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## Part of Woodhouse Moor is officially known as 'Monument Moor'.



*Henry Rowland Marsden monument on Woodhouse Moor. Photo by Joe Williams*

The monument it is named for commemorates Henry Rowland Marsden – one of the founders of the Leeds Triennial Music Festival.

Marsden was a businessman and philanthropist, who worked his way out of poverty through his aptitude for engineering. He became a city councillor in 1866 and was Mayor of Leeds in 1873 and 1874. During this time, he initiated the Leeds Triennial Music Festival. The first festival had been held in 1858, to celebrate the opening of Leeds Town Hall by Queen Victoria. The second festival was held in 1874, and the festival took place every three years from then on.

Marsden died unexpectedly, in 1876, at the age of fifty-three. £10,000 was raised by public subscription for the erection of a statue in his honour.

To find out more about Henry Rowland Marsden and the Leeds Triennial Music Festival, scan the QR code >

