

Sculptures  
in Reading  
town centre

## The Trooper Potts VC Memorial Site



# *Simeon Obelisk*

*Robert Spiller*



Erected 1804 as a lantern to illuminate the market place, it is made of Portland stone. It was designed by Sir John Soane with decorative carving by Robert Spiller and erected by James Marshall, a local mason. It was a gift from Edward Simeon (1758-1812) who was a director of The Bank of England and brother to Sir John Simeon (1756-1824). Sir John was MP for Reading 1797-1802 and 1806-1818.