

The Chartered institution of Wastes Management – Armorial Bearings Explained

The Beacon

...or a “cresset”.... in which the flame represents energy or power generation from wastes and the “flame of knowledge”.

The Badger

The badger is an animal which traditionally clears out its set and removes its “domestic refuse” outside – usually for re-use or disposal by others.

The Helm

A standard part of any coat of arms together with the shield.

The Diagonal Lines

These mark out a “W” for “Wastes” and two “V” shapes which represent excavations traditionally used for burial of wastes (i.e. landfill).

The Beech Leaves

Represent the land and things that grow in it.

The Fish

This represents water as an environmental medium – and the things which live in it.

The Bees

These represent the air as an environmental medium, and all things living it..... and a link to the founding meeting of the Institute in Manchester and that City’s own armorial bearings.

The Wavy Line

Another reference to the water environment.

The Motto

Loosely translated: “Preserving the Environment” – but a slightly forced translation as the Romans had no word for “environment” or even “planet Earth”

