



Top 10 sculptures in East Finchley

What do you mean, you didn't know we had any sculptures in East Finchley? Oh yes, we have plenty, and here our photographer Mike Coles ranks them for star appeal.



10: Not so much a sculpture as a relief. This wall plaque celebrating Queen Victoria can be seen on a house in Bedford Road, very close to the High Road on the northern side. It's dated 1897, probably the date the property was built.



9: This reproduction Greek statue is in the exterior terrace of The Clissold Arms pub in Fortis Green. It doesn't say who it is but possibly Aphrodite or Venus. Other candidates might be Hera, Iris, Hebe, but probably not Cupid. Can any scholarly reader shine a light?



8: The Islington and St Pancras Cemetery on the High Road. Not so much a sculpture as a Sculpture Park. One of the biggest cemeteries in London, it has thousands of memorials and headstones ranging from the traditional to the eccentric.

6: The 'Thing' in Cherry Tree Wood. Whilst notionally a thing for kids to clamber over, when not being used for that it has distinct pretensions as a piece of exotic modern sculpture with hints of whales or lions. It would have been installed by Barnet Council but we'd love to know who designed it.



7: Western Road. This private house has an open garden at the front, only a few feet from the pavement, in which is this striking life size metal sculpture of a disabled man. Whilst the owner may not welcome too much attention it would be fascinating to find out more about it



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