

HUNTINGDON DISTRICT COUNCIL ARMS



Heraldic Description:

***ARMS:** *Barry wavy Argent and Azure on a Lozenge throughout Vert between in chief three Garbs one and two and in base a Cornucopia a Fess embattled all Or.*

***CREST:** *On a Wreath of the Argent and Azure a Lion rampant Gules gorged with a Collar flory counter-flory Or and supporting a Staff proper flying there from a Banner Vert charged with a Hunting Horn stringed Or.*

Motto

'LABORE OMNIA FLORENT'

By labour everything prospers.

Granted 9th April 1937, to the Huntingdonshire County Council.

The Huntingdonshire District was formed by the amalgamation of the Borough of Huntingdon and Godmanchester, the Borough of St. Ives, the Ramsey Urban District, the St. Neots Urban District, the Huntingdon Rural District, part of the Norman Cross Rural District, the St. Ives Rural District and the St. Neots Rural District.

Explanation of Imagery:

The lozenge represents the natural geographical shape of the County and the colour green its grazing nature. This shape lent itself to a division into two triangles, the upper with corn sheaves representing the Highlands, the lower with a cornucopia signifying the plenty of the Fen Districts. The embattled bar stands for Huntingdon, the fortress commanding the passing the River Great Ouse, a fact of great importance in early history. The blue and white wavy lines indicate the River Great Ouse and water courses of the Fen Area.

In early history the County was a fief of the Scottish Crown and this is shown by the red lion with a collar of fleurs-de-lys from the Royal Arms of Scotland. The banner with the hunting horn is a play on the name of the County and signifies the forest of the Uplands and hunting from the early times down to the present day. .