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We've been making signs for a long time – 131 years at the last count!

Up to the 1950s, virtually all road signs were cast in aluminium, fitted with hundreds of glass beads for reflectivity, packed in straw and despatched to customers throughout the UK and in many parts of the then Empire.



This photo shows a team of our staff in 1953 complete with the obligatory 1950s Brylcreemed hair!!

As cast road signs were phased out in the 1960s, we diversified into more interesting sign work, a process that continues to the present day. As designers realise the potential of cast metal as a sign medium, we respond by developing new techniques to turn their designs into reality. Meanwhile, our conservation sign work continues apace.

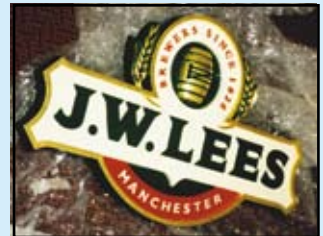


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Welcome Signs

The sheer diversity, colourfulness and imagination of British village signs is something very much appreciated by both locals and tourists. There is even a Village Sign Society dedicated to studying and recording signs throughout the country. Whilst a few villages manage to design and make their own signs, most need help and advice on both fronts.

Towns and cities are much more sign conscious than they used to be. New signs are often part of new corporate images and renewed efforts to stimulate tourism and economic development. Like it or not, towns have to compete with their neighbours for tourists, shoppers and casual visitors and the image they present reflects that. Like the towns themselves, the signs need to be distinctive and eye-catching.

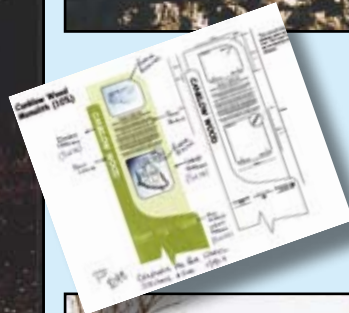


To us, every non-standard sign is another victory for vernacular architecture and individuality over standardisation. The greater the diversity, the more interesting a journey through Britain becomes. Along with other specialist sign makers, wood carvers, masons and blacksmiths, we enjoy helping towns and villages to sign themselves attractively and effectively. We welcome enquiries from hamlets, villages, towns and cities looking for well-designed, well-made and immaculately finished signs of any size.

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Estate Signage

As suppliers of site signs to the National Trust for over 50 years, we are very well placed to advise on the discrete but effective signing of estates. Recent projects include the signing of Stirling Castle and many of the Welsh castles, sites that cope with huge numbers of visitors without brash or improper signing. Our service is comprehensive, from design through manufacture to installation and maintenance.



We cover the full range of estate signs including entrance signs with and without admission times and charges, general signs and signposts, safety signs for visitors, interpretation panels, maps and trail markers. We also make many site-specific bespoke signs to deal with the unexpected problems many estates face, as well as plant labels and tree plaques. Signs can be adapted to be free-standing, lectern mounted, wall mounted, on stakes or to suit fence posts and railings.



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Street Nameplates

Many of the street nameplates still in use in older towns and cities are over 100 years old. Made of cast iron, often to individual designs by long-closed local foundries, there is no reason why they should not still be in use in another 100 years.

Although 90% of new street nameplates are sheet metal or plastic, there is a growing interest in cast metal plates, particularly for conservation areas, new housing schemes and for many inner city areas.

We've been making street nameplates for many decades and retain many of the original patterns, designs and lettering developed for local authorities as far back as the 1930's. We've also developed new concepts which include district names and area postcodes. Over 1500 plates have been supplied to the city of Glasgow, with different typography for each district.

We also specialise in accurate replicas of more unusual plates which include dark blue and white vitreous enamelled French style and ceramic nameplates composed of individual letter tiles.



One of the more unusual signage projects - a cast mile stone.



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