

LOCATION

St James's Park, London

CLIENT

Foreign & Commonwealth Office Public Art

PROJECT

Bali Bombing Victims Memorial

The memorial to the victims of the Bali bombings, carried out on 12 October 2002, sits next to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office opposite St James's Park.

Feilden+Mawson assisted the victims' families and the competition winning artist in realising the design by negotiating with Westminster City Council Art Panel and English Heritage, and by providing specialist architectural advice with regard to this sensitive site.

The design reflects a careful blend of traditional materials and a clear design, using the materials that have precedent in the park and surrounding buildings. It is designed to be as robust, vandal proof and as maintenance free as possible. The memorial is stylistically a step away from the British military war memorials in the area as the victims were civilians from 21 different countries. The birds carved on the globe are a gentle, natural metaphor that draws both on the park and its famous bird population. They are individually carved to represent each of the 202 people killed, each dove being slightly different.



Clockwise from top:
Detail of carvings,
Prince Charles & Duchess of Cornwall,
Opening Ceremony,
Memorial

