

Village sign Proposal : May 2026

Issue:

The base of the sign's post has suffered water ingress and rot. The same is occurring on the top edge of the sign. It is unstable and wobbling.

The Base is cracked and requires repairs already. It is also a little subsided.

To repair the sign post , it needs to be removed and to remove it wil require demolishing the existing tiled base.

Proposal:

To demolish the base and remove the signpost.

Remove rotten wood from post, and splint it to retain original undamaged wood.

Re - treat the wood (also part of annual maintenance)

Rebuild the base in traditional Docking materials in keeping with the surrounds – flint / cobbles in a red brick surround.

To permit the post to be inserted into the base , locked in place but removable for good future maintenance. It will also be held off the floor to minimise water absorption.

Restrictions

The site is a village green, so significantly extending the footprint would not be possible.

It is NOT listed , so changes are possible.

History (Thanks to the Heritage Group)

The village name sign was made to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI in 1936. Made of oak, the carving shows Docca, reputed Anglo-Saxon founder of the village, and his son. The bishop's mitre in the oak tree represents Aelfric, the Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Elmham (d. 1038), who owned land here.

The sign was erected on the 12th May 1937 with the official unveiling ceremony taking place on 30th October of the same year.

Originally the sign was surrounded by a simple chain fence which can be seen in the picture on the right, the concrete and tile base was added later in around June 1939.

