Chairman’s Chain of Office

The Chairman of Humberside County Council formerly used the 18-carat gold chain until its demise in March 1996. Mr. A.A. Dunn, Works General Manager of BP Chemicals Ltd. who was representing a group of businesses from the then Humberside area, handed over the chain to Humberside County Council on 6th July 1977.

The chain took local designer, Miss Jacqueline Stieger, some three months to make and has some two hundred coloured stones such as semi precious stones crystal, jaspice and various agates coloured red, grey, brown and black. The designer collected the stones from the East Coast but mostly from the beach at Hornsea.

The stones vary in size and shape so each link, in which each stone is mounted, was individually cast. Each stone was hand cut and polished before being set in wax to provide a matrix so that the mounting links for each stone would be an exact fit. The links were cast from the wax mould and welded together.

It is said that the links, which do not house a stone, represent the lost towns and villages of the East Riding and its Coast.

Chairman’s Badge of Office

The Vice Chairman of the Humberside County Council formerly used the 9-carat gold badge until its demise in March 1996. The original centre has been replaced with the hand painted enamel Coat of Arms belonging to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Mr. Gerald Collins of Burnley undertook the enamel work.

The original Badge of Office was sponsored by Conoco Ltd. Humber Refinery and presented in October 1987 to the Humberside County Council.
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Chairman's Consort's Chain of Office

The Mayor of the Borough of Boothferry originally used the Consort’s Chain of Office until its demise in May 1996. Previously, the Howden Rural District Council used the twenty six-link chain. The chain has the names of the former Chairmen of the Howden Rural District Council upon its links.

Chairman's Consort's Badge of Office

The Chairman of the Humberside County Council’s Consort used the Badge of Office until it’s demise in May 1996. The badge now has in its centre the shield of the East Riding of Yorkshire, which is taken from the Coat of Arms.
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Chain and Badge of Office