

## Victoria Arch in Queen's Wood



Beckett Park, Headingley, LS6

### **Why is it important?**

The Victoria Arch in Queen's Wood is a Grade II listed structure built approximately 1766 and altered in 1858.

### **Description**

It is built using ashlar and coursed squared tooled grit stone. It has 4 giant Ionic columns supporting a pediment with later glazed tiles in frieze and inscription:

**'TO COMMEMORATE THE/VISIT OF/QUEEN VICTORIA/FOR THE INAUGURATION/OF THE TOWN HALL/TO LEEDS SEP 7 1858'.**

It was possibly first erected as an eye-catcher when the grounds of Kirkstall Grange were 're-worked' in 1766.

### **Current State**

The site is accessible on all sides, although not easy to find! The stonework at the top of the pediment appears to have deteriorated since the date of the last survey, and there is some damage to the tiling. There is evidence of graffiti to the structure with no obvious attempt to clean it off.

### **Current Owner**

The building is currently owned by Leeds Metropolitan University.

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