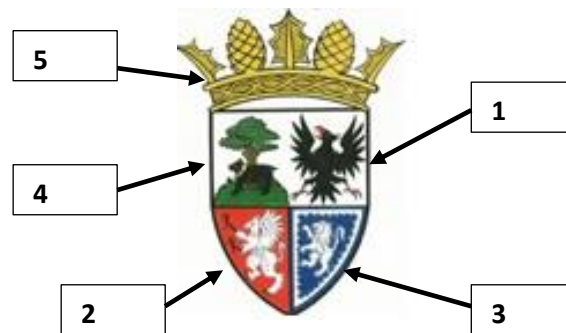


History of Foulden, Mordington and Lamberton Community Council Crest



It was a very difficult matter choosing new Arms for Foulden Mordington and Lamberton Community Council in 2006. Ultimately we decided upon quarters which represented the county (Berwickshire) **(4)** and the Arms of those ancient landed families who had owned the largest parts of the three parishes, from the earliest times and for the longest periods continually.

Foulden was a feudal barony and it and the land was in the hands of the Ramsay of Dalhousie family from the middle of the 1200s until the middle of the 17th century (when they sold up to the Wilkies - except for Nunlands which they retained). They are represented by the black eagle **(1)** on the top R/H corner of the Arms, for Foulden.

The oldest and largest estate in **Mordington** was Edrington Castle and its lands (900 acres) and from the late 1200s this was in the hands of the Lauder of The Bass family until the early 18th century. (The other estates were the small Nether Mordington - today's Edrington House - and Over Mordington which changed hands numerous times.) Their Arms **(2)** are the gryphon on the red background, bottom left, for Mordington.

Lamberton was originally the superiority of Coldingham Abbey and the feu (land tenure) was held by the Lindsays, briefly, and then the de Mordington family for a short while. There is a charter of Sir Peter de Mordington in favour of Simon de Baddeby of some lands in Lamberton, dated 1270. A further charter of Agnes de Mordington, daughter and heiress of Sir Peter de Mordington and widow of Henry de Haliburton, is in favour of John de Raynton, of all Lamberton, 21 Nov 1325. The Rentons held Lamberton for 800 years. (Amanda Cayley of Peelwalls, whose grandfather was the last in that male line, still possesses 600 acres.) Their Arms **(3)** are the white lion on the blue background bottom right, for Lamberton.

There is no Crest. The Arms are surmounted by a crown indicating a government body **(5)**

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