

CONTEMPORARY HERALDIC ARTWORK

Corporate Arms

(Civic, Companies, Societies, Clan Associations, Clubs etc)

Authentic heraldry can be a very cost-effective way for a company or an organisation to obtain an impressive symbol for their business.

The Court of the Lord Lyon and the College of Arms grant arms to individuals and corporate bodies within their respective jurisdictions. Scottish clan societies and associations can petition the Lord Lyon King of Arms for a grant of arms, provided they are a reputable corporate body that has been in existence for at least three years and has a demonstrable connection to Scotland.

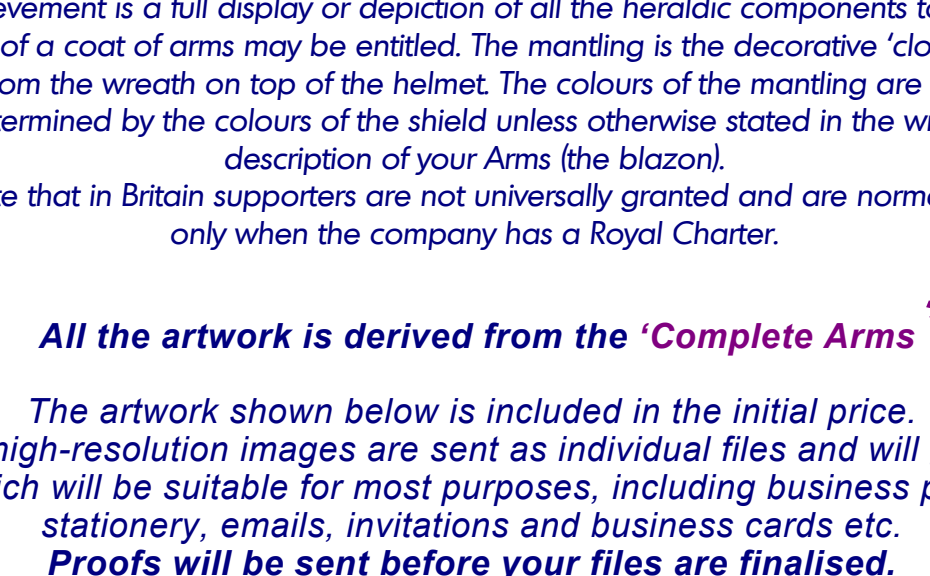
When you petition for a Grant of Arms from a recognised body such as the Court of the Lord Lyon or the College of Arms in the UK you will receive a document that is handwritten and illustrated with a depiction of the arms. However, when this illustration is photographed and reduced in size, it may not always be suitable for use in publications, advertising materials, letterheads, or business cards.

Digitally recreating the arms with modern computer techniques is the best way to solve this. It provides clear, crisp lines with vivid colours, which makes it ideal for heraldic illustrations. It also works well for flag design and gives excellent results when used for commercial printing. By using this method, it is also possible to give you a different rendition of your arms to that which was on your original document. Various permutations can be derived from the 'Complete Arms' artwork and saved as separate files. This gives you more choice and flexibility when using your Arms.

The cost depends on the complexity of your blazon. (The written description of the arms.) As a guide, a standard coat of arms, i.e. no additions such as supporters, is approximately £490.00.

For clan societies and associations it is approximately £300.00.

If you don't already have a Coat of Arms, I can help you formulate your ideas and provide you with authentic heraldic artwork but it is best to check the legal status of heraldry in your country before you commission me. In some countries your artwork may be protected by copyright laws but in others it is far more complicated. See FAQ, for more information.
Please send me your ideas or email to arrange a Telephone or Zoom call to discuss. [email me](mailto:email_me)



PARTS OF A COAT OF ARMS (The achievement)

The achievement is a full display or depiction of all the heraldic components to which the bearer of a coat of arms may be entitled. The mantling is the decorative 'cloth' which flows from the wreath on top of the helmet. The colours of the mantling are normally determined by the colours of the shield unless otherwise stated in the written description of your Arms (the blazon).

