

Across the road to your left is a modern office building that is built on part of the former site of Whitread's Brewery. Samuel Whitbread was apprenticed to a London Brewer in 1736. By 1742 he was able to set up in business in a small way in partnership with the brothers, Godfrey and Thomas Shewell. His first brewery was in Whitecross Street. In 1750 he moved to the King's Head brewery in Chiswell Street which was improved for him by some of the leading engineers of the day including John Rennie. When Whitbread died in 1798 his brewery brewed 200,000 gallons in one year-a record for London. Although beer was last brewed here in 1976, the buildings are preserved.



The tall glass clad building in front of you is **City Point**. It was originally built in 1967 as Britannic House, headquarters for British Petroleum. It was completely refurbished by Sheppard Robson International and completed in 2000.

♣ ♣ (walk down the steps to Speed Highwalk and turn right, walk along a short way and turn left to walk along Gilbert Bridge)

Walking along here you will pass the **Barbican Muse** (below) by Matthew Spender, 1993-4. This is made of polyurethane and glass fibre and covered with gold leaf. It is nicknamed Zoë said to be after the Cambridge student that posed for the sculptor.



Further along you will pass the **foundation stone for the Barbican Arts Centre** that was that fixed by HM The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on 20th November 1972, their Silver Wedding.

♣ ♣ (walk on further and you will have a great view either side of the Barbican lake)



♣ ♣ (on one of the columns here you will find a plaque commemorating Eleanor Holles School)