

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	BVS obtaining quotes for restoration
Last Updated:	28/07/2022

Actions

Date	Action by	Action/Event
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.

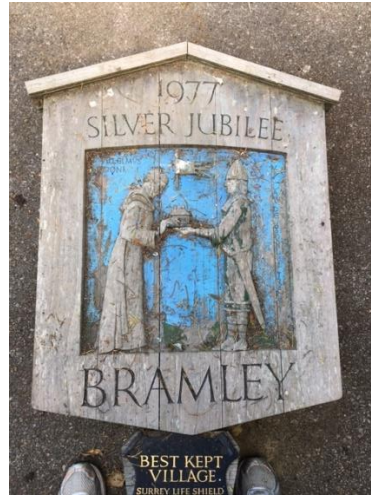
Details

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 12th 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.



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.