Please note that in Britain supporters are not universally granted and are normally granted only when the company has a Royal Charter.

All the artwork is derived from the 'Complete Arms' *

The artwork shown below is included in the initial price.

These high-resolution images are sent as individual files and will give you images which will be suitable for most purposes, including business publications, stationery, emails, invitations and business cards etc.

Proofs will be sent before your files are finalised.



Other artwork can be obtained once the complete Arms have been finalised.

Single colour artwork can make a very striking company logo. The artwork is specifically designed from the original vector files and is suitable for stationery, email signatures See below

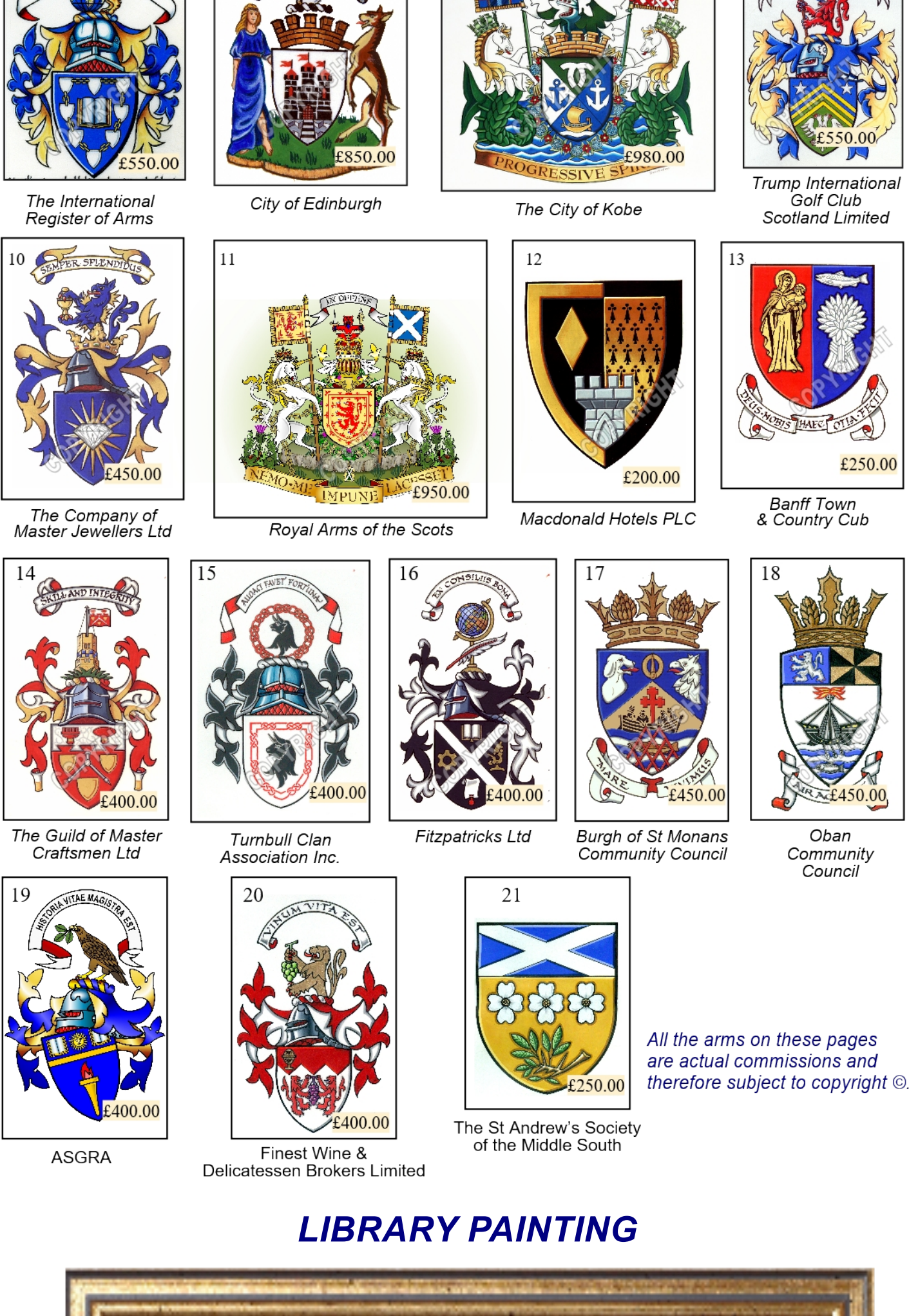
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Examples of Corporate & Civic Arms

