



The Rochester Bridge Trust Crest

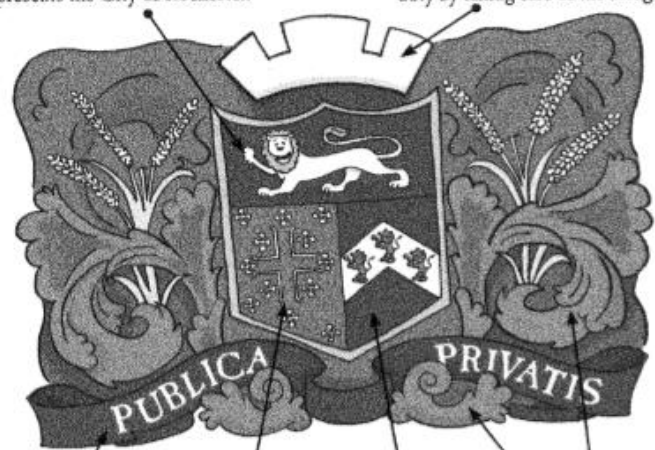
The Old Bridge was built at the beginning of the early 20th century. Designers at the time liked to cover their work with lots of intricate patterns and images: the Old Bridge is covered in animals, plants, fruit and vegetables. These decorations are all meant to say something about the designer or the owners of the bridge.



The Crest appears many times on the bridge, including behind the bronze lions by the portico.

What do you notice about the picture below and the crest(s) to the right?

The lion, called a 'lion passant gardant or', represents the City of Rochester.
The crown, a 'mural crown or', symbolises the fact that the Rochester Bridge Trust fulfils a municipal duty by taking care of the bridge.



'Publica Privatis' is Latin for 'from the private for the public'. It means that the public does not have to pay for the use or maintenance of the bridge.

The blue part represents Sir Robert Knolles. It's meant to be his crest but the artist copied the wrong one!

The red part represents Sir John de Cobham. The three lions are from his family coat of arms.

The green leaves and wheat represent agriculture. Most of the money to look after the bridge came from the Rochester Bridge Trust's farms.









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Different symbols have different meanings. Even the shape of the crest means something...


Type	Meaning	Example
Plain	Often among the oldest of all family crests, coat of arms	
Quartered	Often represents the union of two or more families.	
Chevron	Represents the roof of a house signifies protection, faithful service	
Fess	Signifies the Military Belt represents Honour	
Chief	Dominion, authority, wisdom, achievement in battle	
Pale	Military strength, fortitude	

With thanks to <http://www.allfamilycrests.com/makecoatofarms.htm> for the information and images.

MEANING OF COLORS ON A COAT OF ARMS FAMILY CREST

OR (Gold) = Generosity	ARGENT (Silver/White) = Sincerity, Peace	GULES (Red) = Warrior, Martyr, Military Strength	AZURE (Blue) = Strength, Loyalty	VERT (Green) = Hope, loyalty in love	SABLE (Black) = Constancy, Grief
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MEANING OF CHARGES ON FAMILY CRESTS

1. Lion	2. Griffin	3. Stag	4. Boar	5. Crown	6. Crescent
 Fierce Courage	 Valiant Soldier, Vigilance	 Politic, lover of harmony	 Fierce fighter	 Regal or senior authority, heavenly reward	 Hope of glory, one who has been enlightened.
7. Escallop	8. Heart	9. Garb	10. Trefoil	11. Eagle	12. Hand
 Successful commander	 Sincerity, truthfulness, charity	 Plentifulness, achievement of hope	 Perpetuity, longevity.	 Protector, a person of action, noble nature, power, strength	 Faith, sincerity, justice

You could design your own crest.

What things represent the things you enjoy that you could put in your crest?

What things show where you live to help you decorate it?

