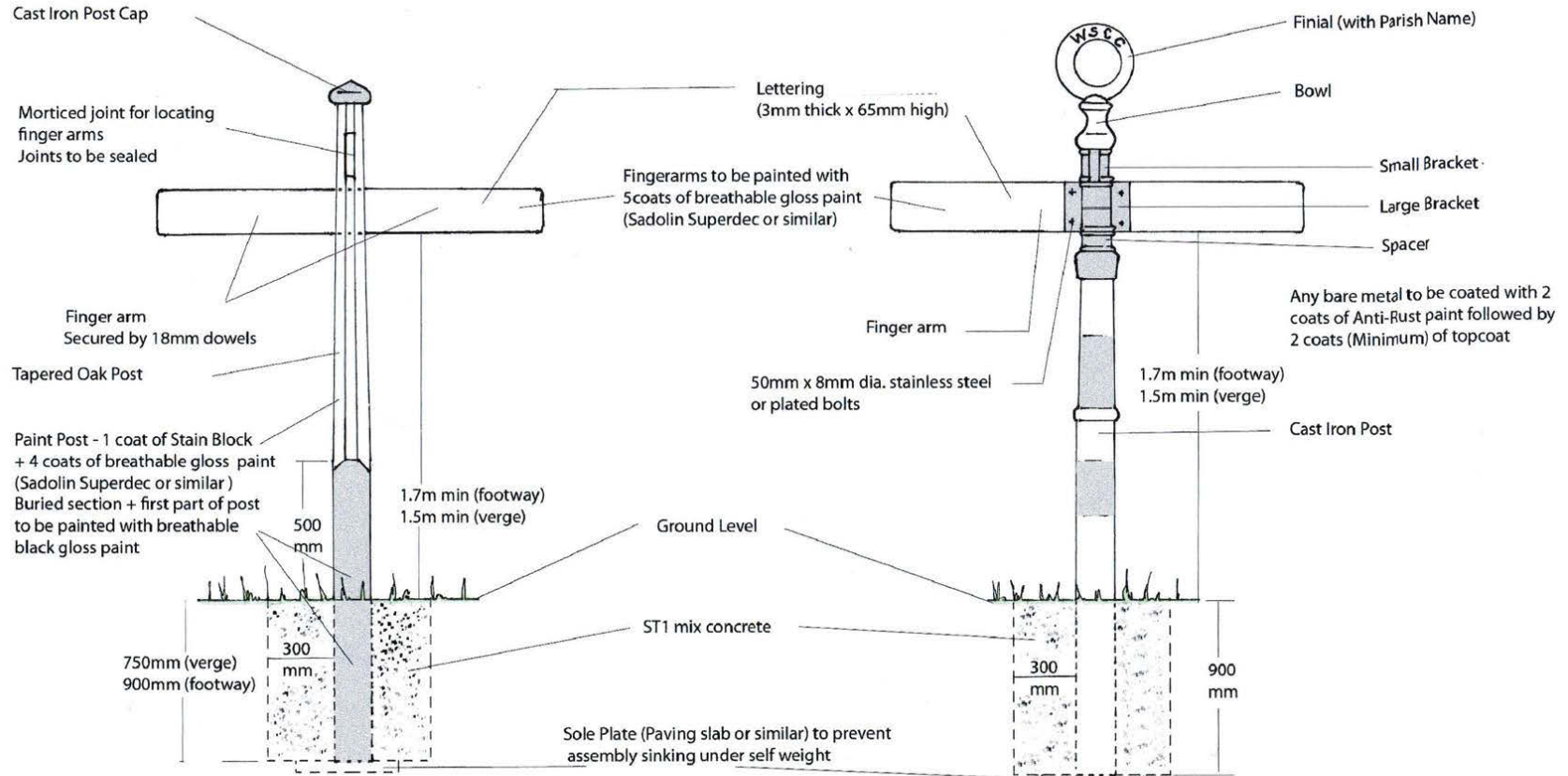




# Heritage 'finger' way-posts

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# Types and anatomy of Way-post