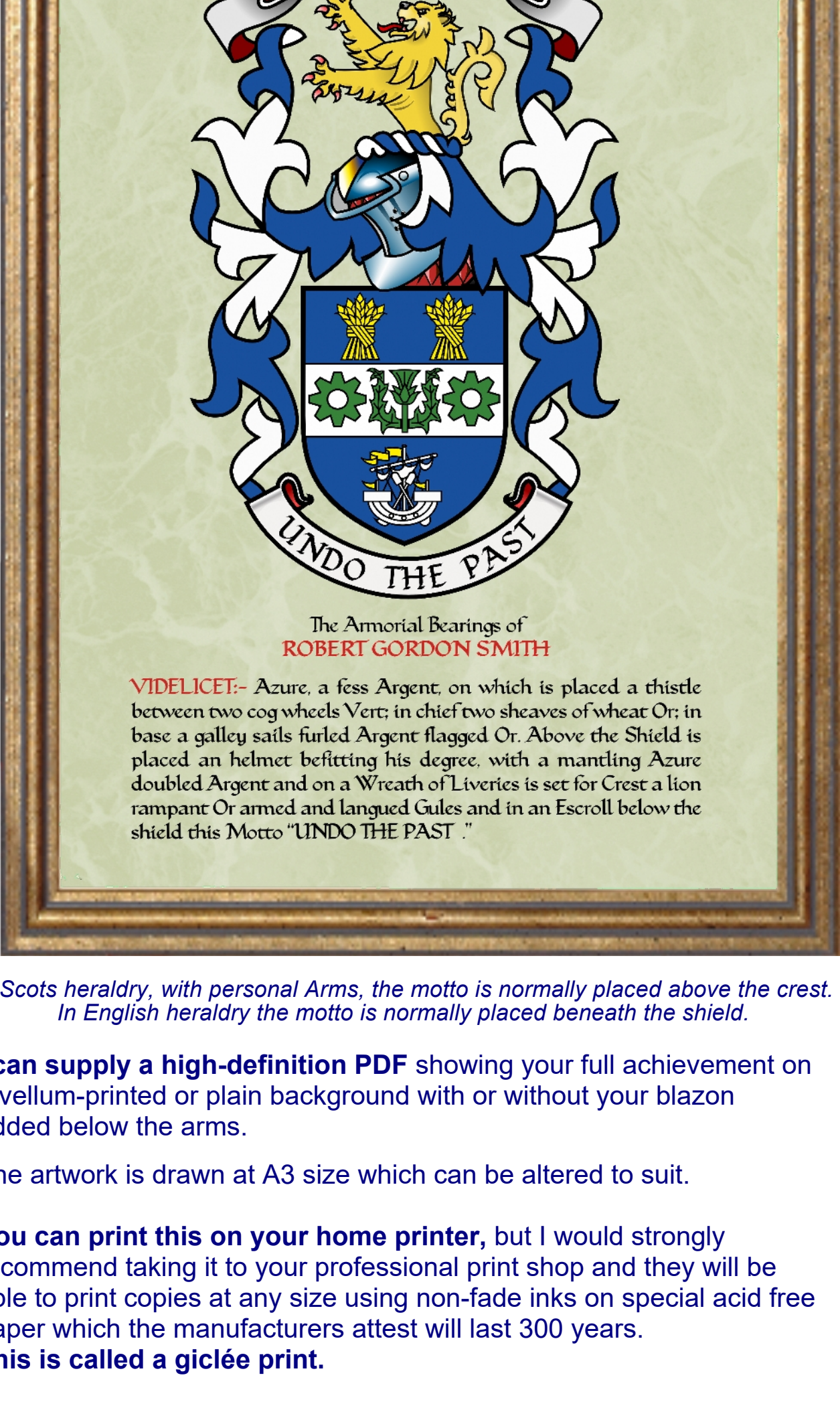
Businesses, Societies, Clubs etc.

