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## Hemblington Village Sign

Following a competition held in the village to come up with a concept for a new village sign for Hemblington, parishioner Sue Smith's design was nominated who lives in Cutton's Corner whose original layout is shown below.



The sign elements include

- The Boot represents Mr Jeremiah Cutton who was the local shoemaker who lived in a cottage on the site of No 13 Cutton's Corner.
- The Tractor and Geese – represent the predominant farming influence across the village.
- The Trees – reflect the various woodlands.
- The Village Church – our Saxo-Norman 1300c round tower church, All Saints Church, Hemblington

Pedham resident and Parish Councillor, Caroline Ramsay, undertook the task to organise, design, construction and installation of the village sign starting with the manufacturer of the sign itself.

### The Village Sign

The sign was created initially using clay to create a raised relief model as the photographs below.



Thereafter, silicone was used to create the mould supported by a Plaster of Paris and timber support.

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Once the mould was cured, the first plaster of parish casting was taken as a test cast.



Once a satisfactory casting was achieved the cast was then painted creating the finish sign.



At the same time, consideration was required for the base and steel support to ensure adequate wind loading would be provided to house the sign, as well as providing a pleasing aesthetic feature.

## **The Steel Support**

Mike Harvey from Woodbastwick Forge created the steel support complete with decorative scrolls at the Woodbastwick Forge.

## **The Brick Base**

Roger Pointer and his team from A11 Maintenance Services expertly created the brick and flint base holding the steel support and sign in place.

The sign will be inaugurated on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 12pm at the sign.

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