

The Music of Nature and the Nature of Music

A sculpture to celebrate the community of Whitburn designed in consultation with schools and local people. The sculpture features a tree of life atop a sphere, a symbol of unity and completeness. A wise owl looks ahead. The owl not only represents wisdom but also change, transformation and development. The moto featured on Whitburn's coat of arms "Onward" arcs through the sculpture leading to a trumpet playing the opening bar of the hymn tune, Whitburn. Many hours of research and consultation went into designing a sculpture that represented the town in a forward thinking and positive way.

The sculpture was designed and pattern made by Ailsa Magnus MRSS. Cold cast brass relief roundels were designed by children from local schools and cast by the artist.

The 1.4 tonne cast-iron casting was undertaken by H. Downs & Sons Ltd, Huddersfield with the additional mild steel metal work fabricated by C.A.M. Welding and Fabrication, Cupar.

The sculpture was completed and sited in May 2023.