

SCULPTURE





The Pride of the

Valley

If one day you are driving in the direction of Farnham in Surrey, and find yourself in the vicinity of Jumps Road, Churt, you will be pleasantly surprised to find that just off the beaten track, tucked away on the outskirts of Horndean, is the 'The Pride of the Valley Sculpture Park'. Set in ten acres of natural gardens and lakes, with the added delight of some wildlife, it is a joy to discover this little known gem. A haven of tranquillity away from the busy lifestyles that we all lead, it is like stepping out of one world into another!

Eddie Powell (a sculptor himself) has built this sculpture park up from scratch in just over five years. Initially doing most of the groundwork himself, it took him 18 months of hard work in the beginning, however it has now been open to the public for about three years, but the work still goes on in order to keep the park up to the original standards. Sculptors from all over the world have been more than happy to donate their works, which add life, art and humour into the landscape. More than 100 exhibits are situated aesthetically within the park, as you walk along the natural designated all weather pathways. These can all be seen on the one and a half mile trail, but take your time, or you might just miss one or two on the way. Some sculptures can even be seen floating in the lake! I dare you to take a closer look!

The Pride of the Valley Sculpture Park is a breath of fresh air; it is the epitome of an outdoor living art gallery. Definitely worth making a special visit.

You can obtain a DVD of the Sculpture Park – 'A day in the park' which was filmed by Eddie's son Sam, accompanied by some ethereal classical music, for the price of £8.99, by calling Eddie on 07831 500 506.