

WEST BECKHAM VILLAGE SIGN

A village sign was first designed and put up in West Beckham in 1984 following the fundraising efforts of the Bodham and District Women's Institute. The sign was double-sided reflecting the farming life of the village both in medieval times and the modern day. The wooden sign was restored by a local resident, Ray Smith, for the millennium in 2000 but had started to weather badly. This new sign has been financed from the Solar Fund in 2020.

North Side Medieval Beckham

South Side Modern Beckham

The village name comes from Beocca's homestead: OE Beocca+ham (homestead).

The modern church of St Helen and All Saints, built from the materials from the two ruined churches and consecrated in 1891.

Farmer harvesting and his wife gleaning.

Roundels represent the Erpingham Union Workhouse (Beckham Palace) built in 1851, with a begging bowl and coins.

The arms of Mautby originally in the west window of the original church in West Beckham.



The Women's Institute Logo in 1984.

The original church of All Saints.

Roundels show the Norwich silver chalice used in the church (right) and the assay marks on the base dated 1549 (left).

The arms of Sir Roger de Beckham Kt 1379 originally displayed in a window in St Helen's church East Beckham.



The golden cross of St Helen.

New symbol created to highlight the Solar Farm sponsorship.

Two pylons represent RAF West Beckham – one of the 'chain – home' radar stations in World War 2 and now the site of telecomms towers.

Corn bins and tractor ploughing represent modern farming.

The year the sign was finished and installed.

The symbol of All Saints.