

# Shield Spotting

It wasn't just knights that had coats of arms - other people and places wanted to use them too. They can still be seen on buildings, signs and here in St Machar's Cathedral on the ceiling.



The coat of arms of King James V of Scotland is on the ceiling in St Machar's Cathedral

## Heraldry Trail

Take a walk around your local area and see how many coats of arms you can spot.



The arms of the founder Bishop Elphinstone and King's College can be seen in Old Aberdeen University campus.



Print off our **Trail Activity Sheet** on the next page for your walk



The lilies, 3 salmon and bough pot of Old Aberdeen can be seen on the walls of Elphinstone hall.



## Old Aberdeen walk

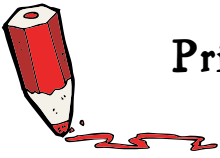
Head over to Old Aberdeen where you can do a short walk from the High Street, including the University, Botanic Gardens and the Cathedral Church of St Machar. Find a map

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2019-04/Old%20Aberdeen%20Trail.pdf>

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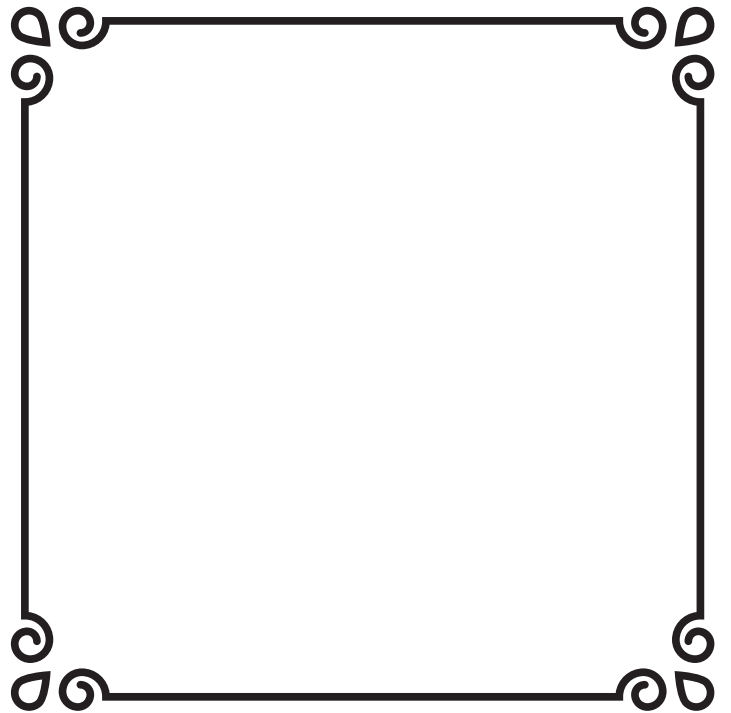
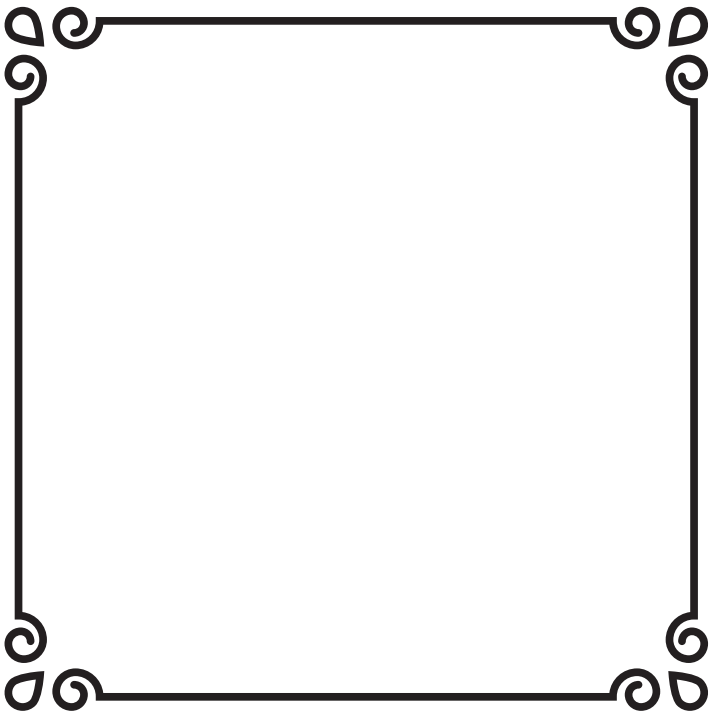
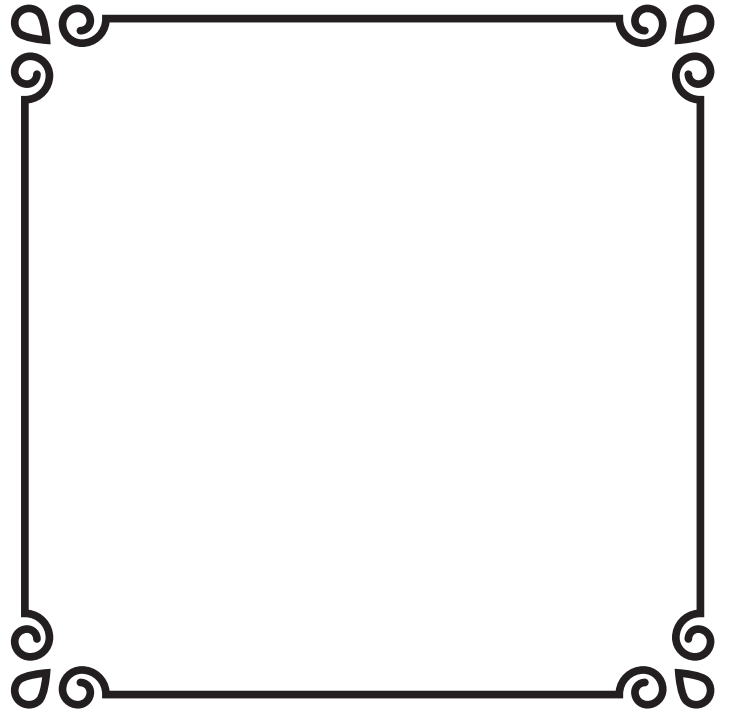
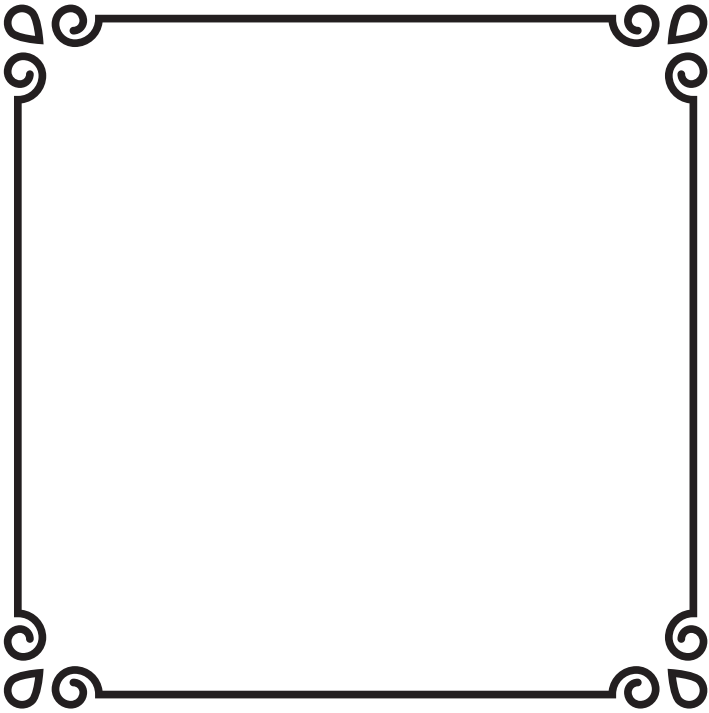
A guide to Old Aberdeen

# Trail Activity Sheet



Print this sheet and sketch any coats of arms you find on your trail

*or* Design some of your own



## Investigation Tip

When you get home, do some research online. See if you can find out what or who the coats of arms represent. To learn more about Heraldry chose another activity sheet.