

Lawnswood Columbarium



Lawnswood Cemetery, Otley Road, LS16

Why is it important?

Lawnswood Columbarium is a Grade II listed building built in 1933 dedicated in July 1934 by Col AE Kirk, completed by Messrs. Kirk and Tomlinson of Leeds.

Description

It is constructed using red brick and Portland stone with a pantile roof and marble details. It is a tall single-storey building in Classical style with war memorial and tiers of niches containing cinerary urns. The portico continued as L-shaped colonnaded wings enclosing a paved area with low walls, facing North East. The chapel is apsidal, barrel-vaulted, with 3 recesses along each side containing the shelves with urns, some closed by patterned bronze grilles. There are round-arched clerestory windows and the entrance has glazed bronze double doors, overlight with elaborate scrolled decoration, keyed architrave and a round window above. The high round-arched portico has columns in antis and entablature with 2 urns, panelled reveals to the arch. The round arch repeated in the colonnades, the back walls with inscribed plaques; the ends return as round-arched doorways with stone architrave and bronze fanlight, hipped roof. The outside face of the wings and chapel also carries memorial plaques and inscribed stone panels. The building provided accommodation for 2,000 urns within the niches.

Current State

There is evidence of salt staining and water damage to the brickwork at high level. It generally looks a bit tired and could do with some TLC. The two bronze grills into the garden are broken off and missing. There was no access inside but I looked through the window and it appeared to be in better condition than the exterior.

Current Owner

The building is currently owned by Leeds City Council.

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