**Edward Henty**

**24th April 1993**

SEFF remembers Edward (Ed) Henty who was murdered in the Bishopsgate bombing on 24th April 1993.

The Bishopsgate bombing occurred on Saturday 24th April 1993, when the Provision Irish Republican Army (IRA) detonated an ANFO truck bomb on Bishopsgate, a major thoroughfare in London's financial district, the City of London. The IRA’s South Armagh Brigade were the architects of the bombing.

A news photographer was killed in the explosion and 44 people were injured; the damage cost approx. £350 million to repair. As a result of the bombing, which occurred just over a year after the bombing of the nearby Baltic Exchange, a "ring of steel" was implemented to protect the City, and many firms introduced disaster recovery plans in case of further attacks or similar disasters.

At approximately 9 am on 24th April, two terrorists from an IRA active service unit drove the truck containing the bomb onto Bishopsgate. They parked the truck outside [99 Bishopsgate](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/99_Bishopsgate), which was then the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, located by the junction with [Wormwood Street](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wormwood_Street) and [Camomile Street](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camomile_Street), and left the area in a car driven by an accomplice. A series of telephone warnings were then delivered from a phone box in [Forkhill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forkhill), [County Armagh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County_Armagh), Northern Ireland, with the caller using a recognised IRA code word and stating "[there's] a massive bomb… clear a wide area". Two police officers were already making inquiries into the truck when the warnings were received, and police began evacuating the area.

Civilian casualties were low as it was a Saturday morning and the City was typically occupied by only a small number of residents, office workers, security guards, builders, and maintenance staff. Forty-four people were injured by the bomb and [News of the World](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/News_of_the_World) photographer Ed Henty was killed after ignoring police warnings and rushing to the scene.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Henty family today and every day.