

Sheep Heads monument



The nickname of the inhabitants of Lier is immortalised in the **Schapenkoppenmonument**, erected in the shadow of the **Zimmer Tower**.

A legend tells us the story behind this sculpture group of **a shepherd with his sheep**.

In the 14th century Duke John II wanted to thank the people of Lier for their services during his struggle against the people of Mechelen. They could choose their reward themselves: a cattle market or a university. They chose the cattle staple right, a choice that didn't do Lier any harm as only one was permitted per region. Thus the cattle market moved from Wespelaar to Lier and the duke sighed, "Oh, the sheep heads!?"

In 1425 Leuven was given the first university of the Low Countries.

In addition to this **Sheep Heads monument**, Lier artist Bertro also created other statues in Lier, such as Wardje ^[1], Pallieter & Marieke ^[2] and the Avro Lancaster. ^[3]

Nuttige info:

Schapenkoppenstraat

Gerelateerde inhoud:

Wardje

Pallieter & Marieke

Avro Lancaster

Zimmer Museum

Bron-URL: <https://www.visitlier.be/node/156>

Links:

[1] <https://www.visitlier.be/en/see/statues/wardje>

[2] <https://www.visitlier.be/en/see/statues/pallieter-marieke>

[3] <https://www.visitlier.be/en/see/statues/avro-lancaster>