

# Friargate Brow Artwork Preston City Centre

## Project Description Sheet



**Location**  
Friargate, Preston

**Client**  
Preston City Council

**Completed**  
2006

### Key Project Elements

Structural design for foundations

Structural design of sculpture

Alignment of sculpture to road

Site Supervision

Preston City Council commissioned sculptor Clare Biggar to design and sculpt two pieces of artwork to be installed on Friargate Brow, Preston.

The installations were constructed of metal and represented trees. Each tree was 4m high and around 1m wide.

PSA Design undertook the structural design of the installations which covered the design of the tree itself and the foundations necessary to carry the trees.

“Abuse” loading had to be taken into account for these unusual structures i.e. a number of large people swinging from the branches!

It was also necessary to align the structures to avoid any possible contact with vehicles and to provide free access to pedestrians.

The pavement finish was specified to match that of the surrounding area. Ground investigation data was provided by Lancashire County Council and service location was identified by Preston City Council.

The trees have been installed and add to the much improved streetscape of Friargate Brow.