



Our Crest

Learn about the heraldic significance of the BAUS coat of arms



The Coat of Arms was presented to the Association by Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester on 29 June 1994.

It was devised by York Herald of The College of Arms and was based largely on the President's badge. Many features of the badge are retained in the Coat of Arms such as the ship (now changed to a heraldic 'Lymphad') and the two dolphins (now altered to their heraldic versions and in the 'urinant' position). A new feature was the crest which consists of the crossed keys of St Peter entwined by a golden serpent. The supporters are, on the left, St Peter and, on the right, Hippocrates with the rod of Aesculapius. They are standing on a grassy compartment from which grow sweet peas.

Other features of the Coat of Arms include the shield (which is taken to represent the bladder), the sun in the upper left hand corner which is the emblem of Apollo (the god of medicine) and the golden sea which represents the urine.

The motto (*Vis unita fortior*) translates as "United strength is stronger".
It is also the motto of the city of Stoke-on-Trent

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