

COAT OF ARMS POLICY

The Coat of Arms may be used free of charge by local, non commercial organisations of some standing in the community subject to authorization by the Parish Council. The design may not be changed. Should an organization wish, they may give an undisclosed voluntary donation to St Nicolas Church in recognition of the commitment and community involvement of Canon Nicholson who initiated this project.

Agreed by the Parish Council 19th November 2015 To be reviewed November 2017

The meaning of the Cranleigh Coat of Arms

The Shield.

The shield is broken into two parts. The upper part called the Chief is blue and gold. It derives from the De Warrene family, Earls of Surrey and goes back to at least 1300.

The lower part is called the Field. On the main field there are three maple leaves, which represent, the countryside, the Acer Rubrum in the High Street and our links with Canada. The chevron, (coloured blue) has three bezants which represent generosity, care and kindness associated with the three bags of gold of St Nicolas. St Nicolas Church is the oldest church in Cranleigh.

The Crest.

Two cranes, one facing backwards and the other forwards represent the past and future of Cranleigh. Both cranes rest their foot on an osier basket to guard the task at hand. The mantling and the reef are in blue and gold to represent the blue and gold of Surrey.

The Motto.

The motto on the banner below the shield reads CRANLEIGH CARITATEM HABET. Translated it means Cranleigh has charity. This is reduced to Cranleigh Cares.