

# *The Stocks*

*These stocks had formerly been situated near the Kings Arms, and then moved nearer the Baptist Chapel. Later they were used for gate stoops at Bow Hill.*

*A request to remove them from Bow hill and put them in the park was made in 1921.*

*Stocks were used to publicly humiliate one who had committed a misdemeanour in Elizabethan times.*

*Common crimes in the Elizabethan Age included:*

- Wandering around the streets in a drunken state. The offender would be publicly humiliated via stocks.*
- Cheating a customer would most certainly land a shop owner in the pillory or stocks.*

