

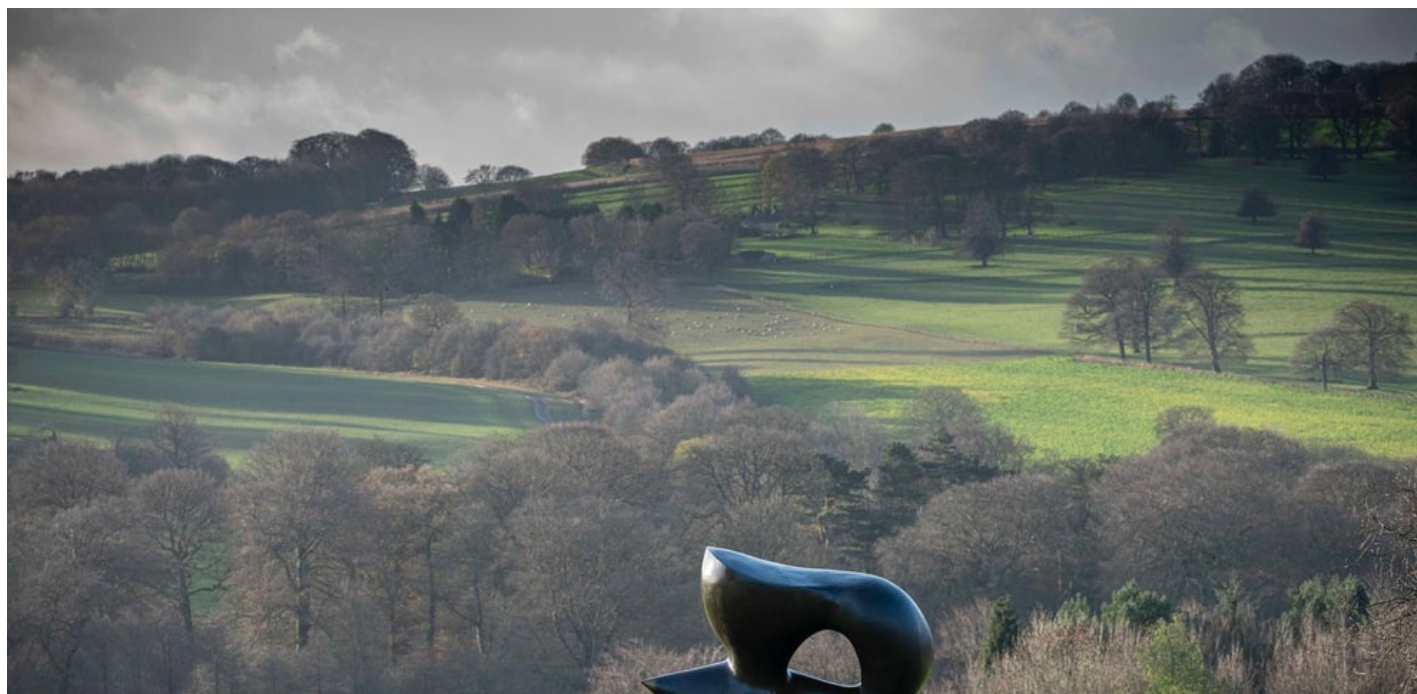
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Column: Sarah Coulson, Curator at Yorkshire Sculpture Park

This festive season, YSP's grounds remain open, offering an escape to an inspirational, safe environment where you can experience art and nature.

By Sarah Coulson

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Yorkshire Sculpture Park offers a combination of artworks and the great outdoors

There are around 100 works to encounter. One of the best things about seeing sculpture outdoors is the way it changes with the seasons, weather and light. Winter is the perfect time for a walk around our 500 acres of beautiful, historic landscape.

Our open-air collection is made up of an ever-changing display of sculptures. We are thrilled to announce a number of exciting additions this winter, starting with the welcome return of much-loved monumental bronzes by Henry Moore.

Moore was born into a mining community in Castleford and became one of the world's most celebrated artists. Two of his exceptional works – Large Two Forms and Large Spindle Piece (pictured right) – have returned to the Country Park, the area that Moore singled out as his favourite when he visited in the 1970s, because of its hills and far-reaching views.

Towards the bottom of the valley is a new colossal bronze by William Tucker. The four-metre-high Monumental Dancer After Degas captures a powerful human figure in movement. Like many of Tucker's sculptures, this abstracted body resembles a huge rock formation and fits perfectly in this natural environment.

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Centre stage on the Formal Terrace is Bag of Aspirations by Kalliopi Lemos – a vastly scaled-up version of the famous Birkin handbag made by French fashion house Hermès. Made of steel, the sculpture skilfully captures the soft appearance of worn leather, and embodies the desires of today's consumer culture.

A very different work in steel, the nearby From the Sex of Metals IV by Edward Allington, combines geometric

and classical architectural forms with industrial corten steel.

Central to the Formal Garden pond, Gary Hume's Snowman, Two Balls Twinkle White is installed.

Enjoy discovering these sculptures. Look out for more new works throughout 2021.

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