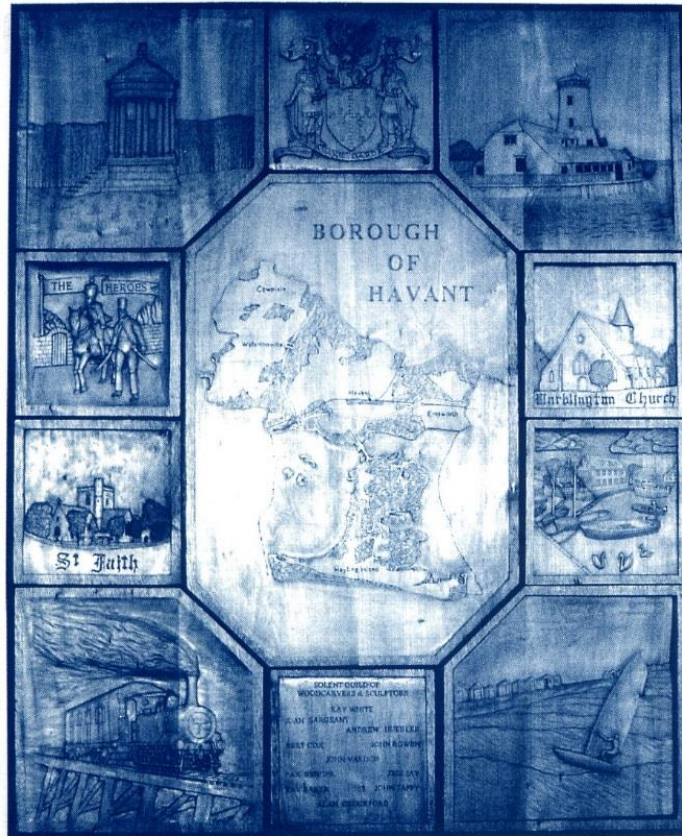


Carving the Local Landscape.



During the year 2000, a project for this millennium was suggested by the Solent Guild of Woodcarvers and Sculptures' Committee and the idea to carve a relief panel showing various landmarks in Havant was proposed.

Drawings were made showing the map of the Borough in the centre with the Borough Coat of Arms at the head surrounded by local scenes. These scenes show the Langstone Mill, Warblington Church, St Faiths Church, Emsworth quayside, windsurfing at Hayling Island, (where the sport was invented), the Hayling Billy, The Waterlooville Heroes and Staunton Park Beacon. A panel at the bottom bears the names of the carvers. Eleven members of the Guild volunteered to carve one piece each and carving commenced in July 2001 using limewood.

On 17th October, 2002, a presentation ceremony took place at the Council Chambers in Havant Civic Offices when the Guild's Chairman formally handed the completed panel to the Mayor of Havant. The carving can now be seen by all members of the public in the reception of the Civic Offices, Havant. If you are interested in joining the Guild contact Alan Crockford on 023 92268592, beginners welcome.