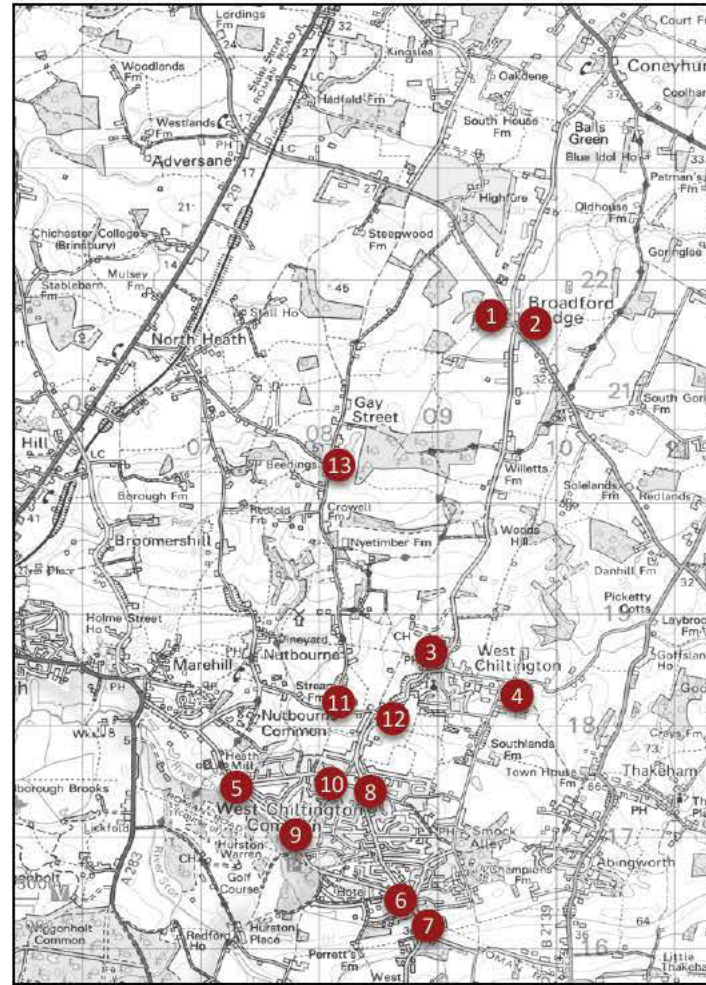
**East Sussex Style  
(Wooden)**

**West Sussex Style  
(Cast Iron)**



# List and location of preserved posts – 06/16

- 1 – B2133, Harbolets Rd
- 2 – B2133, jct to Broadford Brigde Rd
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- 13 – Gay St, jct to Gay Street Ln



# #1

## B2133 - Harbolets Rd

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron  
BOARDS 4

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
1.1	B2133 (Large) Thakeham 2 Ashington 4	1210 x 200	Sound - Repaint
1.2	B2133 (Large) Adversane 1 Billingshurst 2	1210 x 200	Sound - Repaint
1.3	W Chiltington 1 Storrington 4	900 x 200	Sound - Repaint
1.4	Conyhurst 1	900 x 200	Sound - Repaint

### IRON WORK

The iron work is in good order and seems mostly original. There are signs of moss growth and rust, the sign would therefore benefit from a clean and cosmetic repaint in the next year. The ring finial is 1930's design though when the sign was replaced after WW2 a 'THAKEHAM' finial was mistakenly fitted.

### NOTES

Plastic lettering has been used to replace metal characters



## #2

### B2133 – Broadford Bridge

TYPE Pole marker

BOARDS 1

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
2.1	W. Chiltington	900 x 155	Sound - 'W' missing from one side

#### IRON WORK

The original iron post has been replaced with a steel pole which now shows signs of rust therefore as cosmetic clean and repaint will be required within the next 2 years. The sign has no ring finial but is capped.

#### NOTES

Sign is not original and is now largely redundant as larger modern signs have been placed to enhance visibility of the junction.



# #3

## West Chiltington Village

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron (Tall)

BOARDS 3

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
3.1	Pulborough 4 Storrington 3	900 x 200	Good
3.2	Coolham Thakeham 2	900 x 290	Good
3.3	Billingshurst Broadford Bridge	900 x 290	Good

### IRON WORK

This sign has already received major preservation work in recent years, There are minor signs of rust on the pole but this is purely cosmetic. The sign has been fitted with a newly cast finial with the county coat of arms cast and hand painted in the centre.

### NOTES

The sign boards are of the 'Coastal' style with inverted fillets on each corner, this was most likely done in error during previous restoration work. The sign is obscured but overgrowth from Palmers Lodge



# #4

## Sinnocks

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron  
BOARDS 3

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
4.1	West Chilmington 1 Nutborne 2 Pulborough 3	900 x 300	Sound - Repaint
4.2	Smock Alley 1 Roundabout 2 Storrington 3	900 x 300	Sound - Repaint
4.3	Thakeham 2 Coolham 4 Horsham 10	900 x 300	Sound - Repaint

### IRON WORK

The iron work is in good condition but would benefit from a cosmetic clean and repaint within the next year. The ring finial and bowl were unscrewed and are missing - records show 1930's 'WEST CHILTINGTON' finial was previously fitted.

### NOTES

Plastic lettering has been used to replace metal characters some of which are broken.



# #5

## Monkmead / Harborough Hill

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron  
BOARDS 3

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
5.1	Washington 5 Storrington 2 Roundabout 1	900 x 300	Sound - Repaint
5.2	Smock Alley West Chiltington	1000 x 200	Rotten - Repair/Replace
5.3	Petworth Pulborough	770 x 190	Sound - Repaint

### IRON WORK

The iron work is in good order and seems mostly original. There are minor signs of rust, the sign would therefore benefit from a clean and cosmetic repaint in the next year. The ring finial is 1950's 'W CHILTINGTON' type.

### NOTES

This sign has been well maintained the rot of the 'Smock Alley' board is the most obvious need of attention





# #6

## Monkmead / Common Hill

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron  
BOARDS 2

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
6.1	W. Chiltington	200 x 900	Rotten - Repair/Replace
6.2	Pulborough	200 x 900	Sound - Repaint

### IRON WORK

The iron work is in good condition but would benefit from a cosmetic clean and repaint within the next year. The ring finial has been broken off and is missing. The bowl remains.

