

Tree sculpture in Kingsgate Park

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The Friends of Kingsgate Park received £4,000 from the Council's Member Awarded Funding scheme towards the creation of a unique wood sculpture in the park.

The aim of the project was to create something new out of a large tree in Kingsgate Park that had been damaged during Storm Eleanor in January 2018. The Friends group decided to have the remaining tree stump sculpted with images of creatures that make Kingsgate Park their home so that residents, and particularly families, can appreciate the wildlife on their doorstep. The idea for the project arose from a community survey at Yate Rocks in 2019 where 99% of respondents were in favour of commissioning a sculpture based on local wildlife.



Mrs Judith Cameron, the secretary of The Friends of Kingsgate Park said:

The project has been a resounding success with all of our visitors stopping to look at and wonder at the most amazing tree sculpture. It has brought in visitors from far and wide.

The Friends were pleased to work with the talented local artist Andy O'Neill who also created the eye-catching tree sculpture on the Ridge in Yate. From the suggestions received, Mr O'Neil worked with the form of the tree stump to form an organic artwork

which was officially opened in Autumn 2020. The Friends group work closely with Yate Town Council, which owns the park, to provide an open green space for the benefit of local people and wildlife; for more information:

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