

THE VILLAGE SIGN

The idea for a village sign was mooted as early as 1998. A lot of research and consultation was done. The Berkshire Woodcarvers, local group of talented carvers, had already made an impression with the sculptures in Clayfield Copse. With the exhibition and book behind us, we had a wealth of contacts and photos on which to base the sign. Paul Gallagher did a number of sketches and invited members to vote on the location of the sign. A number of local groups were invited to have a plaque on the sign. An unveiling ceremony took place in September 2003.



The Mayor, Cllr Jeanette Skeats with the Berkshire Woodcarvers at the unveiling ceremony.



Carving the name



Installing the sign

THE BERKSHIRE WOODCARVERS

The Berkshire Woodcarvers, founded by Bill Mander in 1994, had already been commissioned to make 13 way-markers for the woods at Clayfield Copse.

These were installed in 1997 and over the years weathered naturally.

In 2011 the carvers were commissioned by EGRA to make six plaques based on woodland themes. These were installed in 2012



1997 Waymark



Bill Mander



2012 Plaque



The Berkshire Woodcarvers working at Highdown School



At the Diamond Jubilee Event, 2012