To give an indication of costs I have added up-to-date prices to the existing artwork shown below.

For an accurate quotation please send your blazon or an illustration of your arms.



LIBRARY PAINTING



In Scots heraldry, with personal Arms, the motto is normally placed above the crest. In English heraldry the motto is normally placed beneath the shield.

I can supply a high-definition PDF showing your full achievement on a vellum-printed or plain background with or without your blazon added below the arms.

The artwork is drawn at A3 size which can be altered to suit.

You can print this on your home printer, but I would strongly recommend taking it to your professional print shop and they will be able to print copies at any size using non-fade inks on special acid free paper which the manufacturers attest will last 300 years.

This is called a giclée print.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I have Arms. What information do you need to produce artwork?

Your blazon and/or an illustration.

Can I get a quote? YES. If you already have arms please send your blazon (heraldic description) or illustration for a quote.

Can I have Arms designed? YES. If you don't already have a Coat of Arms I can help you formulate your ideas and provide genuine heraldic artwork.

Please email your requirements or email for a **telephone appointment /zoom meeting to discuss.**

Before commissioning me, it would be best to check the rules governing coats of arms in the country where you would be displaying your arms.

For information in most countries See [Law of heraldic arms - Wikipedia](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Law_of_heraldic_arms)

The way that heraldry is regulated in countries varies greatly: From absolutely no restrictions to governmental control. In Scotland, for instance, we have an heraldic court presided over by a High Court Judge, the Lord Lyon King of Arms, who is authorised by the King to grant arms. Whereas most people in Scotland can petition the Lord Lyon for arms it is a criminal offence in Scotland to use arms which belong to someone, or which are not registered.

Where there are no restrictions, you can have a coat of arms designed "according to the Laws of Arms" (which means that they will be heraldically correct). You will then have arms to display. These are often called assumed or courtesy coats of arms and in some countries there are private bodies where you may register your arms, or you can perhaps use copyright law to protect them.

Where there are more stringent rules in place, it may be possible to collaborate with me to design arms which could then be submitted to the relevant heraldic body for their consideration. They will then deliberate and consult their records to see that no similar arms exist, and so there is no guarantee that you will get your artwork approved without alterations. However, if only minor alterations are required for the arms to be recorded, I should be pleased to do these changes without extra charge.

Will I see a proof before I get the files? YES

In what format are the files presented? The files are saved as 32 bit PNG (transparent background) except in the case of flags which are presented in vector format to suit your flag maker.

Are the files high resolution? Yes. The artwork is drawn at A3 size then converted to PNG, so the artwork can be printed to at least A3 size without loss of detail. Larger formats on request. Flags are presented in vector format to suit your flag maker.

...and now The Legal Bit!

A quotation is active for two months from date shown.

Once a proof of the artwork has been submitted an extra charge may be asked for if extensive amendments are required due to the client's alterations or omissions.

It is assumed that the client owns, or has permission to use, any copyright material used in producing new artwork.

A deposit may be asked for before commencement of work.

Final payment is due within 30 days after completion or when the proof has been approved.

When payment is made in full the complete artwork design and electronic files will become the property of The Client.

All the elements (e.g. Helm, mantling and charges) which go to make up the complete artwork design remain the property of the artist.

... A NEW CLAN DIRECTORY



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The main aims of the PDF are to provide a welcome pack for clansfolk and individuals visiting Scotland, to help them get in touch with official societies and associations and help these bodies attract new members.

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