



New Steine, Kemp Town

Cast bronze

The cast bronze AIDS Memorial Sculpture by Romany Mark Bruce is situated in New Steine gardens and stands four metres high. It depicts two intertwined figures, one male figure and one androgynous figure that soar up towards the sky. The sculpture forms a shadow in the shape of the red ribbon which is the international symbol for HIV/AIDS awareness.

Romany had to overcome several hurdles since he began working on the sculpture in May 2008. The steel armature collapsed after three months of work, and then late in the project the freezing winter weather caused further serious problems. But the AIDS Memorial was finally unveiled on the 9th October 2009, two years after he was first chosen by public ballot to create the sculpture.

Romany said: "I am pleased that the memorial will be in place for World AIDS Day this year, and I hope this will become a focal point for reflection and remembrance. For the first time the people of Brighton & Hove will have a space in the city where they can quietly show support for those living with HIV/AIDS. I hope the sculpture will help raise awareness and mobilise community involvement in the fight against it."