



When you next walk through Redland, raise your eyes, (whilst being mindful of the City's excellent pavements), and feast them on these splendid examples of the wood carvers art. How often have you passed by and missed these delights, depicting as they do an interesting range of flora and fauna. We have a whistling lion, an early 20<sup>th</sup> century monkey apparently using a mobile phone, and although the owl is recognisable, the bizarre red bird defies ornithological definition. Pears and grapes are the least exotic, but include fruit that look like cocoa pods. In lower Redland Road shop front brackets depict flowers, birds, a lion and the aforementioned phone toting Monkey. According to extensive research reported in the book 'Beastly Bristol' it is phoning the monkey in University Walk (on the side of Browns restaurant) saying, "He is sorry but they have no Bananas", thus explaining the extremely lugubrious expression on the other monkey's face. Nicely painted corbels can also be seen in Chandos Road. In the last century, one of Bristol's major shopfitters, Parnall's, employed ships carvers, to make shop adornments and in Sidmouth, in Devon, the famous 'Browns' on the main street have Parnalls finest examples of this carving, so it is possible they also made these.