



- The motto which is in Latin when translated reads 'I will arise out of the fire'. This is referring to blazes that destroyed most of the city in 1641 and 1707. Before being called Lisburn, the town was known as Lisnagarvey, meaning 'the fort of the gamesters'. It is thought to refer to local spots where gamblers met secretly for card games.
- The fleur de lys on the extremities of the cross refer to the town's historic connection with the Huguenots.
- The bishop's mitre is reference to the fact that for three centuries there has been a cathedral in Lisburn.
- The weaver's shuttle and the sprigs of flax are symbolic of the linen industry. The ostrich head with the horseshoe on its beak are from the arms of Sir Richard Wallace and refer to his fame as a collector.
- The mural crown, that is the crown in the form of a wall with battlements, is the badge of a municipality.
- The gamecock is a punning reference to the old name of the town - Lisnagarvey, the fort of the gamesters.
- The two phoenix rising from the flames and the motto "I will arise out of the fire" refer to the fact that the town was twice burnt down and rebuilt in its early days.
- Most coats of arms show the helmet facing the viewer's left. The helmet varies with the bearer's rank, the century represented, or the herald's or artist's preference. Helmets facing straight forward usually denote royal status. The one used in the Lisburn coat of arms adopts a traditional stance.