

Ward Mausoleum, Isle of Wight

A very unusual design for a tower, but one which displays the austere monumentality typical of Greek Revival mausolea built in the early 19th century. There are acroteria at the corners of the parapet and the walls are pierced by sharply cut rectangular openings with small Doric columns to either side.

Church of St Mary
West Cowes
Isle of Wight
PO31 7QU
England

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Architects

John Nash

Year Built

1815

Style

Greek Revival

Listing

Grade II* (England and Wales)

Condition

Good condition (2020) said to have been restored c.2003.

History

In 1811 the early 17th century church at West Cowes was extended to the east. Then in 1815 George Ward of Northwood House commissioned John Nash to design a tower to be built at the west end of the church. This was intended as a mausoleum, and the base of the tower contains memorial tablets commemorating members of the Ward family. Finally, in 1867, the main body of the church was demolished and rebuilt, the tower being the only part of the earlier structure to remain.

Sources

BoE: Hants (1967), 740;

H Colvin, A Biographical Dictionary of British Architects (1995), 689-90.

Photos





Location

SatNav Co-ordinates: 50.762995, -1.302051