

## 9 Silver Jubilee bandstand

The bandstand to the south of the church was built to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee and for a time the Royston Town Band played here regularly.

## 10 Royal Naval Association and Royal Air Force Association gates

Arthur Whydale was commissioned to design the north gates, commemorating the men of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force who died in WW2. The plaque to the right of the gate is a replica, as the original disappeared in 1993.

## 11 Royal Anglian Regiment hornbeam

A hornbeam was planted in 2008 in memory of soldiers who lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan and were based at Basingbourn Barracks. Though the tree did not survive the plaque remains.

## 12 Melbourn Street War Memorial

The unique memorial on Melbourn Street is a Grade 2 listed monument. The relief features a 14th century longbowman, a knight who fought at Agincourt, an Elizabethan Soldier, Thomas Cartwright (a famous theologian born in Royston), one of Cromwell's Roundheads, and a Napoleonic soldier. In the foreground cast in bronze is a typical English soldier from WW1.

It was unveiled in 1922 and was later extended to include those killed during WW2. It now holds 141 names.

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**The Priory Memorial Gardens contain several commemorative features, in memory of both people who died in the two world wars and more joyous occasions. There are also a number of personal memorials to past residents of Royston in the form of benches dotted throughout the site. In addition to providing a place for peaceful contemplation, the site also has the following facilities:**

- Play areas for toddlers and juniors
- Sensory garden
- Bandstand
- Open space for picnicking
- Multi Use Games Area
- Public toilets on Fish Hill

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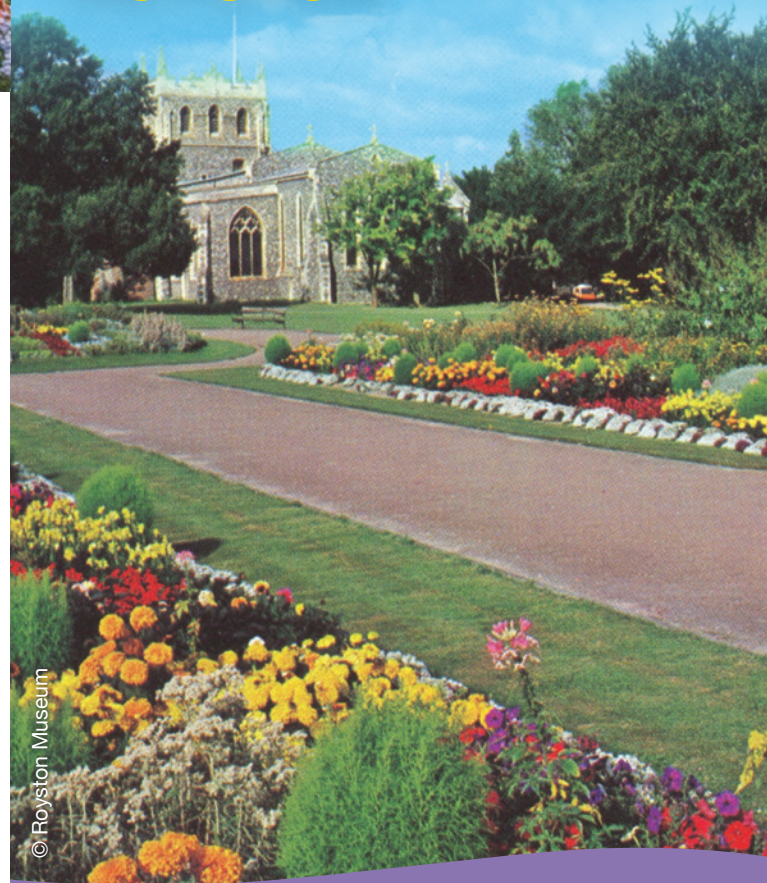
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# Priory Memorial Gardens

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**Priory Memorial Gardens is itself a memorial to the men of Royston who fell during World War 2. The product of architect Arthur Whydale and head gardener Bill Sheppard, it was opened on 31st July 1949.**

-  Play area
-  Multi-Use Games Area
-  Splash park
-  Bandstand
-  Sensory garden

## 2 Festival of Britain Award



Facing the main entrance is a plaque commemorating the Festival of Britain Award gained by Arthur Whydale for these gardens. It was unveiled in 1951 by Colonel Eric Phillips and Arthur Cain.

## 3 Rotary Club flagpole

The community flagpole was erected by the Royston Rotary Club to commemorate their 50th anniversary.

## 4 Cllr Burt tree carving

This sculpture was carved from the trunk of a purple beech tree where it stood. It was inspired by the late Cllr Peter Burt.

## 5 Millennium sensory maze

Royston Town Council commissioned this sensory maze for the enjoyment of the community and to commemorate the new millennium.

## 6 Home Guard gates

These modest gates, unveiled in 1950, are a tribute to men who, after serving in the home guard, died in active military service.

## 7 W G Offord gates

The southernmost gates to the gardens were dedicated to Walter George Offord by his brother in 1953. The initials W.G.O and the date he was declared missing in action and presumed killed are incorporated into the ironwork.

## 8 United States airmen

In July 1989, the granite obelisk near the centre of the gardens was dedicated to the American airmen of the 91st Bomb Group who had been based at Bassingbourn during WW2.



This replaced the fountain which was originally dedicated to the airmen in 1963 when the foundation was laid

## 1 British Legion gates

The main gates were presented to the town by the Royal British Legion when the gardens first opened.

