



# Interested in sculpture?

**Westminster is full of statues and sculptures. This leaflet gives you a free tour of a few close to Parliament which you might like to visit and learn about.**

*Start your tour outside the front of the Houses of Parliament (see map on back page)*

## 1. **Oliver Cromwell by William Hamo Thornycroft, bronze, installed 1899**

The statue was presented to Parliament by the then Prime Minister, Lord Rosebery, in 1895. Its position outside Westminster Hall was formerly occupied by the old law courts which previously adjoined the Hall. The statue shows Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658) holding a sword and the Bible, his head bowed in thought. The sculptor, Hamo Thornycroft (1850-1925), was a leading figure of the 'new sculpture movement' in the late 19th century. The movement sought to make sculpture more life-like and vital.

To find out more about this statue, and see how it was conserved in 2008 go to [www.parliament.uk/cromwell](http://www.parliament.uk/cromwell)

*Walk along the pavement, away from Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben), and past St Stephen's Entrance and you will find:*

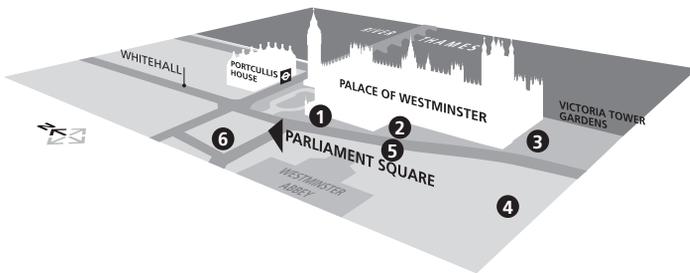
## 2. **Richard Coeur de Lion by Carol Marochetti (aka Richard I; Richard the Lion Heart), bronze, installed 1860**

This large equestrian statue stands outside the House of Lords. A full size model of this sculpture was displayed at the 1851 Great Exhibition; it was so popular that it was decided to find a permanent home for it in London. Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were among the many people who donated money to have the bronze version cast. Many sites were considered, including on top of Marble Arch, but finally the statue was installed here in Old Palace Yard against the backdrop of the Palace of Westminster.

To find out more about this statue including how it survived wartime bombing go to [www.parliament.uk/richard-first](http://www.parliament.uk/richard-first)

- **Field Marshal Jan Smuts by Jacob Epstein, bronze, unveiled 1956**
- **David Lloyd George by Glynn Williams, bronze, unveiled 2007**
- **Sir Winston Churchill by Ivor Roberts-Jones, bronze, unveiled 1973**

[Westminster Council cares for these statues in Parliament Square]



To find out more about the Parliamentary Art Collection [www.parliament.uk/art](http://www.parliament.uk/art)

To find out about visiting Parliament [www.parliament.uk/visiting](http://www.parliament.uk/visiting)

To find out more about public sculpture in Britain see [www.pmsa.org.uk](http://www.pmsa.org.uk)

*Continue walking, and just past the Palace you will come to the entrance of Victoria Tower Gardens where you will see:*

### **3. Memorial to Emmeline and Christabel Pankhurst by Arthur G Walker and Peter Hills, bronze**

Emmeline Pankhurst (1858-1928) was a leading figure in the campaign for votes for women. She led many protests and demonstrations in Parliament and around the country. The statue was unveiled in 1930. In 1959 the low wall with bronze plaques was added as a memorial to Christabel Pankhurst, her daughter and another leading suffragette campaigner. The 'prisoner's badge' plaque shows the design, by Sylvia Pankhurst, Christabel's sister, of a brooch given to suffragettes who were imprisoned. The public can see this brooch in a display on the way to the Visitor's Gallery in the House of Commons (open when Parliament is sitting).

To find out more about suffragettes visit [www.parliament.uk/women](http://www.parliament.uk/women)

*If you look across the road, you can see a recently conserved sculpture by Henry Moore in Abingdon Street Gardens. Use the pedestrian crossing to your left to cross the road to look at:*

### **4. Knife Edge Two Piece by Henry Moore, bronze, installed 1967**

This important modern sculpture was the first Henry Moore work put on open public display in London. Henry Moore chose the site of the sculpture himself so the sculpture could be seen against the backdrop of Parliament's gothic architecture. Although the sculpture has stood here since 1967 the House of Commons only became its owner in 2011. It has just been conserved and looks today as Moore would have expected to have seen it. The design is inspired by bird bones which Moore admired for their lightness and strength and Moore made it in two pieces to allow us to see through the sculpture to the world beyond, making it part of the landscape.

For more information about the history of this sculpture and to see films about its conservation [www.parliament.uk/henry-moore](http://www.parliament.uk/henry-moore)

*Staying on this side of the road walk back towards Parliament, just before you reach Westminster Abbey and you will see on your left:*

### **5. George V by Sir Wiliam Reid Dick, Portland stone, installed 1947**

Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin proposed a statue of the King should be erected shortly after George V's death in 1936. The site where the statue stands was in the process of being redeveloped and the Archbishop of Canterbury suggested the newly landscaped area would make a perfect setting for the statue. When war broke out in 1939 the sculptor was working on carving the statue so for safety reasons work was moved out of London and undertaken in a quarry in Portland (south west England). When finished the statue was stored there until the end of the war.

*If you keep walking past Westminster Abbey you will come to Parliament Square where there are 10 statues of politicians and statesmen, including Winston Churchill and Nelson Mandela. Turn left and cross the road at the pedestrian crossing outside the Abbey to look at this great collection of statues, old and new, by many famous artists.*

*The first statue you will see is:*

### **6. Nelson Mandela by Ian Walters, bronze, unveiled 2007**

*Then work your way clockwise around the Square:*

- **Sir Robert Peel by Matthew Noble, bronze, installed 1876**
- **Earl of Derby by Matthew Noble, bronze, installed in 1874**
- **Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beconsfield by Mario Raggi, bronze, unveiled 1833**
- **George Canning by Sir Richard Westmacott, bronze, installed in 1832 (on the other side of the road)**
- **Abraham Lincoln by Augustus Saint-Gaudens, bronze, unveiled 1920 (on the other side of road)**
- **Lord Palmerston by Thomas Woolner, bronze, installed 1876**