Galloway, crowned with an antique golden crown, also seen on Wigtown's arms below. The fess chequy is a reference to the Stewarts who when Lords of Galloway collected the taxes on a chess board. This is why the Kircudbright area is known as the Stewartry.



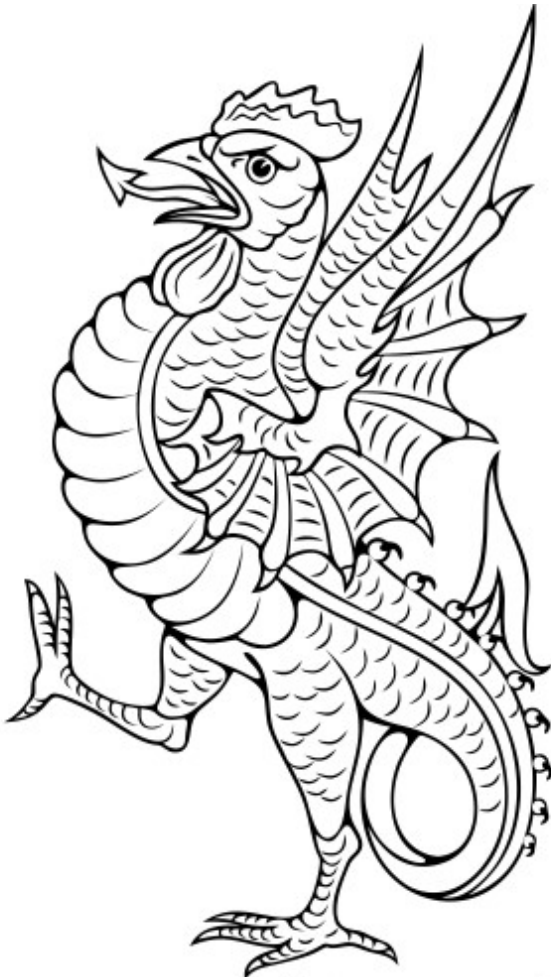
WIGTOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1975-1996

Per pale indented: dexter Azure, a lion rampant Argent, armed and langued Gules, crowned with an antique crown Or and gorged of an antique crown Vert; sinister, Gules, a chevron Argent and issuing from the sinister chief a quadrant of the sun arrayed Or; on a chief Azure, having a fillet Ermine, a saltire Or charged with nine lozenges also Azure.

The crowned lion belongs to the Douglas Lords of Galloway, the sinister is the arms of the Earl of Wigtown, the sunburst for the Royal Burgh of Wigtown. The chief refers to the arms of the Earl of Stair.

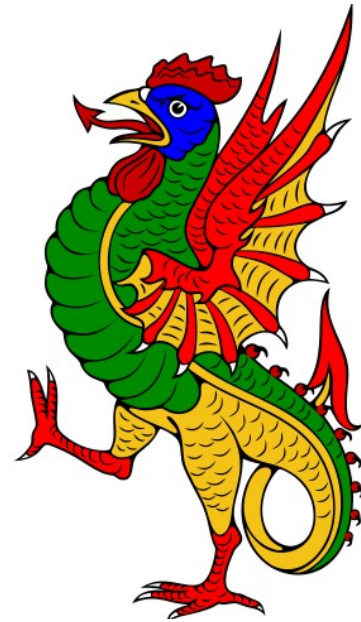


We have been getting behind with our colouring so here are some other horrors from the world of heraldry...



The **COCKATRICE** is half cockerel and half dragon and a very nasty bird. She can kill you with a LOOK!!!!

Her wings have sections so you can colour them differently from the body.



This big spotty goat is actually a YALE.

It is a fierce goat-like creature with gold spots and, listen to this,

It can SWIVEL ITS HORNS in any direction which must be very useful.



We will look at Beasts in more detail next week.