

Marching Forward By The Cottingley Crew, Leeds



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Unfurled Leeds

Meaning

Created by 'The Cottingley Crew' from Leeds, this banner is suggestive of marching forward together against dementia, and promotes societal unity in its understanding and support for those living with dementia.

Symbolism

Many of the Cottingley Crew worked in industry, and this is depicted in the central image. In its spokes are some of Leeds' iconic buildings and industries; starting bottom left, you can see the Leeds town hall, Tetley's brewery, the Kirkstall forge, and Hunslet engines. The engraving in the wheel says "marching together forward against dementia we are united, we are here, we still have heart, we are still ourselves". To the left and right are two iconic Yorkshire sportsmen, footballer for Leeds United and Scotland, Billy Bremner, and cricketer Freddie Trueman.

The group at the bottom of the banner is based on the Cottingley Crew. The embellishments in the corners are stylised acanthus leaves, which represent art and enduring life. The colours yellow and blue are the colours of Leeds United football club, however yellow also represents hope, whereas blue represents loyalty.