

Durham North County Standard



The new County of Durham North was set up, following the division of the original 'County Durham and South Tyne' County into two new Counties, Durham North, and Durham South. These new Counties started operation on the 1st of January 1989.

To involve everyone, within the new County, in the design of our new Standard, each Division put forward suggestions for elements of the design.

Following discussions the selected elements, listed below, and the design of the standard confirmed.

- The gold trefoil on a blue background, - NB this was our Guide Promise badge until 1994.
- Durham North Guide County Badge which shows the cross of 'Saint Cuthbert' and the 'Arms of the Prince Bishops' of Durham
- The Guide motto 'Be Prepared'
- The Fly is quartered by the 'Jarrow Cross' and a Bar Wavy, representing the River Wear which flows through the County.
- The symbols in each quarter reflect the Industry, History and Legend of Durham North County.

They are:

The Lifeboat

The Miner's Lamp

Penshaw Monument and the Lambton Worm

The Sailing Ship

Once the design was finalised we were fortunate to have our design made into our new County Standard by J & M Sewing Services, Charlotte Street, Newcastle

The New Durham North County Standard was dedicated at 2pm on 24th February 1991 by the Bishop of Jarrow, Rt Revd Alan Smithson at Durham Cathedral.