

Memorial to Queen Victoria



Woodhouse Moor, Woodhouse Lane, LS2

Why is it important?

The memorial to Queen Victoria is a Grade II* listed monument built in 1903 by George Frampton RA. The statue originally stood in Victoria Square, outside the Town Hall. It was unveiled on 27 November 1905 and was moved in 1937.

Description

The base and pedestal is constructed from Portland stone with bronze figures and frieze. Base of 4 stone steps. The plinth has mouldings on front and rear, a continuous frieze has the words 'INDIA', 'AUSTRALIA', 'CANADA' and 'AFRICA' on scrolled plaques flanked by owls and symbolic foliage. The tall plinth has the royal arms carved in deep relief to front and the words:

'RAISED/ BY/ VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTION/ OF /CITIZENS/ OF/ LEEDS/ IN THE YEAR/ 1901'

on the rear. The sides of the plinth have niches with seated statue of 'PEACE' (left) and 'INDUSTRY' (right). The statue of Queen Victoria is enthroned, in coronation robes; the back of the throne has a radiant sun. On the plinth below the statue the words 'GEO FRAMPTON RA 1903'.

Current State

The most obvious change since the last survey is the absence of the seated statue representing Industry in the right hand niche. There is evidence of cracking and crumbling to parts of the stonework. There have been attempts to remove graffiti which have only been partially successful.

Current Owner

The building is currently owned by Leeds City Council.

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