

Sculptures
in Reading
town centre

The Trooper Potts VC Memorial Site



Abbey Gateway Heads

Andrew Ohlson



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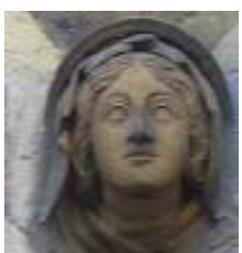
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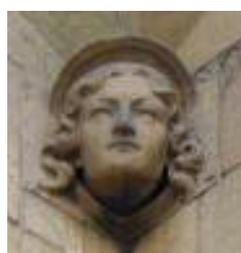
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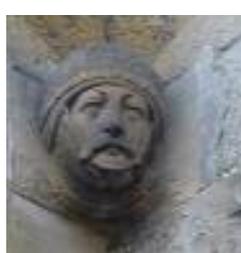
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The Abbey Gateway once formed the inner of two main south entrances to Reading Abbey. It is now located at the end of Abbey Street and leads to Abbot's Walk, adjacent to the Crown Court. It was once a school attended by Jane Austen and was restored in 1861 by Sir George Gilbert Scott and John Burlison.. There are twelve heads (shown opposite), which were added to the Abbey Gateway in 1900 by Andrew Ohlson. Lack of funds prevented the heads being included at the time of the 1861 restoration

1-Man of law

2-Unnamed

3-Benedictine monk with cowl

4-Mitred Abbot

5-Virgin Mary with Nimbus

6-St John the Evangelist

7-Jesus Christ

8-Pilgrim with scallop shell

9-Knight Templar with chain armour

10-Queen Matilda

11-A burghess

12-King Henry I founder of the
Abbey