

Drinking Fountains in the Park 1



The Brett Drinking Fountain.
Just inside the Henley Road entrance in the
Upper Arboretum, across the road
from Ipswich School.
(Grade II listed structure.)

John Brett (1801 – 1874) wrote to the Mayor of Ipswich and the Corporation of the town in October 1862 offering to donate a drinking fountain to Ipswich after seeing children playing in the Arboretum and noticing that there was no drinking water for them. The Mayor accepted the gift and the fountain was commissioned; it cost £64 to construct.

The Brett Drinking Fountain was described as being 'in the highly ornamental Italian style'. It was unveiled on May Day in 1863.

The drinking fountain was the first feature to be restored in the Park under the Heritage Lottery Funded restoration project, which was completed in 2008, and the restoration work was carried out by Suffolk Masonry Services.

Drinking Fountains in the Park 2



The Burton Drinking Fountain.
By the side of the Ancient Avenue,
close to the children's Play Area.
(Grade II listed structure)

This drinking fountain was restored in 2006 ahead of the Heritage Lottery funded restoration project. It was donated to the town by Sir Bunnell Burton (1859 – 1943) in 1895 and has always stood at its present location.

Descendants of Sir Burton still live in Ipswich today.