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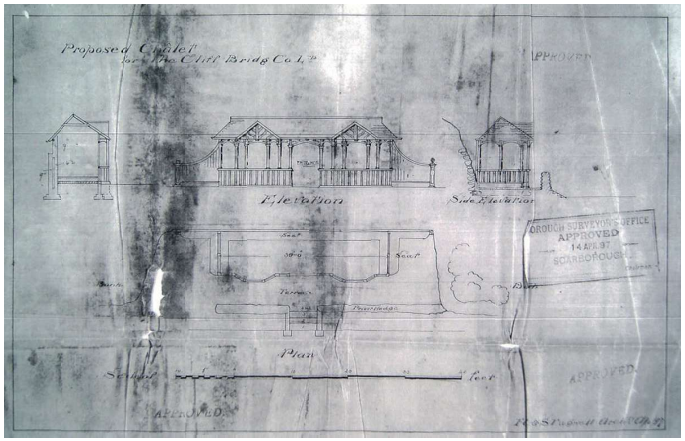
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FRANK TUGWELL (1862-1940)

A beautiful and delicate example of Tugwell's architectural style



The Tugwell Shelter was designed in 1897 by Scarborough born architects, Frank Alfred Tugwell and his brother Sydney. The Tugwells were commissioned to design the building by the Scarborough Cliff Bridge Company, during their lease period of the Spa and grounds between 1820s - 1950s. Internally, the vaulted ceiling is particularly attractive. Historic England describe the shelter, "*as a structure that captures the spirit of Scarborough's notable and long-standing social history as an important seaside resort*", and received a Grade II designation, for its architectural and historic interest in 2020.



Drawing by Tugwell for Shelter 'Chalet'

This shelter was designed for the Cliff Bridge Co. Ltd. by F A & S Tugwell and approved for construction by the Surveyor's Office on 14th April 1897'. As it is built, the shelter differs slightly from the design plans including the provision of box rather than splayed projecting bays,



Historic aerial image of the shelter

the addition of trefoil arched fascia boards to the small gable ends and no posts and ball finial at the end of the retaining walls. The shelter's exact date of construction is uncertain, but it may have been erected in time for the opening of St Nicholas Gardens and the Esplanade extension by the Lord Mayor of London on the 14 August 1900.[2]

The Tugwell Shelter was restored as part of a Heritage Lottery Fund and Community Fund Restoration Scheme in 2022 during which, among superficial repairs, structural supports were added to prevent further deterioration of this beautiful memorial to Frank and Sydney Tugwell.

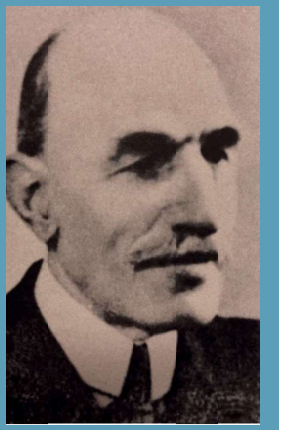


The shelter retsoration works in progress

DID YOU KNOW?

Frank Tugwell established F A and S Tugwell with his brother, Sydney, between 1897 and 1899, and continued to produce designs for the Cliff Bridge Company after their partnership ceased.

The Scarborough Architect undertook a great many impressive works in and around Scarborough and much further afield including the Scarborough Opera House, demolished in 2014, Scarbrough's Futurist Theatre, demolished in 2017 and the rebuild of the Savoy Theatre in London 1929[1].



Frank Alfred Tugwell (1861 - 1940)
"The Book of Scarborough Spa", Sir Meredith Whittaker

1 "Architecture: New golden age at the Savoy Theatre", Independant, Wednesday 17 November 1993
2 https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1471394?section=official-list-entry