

Illingworth Mausoleum

A grey granite mausoleum in the style of an Egyptian mastaba, with lotus leaf columns, and sphinxes either side of the doorway

Undercliffe Cemetery
Undercliffe Lane
Bradford
West Yorkshire
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Architects

Not known

Year Built

1900

Style

Egyptian Revival

Listing

Grade II (England and Wales)

Condition

Good (2002).

History

Alfred Illingworth (1827-1907) was the founder of Wheley Mills, the largest spinning mill in Bradford. He was MP for Knaresborough from 1868 to 1874 and for Bradford from 1880 to 1895. Although he was a Liberal, his Radical views prevented him from accepting a place in Gladstone's Cabinet. His mausoleum is more correctly termed a columbarium as both he and his wife were cremated and their ashes placed inside the building. The mausoleum was prefabricated at a quarry in Scotland and brought to Bradford by rail, sea and canal. It was then assembled by local stonemasons who carved the word "ILLINGWORTH" above the door. Although the ornate bronze door was stolen some years ago, the building is now secure having recently been restored by the Friends of Undercliffe Cemetery.

Sources

I Beesley and D James, Undercliffe: Bradford's Historic Victorian Cemetery (1991), passim; C E Chapple, Undercliffe Cemetery: Bradford's Great Heritage in Stone (The Bradford Undercliffe Cemetery Company), 9; J S Curl, The Victorian Celebration of Death (2000), 170-171; information supplied by the Friends of Undercliffe Cemetery; English Heritage listing.

Photos





Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 53.8065032942, -1.735746362