

BLUE PLAQUES

Notable people of our area

STATEMENT

GCDCS is committed to celebrating any person with some connection to our area who have had, or gone on to have, a positive impact in their civic, professional, sports or business life. To be recognised as a *Notable Person* with attachment to this area, we do not distinguish whether that person was born, grew up or worked here. However, they must have demonstrated some *positive impact* in their field at some time and that maybe before, during or after their attachment to this area.

In our experience, Blue Plaques:

- are costly to have made with additional cost implications in their positioning
- require permissions from Councils for their positioning and are not always welcomed by a building's owner(s)
- carry no guarantee to remain where they are sited; new owners may choose to have them removed or the site itself may not remain
- only come into their own as part of a 'tour' when wholly domestic areas may not be suitable as part of a tour

This Policy's purpose is to set out GCDCS' position on Blue Plaques:

- GCDCS will not *set out* to identify any particular person in order to celebrate that person with a Blue Plaque
- We will not source or arrange the siting of a Blue Plaque. We will, however, give support (if we warrant it) to others who wish to purchase and position a Blue Plaque
- Towards this, we may carry out research, to an amount we think fitting, towards the celebration of a *Notable Person*
- Should the subject of a Blue Plaque be raised by another, we do not insist on it being after a person's death, but the sponsor must be made aware that depending on that person's age, they may go on to achieve even greater things. (Conversely, there have been instances in the past where a person's impact is found not to be as positive as hoped. This is where GCDCS representatives must carry out research and this may result in a withdrawal of support.)

GCDCS commits to:

Celebrating expertise, skill and enterprise of a person who has been proved to have had a positive impact in their field.

Further reading:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/blue-plaques/about-blue-plaques/>

<https://www.kingsleynapley.co.uk/insights/blogs/real-estate-law-blog/blue-plaques-and-what-they-mean-for-a-property-owner>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_plaque

Reviews / dates: