

Glossop & District Heritage Trust

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GLOSSOP & DISTRICT BLUE PLAQUE AWARD SCHEME

Background

Schemes to erect plaques to commemorate important historical figures or events have existed in this country and Europe for many decades. Most notably, English Heritage operates a Blue Plaque Scheme in London where it has awarded over 300 plaques on buildings and sites throughout the capital. There are many similar schemes which operate across the country, often run by civic societies, councils or local history groups. There is no set criteria for awarding plaques and different schemes operate with different criteria.

GDHT Blue Plaque Scheme

A district-wide Blue Plaque Scheme for Glossop allows local people to:

- Celebrate the lives and historical importance of famous local people
- Demonstrate their connection with local communities through the built environment.
- Build and strengthen civic pride
- Provide additional educational opportunities
- Recognise previously unknown tourist attractions and add to the county's tourism 'offer'.
- Support local history initiatives.
- Raise public awareness of local conservation issues.

GDHT launched the scheme in January 2014 covering such criteria as:

- War heroes and memorials
- Local heroes and famous people
- Cultural and heritage connections
- Philanthropists, benefactors and entrepreneurs
- Historic and/or architectural importance

In keeping with English Heritage principles, the following requirements should be met:

- There shall be reasonable grounds for believing that the subjects are regarded as eminent by a majority of members of GDHT
- They shall have made some important positive contribution to human welfare or happiness
- They shall have had such exceptional and outstanding personalities that the well-informed passer-by immediately recognises their name.
- People commemorated in plaques must be deceased for at least 10 years or have passed the centenary of their birth. Proposals will not be considered for commemoration of individuals still living.
- Proposals will be considered for the commemoration of buildings or sites of special historical interest
- Plaques may only be erected on buildings not on boundary walls or gate piers, except in exceptional circumstances.
- A building marked with a plaque must be clearly visible from the public highway.

In order to maintain the prestige and value of the award, GDHT will award Blue Plaques as and when it judges necessary, according to the above criteria.

Financial considerations

The cost of a standard painted 18-inch aluminium blue plaque together with installation and publicity may be met through the GDHT budget or via funding sought from businesses and/or private sponsorship.

Legal considerations

Some nominations may be for sites and buildings which have listed building status. Such sites will require special permission before a plaque is erected. Legal officers and local authority conservation officers will be consulted on individual cases at the short-listing phase.

Other considerations

In conducting the Scheme, the following factors have been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; and environmental, health, human resources, property and transport considerations.