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YORKSHIRE SOCIETY AWARD FOR DAVID OLUWALE MEMORIAL GARDEN — WORK HAS NOW STARTED ON CREATING THE GARDEN

Work is now underway to create the memorial garden for David Oluwale close to the place in the River Aire where he was drowned almost exactly 47 years ago.

The first phase of the garden is emerging as the historic archway into the site is being reconstructed. Leeds city council's programme with the Environment Agency is about to build the flood defence wall beside the River Aire and clear the ground for the garden.

The Yorkshire Society selected the David Oluwale Memorial Association as one of the recipients of the donation at the 27th Yorkshire Awards dinner in October 2015. Keith Madeley, Mr Yorkshire, handed over the cheque to the charity at the garden site in March this year.

Keith Madeley said: "The Yorkshire Society stands for unity in the community and we promote inclusivity. We can see that the Remember Oluwale charity is doing important work to improve provision for the homeless in Leeds and for people with mental health issues, amongst other things, so we wanted to support the charity."

Max Farrar, secretary to the Oluwale charity's Board, said: "The Memorial Garden is our flagship project to help the city come to terms with this grim episode in its past. We support the city's aim to be a caring and compassionate city where everybody is welcome. The Oluwale Garden will be a place where everyone can share food, enjoy culture from all over the world, hold debates, play, or just sit quietly and reflect."

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