

The oldest sculpture was erected in 1887 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The rest of the objects you will find have been installed since 1952.

Several of them have been commissioned by "Harrogate in Bloom", a voluntary committee that has successfully entered Yorkshire in Bloom, Britain in Bloom and Entente Florale. In 2017 Harrogate will be competing in Britain in Bloom to become Champion of Champions.

Many celebrate significant national events or important events that have taken place in Harrogate.

In 2012 the Grande Depart of the Tour de France finished in Harrogate and two items were produced for that event.

In 2011 the public were invited to suggest what should be carved into a dead Elm Tree on Montpellier Hill. It was one of the last elm trees in Harrogate that survived Dutch Elm Disease. The most popular suggestion was something related to the Tour de France. It was completed in time for the race.

There are four installations of interest in the Valley Gardens. The New Zealand Garden was first created after a consignment of New Zealand plants were sent from the City of Wellington in 1953. In 2010 a gentleman left money in his Will to restore the New Zealand Garden.

This little guide will help you to find them and tell you a little about them.

# TEAM Harrogate



**Harrogate Civic Society**  
*Keeping Harrogate  
Beautiful  
for future generations*



# Harrogate Town Centre & Valley Gardens

# Sculpture & Installation Trail

*What are these Sculptures  
& Installations?*

*Why are they there?*

These objects have been created from stone, metal and wood and have all got a story behind them.

**A** The **Queen Victoria Monument** was erected in 1887 for the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

**B** **Victoria Shopping Centre** was opened on 9 November 1992. Statues on the top represent workers in the town. The design was inspired by Palladio's Basilica in Vicenza.

**C** The Harrogate Library was fully refurbished in 2010. **The Three Statues** in the Library Gardens were made by students from Harrogate College for the reopening.

**D** The **Sundial** was presented to Harrogate by the Army Apprentice College in recognition of the close relationship with the town between 1947 and 1996.

**E** **Harrogate Postcard** Commissioned by Harrogate in Bloom and constructed by students from the College of Further Education in 2011. This 'Postcard' is a popular feature for tourists' photos.

**F** **Stained Glass Window** this was designed and made by local artist Caryl Hallett to celebrate the Tour de France coming to Harrogate in 2014. At night it is lit from behind.

**G** The **Elm Tree Carving** is also a tribute to the Tour de France when the opening day ended on the Stray. It was carved by Mick Burns (known as Chainsaw Mick).

**H** **La Douche** was created by Charles Raphael Peyre for the 1913 Paris salon. It was left to Harrogate in 2014 on the death of its owner.

**I** **Cupid & Psyche** was made by **Giovanni Maria Benzoni**, an Italian neoclassical sculptor in 1861. For many years it stood in the Spa Rooms Estate Gardens. The gardens closed in 1958. In 1989 the statue was restored and placed in Crescent Gardens.

**J** The small **Crown** on the verge in front of the Crown Hotel was made for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. **Two large Urns** by the Crown were erected by Harrogate Civic Society in Memory of George & Ena Hine.

**K** The **Jubilee Crown** on the roundabout was commissioned by HBC in conjunction with Harrogate in Bloom for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It was paid for by public subscriptions.

**L** **Cherub Fountain** this sculpture was a feature of a garden at Chelsea Flower Show in 1972, made by a young Australian sculptor. It was purchased by a Harrogate Councillor and donated to Harrogate.

**M** **Jubilee Throne** was carved by Jonathan Sherwood, a local chain saw sculptor, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

**N** The historic **Pou Whenua** was gifted to Harrogate by Wellington City Council when the New Zealand Garden was restored. It was dedicated by a Maori Elder on 12 August 2010.

**O** Two tree stumps near the garden were carved into a **Kiwi** and a **Marlin**. These are also the work of Mick Burns.

