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Bramham

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During 1998 , the Bramham Parish Council , in common with many others , decided that the Millennium should be marked in the village . Each of the four main entrance roads should have its own unique Bramham sign , with a decorative cast iron plaque set into an irregular boulder of magnesian limestone . Other ideas included a ' Bramham Trail ' around the parish , with a commemorative notice in the Square , but these were discounted in favour of two decorative wooden signs on the greens at either end of the accommodation road .

As plans progressed , it was decided that the boulder at the top of Windmill Hill should replace the old , by now decrepit , wooden bench , becoming a limestone seat and viewing platform , though the latter purpose was eventually dropped.

During the period up to and after the Millennium , these plans came to fruition . The four limestone boulders , chosen by Council members , were purchased from , and dropped into position by Tadcaster Building Limestone of Warren Lane , it being felt most appropriate to use stone from parish ground . Meanwhile , the oak posts, constructed by Alpha Signs of Saffron Waldron , Essex , were raised , their distinctive decorative views to be added soon afterwards . The village was fortunate in having specialist tradesmen willing to help in all these tasks , most strikingly J.R. [Dick] Johnson , a signwriter by profession and a resident most of his life . It was Dick who designed and painted the **two Bramham** scenes , adding the **original** and creative touch which **give our** signs their individuality and style .

Finally , the cast iron representations [arranged by Yeadon's of Boston Spa] **having** been attached to the boulders , Bramham 's signs became a unique and , mostly , much admired recognition of the passing , and the new , Millennium , the cost of the whole exercise having been in the region of £6000 .
