



PETERBOROUGH CIVIC SOCIETY

Peterborough Blue Plaques criteria

THE SCHEME

Peterborough Civic Society (PCS) welcomes suggestions from private individuals and organisations for its Blue Plaques scheme in Peterborough and its villages. However, it asks proposers to note that many more such suggestions are received than can be approved, given the resources available, and that an evaluation process is therefore necessary.

PCS will normally seek to commission and erect a number of plaques as a single project in order to achieve production savings and maximise publicity benefits. PCS plans to undertake a plaques project every two to three years.

Please note that a significant contribution towards plaque costs will be required, whether from the proposer, through grant or other sources e.g. sponsorship.

THE CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used by PCS to assess proposals for the installation of permanent commemorative blue plaques. The criteria are the primary but not the only means of assessing proposals and fulfilment of the selection criteria alone does not, in itself, guarantee acceptance of a proposal. Although all plaque suggestions meeting the criteria will be considered, because of the limited resources available PCS may need to take expert advice to determine priorities regarding the subjects suggested. Plaques commemorating people, buildings and events will all be considered.

- (a) For proposals concerning famous or important people, the following requirements must be met:
 - i. They should be of significant standing in a local, national or international context;
 - ii. They should be understood to have made a positive contribution to human welfare or happiness;
 - iii. Their achievements should have made a significant impact in terms of public recognition;
 - iv. There shall be strong grounds for believing that they are regarded as eminent and distinguished locally by a majority of members of their own profession or calling.
- (b) Without exception, proposals for such commemoration will not be considered until the subject has been dead for ten years.
- (c) A person's residence in the Peterborough area should have been a significant period, in length of time or in importance, within their life and work.
- (d) Proposals will be considered for plaques commemorating more than one person.
- (e) Fictitious characters will not be commemorated.
- (f) Proposals can be considered for the commemoration of buildings, or very occasionally sites, that have a historical significance worthy of public notice – other than a particular personal association – either because:
 - i. a historical event of particular importance occurred there, or
 - ii. the building or site had an important historical significance that is not obvious from its present appearance, use or any existing commemoration.
- (g) Although most plaques are erected on houses, flats and places of work associated with famous people, other types of building are not excluded. However, plaques shall not normally be erected to commemorate short term associations with educational or ecclesiastical buildings, military establishments, hospitals, hotels, or on any other building that is associated with so many well-known figures as to make the selection of an individual for commemoration inappropriate or invidious.
- (h) A plaque will preferably be placed on building fabric that is contemporary with or pre-dates the association being commemorated, and not on the site of a former residence or on buildings that have since been radically altered.
- (i) A plaque must be clearly visible from the public highway and will normally only be erected on a building and not on a boundary wall or gate pier.
- (j) Proposals will not be considered where a person's association with the relevant building is already clearly and permanently.
- (k) Proposals will also not be considered where a person has already been commemorated by a plaque previously erected elsewhere by PCS.



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Before completing this form, please read carefully the associated document 'Peterborough Blue Plaque criteria'. There should only be one proposal per form.

Please complete this form and submit it either by post to Toby Wood, 40 Newark Avenue, Peterborough PE1 4NS or by e-mail to tobywood2008@gmail.com

You will have your proposal acknowledged on receipt and then it will be taken forward to the selection stage in due course.

1	Name and address of proposer Tel no: and e-mail:	
2	Who or what is the plaque to commemorate?	
3	Why do you feel the subject justifies a plaque?	
4	Can you provide further supporting information about the subject?	
5	Proposed location/address.	
6	Precise suggested siting (a photo would help)	
7	Owner and/or tenant of proposed location (where known) and their contact details	
8	Proposals for co-funding the plaque	



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