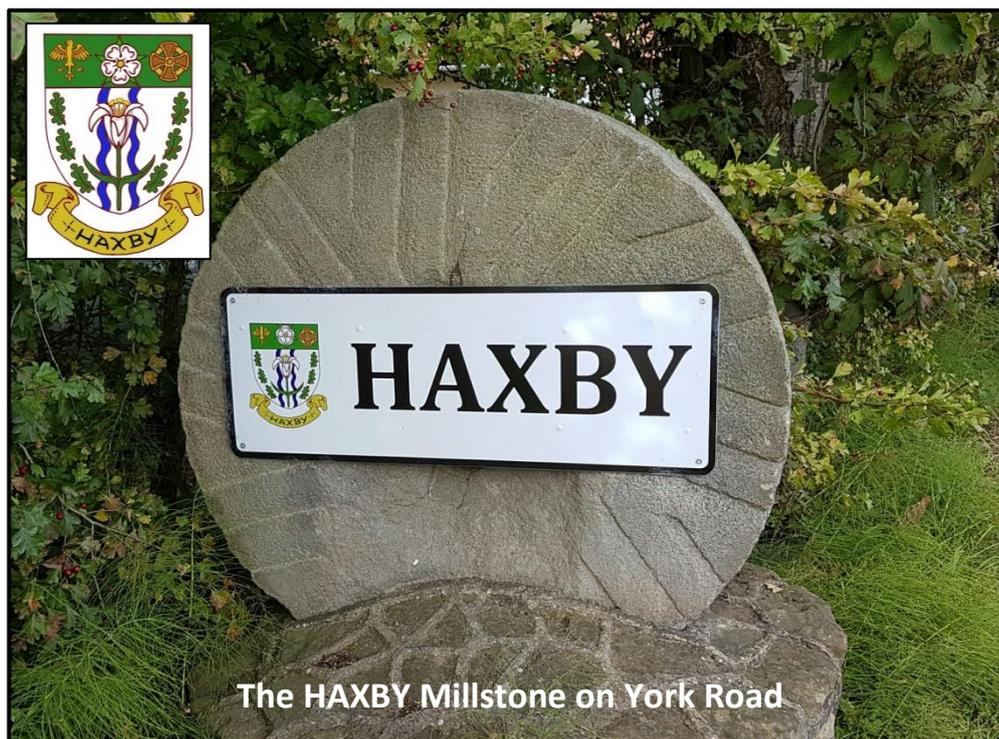


# THE NEW HAXBY MILLSTONE SIGNS



People might have noticed the **HAXBY Millstones** located on the four main roads at the entrance into the town. These signs show the **HAXBY** name and also now, the **Haxby Heraldic Emblem** that brings a unique visual identity to the town depicting various key aspects of its history and location. The design of the Heraldic Emblem was commissioned by Haxby Town Council in conjunction with Mr. Robert Young, a civic heraldry expert and the owner of a fascinating website entitled Civic Heraldry of England and Wales. The website has the strap line "*Heraldry is the Shorthand of History*". The "arms" are not official, that is, granted by Letters Patent from the College of Arms and are to be regarded only as 'an emblem of an heraldic nature'. The Haxby Heraldic Emblem also now features on various documents and publications produced and issued by Haxby Town Council. The "arms" are the property and copyright of Haxby Town Council and must not be reproduced without the permission of the Council. © 2014 Haxby Town Council.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE ARMS:** The main central feature is the White Lily, the symbol of St. Mary and represents St. Mary's, the Parish Church of Haxby. This is set over two vertical blue wavy bands symbolising the River Foss, which forms part of the Eastern boundary of the town and Westfield Beck which forms part of the Western boundary of the town. At each side are Oak Leaves representing the Royal Forest of Galtres in which, in the Middle Ages, Haxby was located. At the top on a Green Field, representing the surrounding natural environment of the town, including Haxby Moor, is the White Rose of York. At either side are an Eagle, alluding to Haxby's Roman Heritage and a Viking Cross alluding to its Viking Heritage.

**DESCRIPTION IN 'HERALDIC SPEAK':** Argent two Pallets wavy Azure over all a Lily slipped and leaved between six Oak Leaves three and three palewise in orle on a Chief Vert between an Eagle and a Viking Cross Or a Rose of the first barbed and seeded also proper.