### NOTES

The precarious location makes maintenance here more difficult than most.



# #7

## Rock Cottage

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron  
BOARDS 3

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
7.1	W. Chilington 1 Pulborough 3	900 x 200	Sound - Repaint
7.2	Smock Alley	900 x 200	Sound - Repaint
7.3	Storrington 1 Worthing 11	900 x 200	Sound - Repaint

### IRON WORK

The iron work is in good order and seems mostly original. There are a lot of evidence of rust but this can be rectified with a clean and cosmetic repaint providing it is addressed within the next year. The ring finial is the original 'ROUNDABOUT' design.

### NOTES

This sign is one of the most prominent and most admired. It is seen by everyone entering the village from the south.



# #8

## West Chiltington Common

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron

BOARDS 4

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
8.1	The Village 1 Coolham 5 Horsham 12	900 x 300	Split - Repair/Replace
8.2	Smock Alley	900 x 190	Sound - Repaint
8.3	Pulborough 3 Petworth 9	900 x 190	Sound - Repaint
8.4	Storrington 3 Worthing 12	900 x 190	Split - Repair/Replace

### IRON WORK

Close inspection shows multiple signs of damage and subsequent repair. The current bowl is concrete and the structural integrity is provided from a scaffold pole inserted to the centre of the post. Brackets no longer move independently. Rust patches require curing and repainting. Cosmetic Repainting needed. The ring finial is post 1950's design 'W CHILTINGTON'

### NOTES

Plastic lettering has been used to replace metal characters on the sign boards this has broken in places.



# #9

## Monkmead / Nytimber

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron  
(Missing)  
BOARDS 3

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
9.1	W Chilmington 1 Horsham 12	900 x 300	Missing
9.2	Storrington 2	900 x 190	Missing
9.3	Petworth 9 Pulborough 3	900 x 190	Missing

### IRON WORK

Missing

### NOTES

None



Location of previous sign (looking south from Nytimber)



# #10

## Nytimber / The Common

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron  
BOARDS 3

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
10.1	Coolham 5 Horsham 12	900 x 300	Sound - Repaint
10.2	Smock Alley	900 x 190	Rotten - Repair/Replace
10.3	Pulborough 3 Petworth 9	900 x 190	Rotten - Repair/Replace

### IRON WORK

Good original condition though some maintenance is needed to ensure the sign remains preserved. There is evidence of rust and some 16 coats of paint much of which needs to be blasted back before further repainting is attempted. Suggest removal of boards and errectsoda blast in situ. The ring Finial is 1930's design 'WEST CHILTINGTON'

### NOTES

Sign is well preserved and all the ironwork seems original and correct. Attention is required to preserve the sign, especially with regard to repainting of the iron work. Lead is undoubtedly present in the lower coats of pain hence caution needs to be taken. May be possible to soda blast in situ. Immediate action is needed in order to preserve this sign.



# #11

## Stream Lane / Gay Street

TYPE Pole Marker  
BOARDS 3

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
11.1	Gay Street	900 x 200	Missing
11.2	Nutborne 1 Pulborough 2	900 x 200	Missing
11.3	W. Chiltington 1 Coolham 4	900 x 200	Missing

### IRON WORK

The original iron post has been replaced with a steel pole. The sign has been fitted with a modern aluminium cast finial with the county coat of arms printed on (this has now worn away)

### NOTES

Location of sign has overgrown considerably. All boards have broken off. Construction of sign not really intended for rural use. Needs replacement.



# #12

## Windmill

TYPE Oak Post (East Sussex)

BOARDS 3

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
12.1	W. Chiltington	700 x 180	Sound - Repaint
12.2	Nutborne	650 x 150	Sound - Repaint
12.3	Storrington	700 x 180	Sound - Repaint

### IRON WORK

None - Post is oak and is mostly sound however there are signs of rot at the base. The extent that the post is able to move indicates this rot may already be quite advanced. The mortice joints seem very solid and well sealed, though ivy growth has started to effect the join to the 'Nutborne' board. The cast iron top cap is missing.

### NOTES

The sign is greatly obscured by overhanging foliage (as evident in the pictures). Attention is required to reinforce the rotten base.



# #13

## Gay Street

TYPE Prewar Cast Iron  
(Missing)  
BOARDS 3

BOARD	TEXT	DIMENSIONS (mm)	REMARKS
13.1	W Chilmington 2 Gay Street	900 x 200	Missing
13.2	Adversane 2 North Heath	900 x 200	Missing
13.3	No Through Road	900 x 200	Missing

### IRON WORK

Missing

### NOTES

None



Location of previous sign (Looking East for Gay Street Ln)





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Attention Required for  
Repair or Preservation

Maintenance Required  
within 12 months

Maintenance Required  
within 2 years

#2, #9, #11, #13  
Signs are missing or are no  
longer 'original'.



# Finger Sign Preservation

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