

Memorials in the Park 1



Ipswich Martyrs' Memorial.

1903.

Stands close to the Reg Drive Visitor Centre
near the Bolton Lane entrance.

This monument was constructed in remembrance of nine Protestant martyrs from Ipswich and nearby villages, who were tortured and burned to death for preaching their beliefs in the mid sixteenth century.

It was designed by H.T. Edwards of the Art Memorial Company and was unveiled on 16 December 1903.

The memorial was at first intended to be placed on the Cornhill in the town centre as this was the site of six of the executions, but as this was not possible it was situated in Christchurch Park where it stands today.

Memorials in the Park 2



The Boer War Memorial.

The Suffolk Soldiers Memorial for the South Africa Conflict (The Boer War) stands between the Round Pond and the lower Fonnereau Road entrance.

The Memorial was designed and made by Albert Toft (1869-1949) and originally stood on the Cornhill in the town centre where it was unveiled on 26 September 1906. It was moved to Christchurch Park in about 1924 and placed close to the Ipswich War Memorial.

There are memorials by Albert Toft in Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds that are similar to the one in Ipswich, but this is the only one in which the soldier has his head bowed.

The names are displayed on all three memorials as these soldiers were all from the same regiment.



Memorials in the Park 3



Ipswich War Memorial (Cenotaph).
Close to the upper Fonnereau Road entrance
and the Boer War Memorial.

The Memorial was designed by Edward Adams, ARIBA 1922-23, and was unveiled on 16 May 1924. The design was highly praised and featured in architectural magazines of the day. The names of 1,481 men and women from Ipswich who fell in World War 1 are recorded on the original Memorial.

Over 600 Ipswich people died in service during the Second World War and their names were added on new plaques which were unveiled on 16 May 2004.

The town's civic Service of Remembrance is held in front of the Memorial every year in November.



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**More information on all aspects of the Park is available at
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