

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR GREEN PLAQUE AWARDS

The selection criteria follow the principles used by English Heritage in the evaluation of suggestions for commemorative plaques.

- 1.** Leicestershire County Council will erect plaques on buildings associated with famous people in those cases where the following requirements have been met:
 - There shall be reasonable grounds for believing that the subjects are regarded as eminent by a majority of members of their own profession or calling; or
 - They shall have made some important positive contribution to human welfare or happiness; or
 - They shall have had such exceptional and outstanding personalities that the well-informed passer-by immediately recognises their names; or
 - They deserve countywide and/or national recognition.
- 2.** Without exception, proposals for the commemoration of famous people shall not be considered until they have been dead for twenty years.
- 3.** Proposals will not be considered for the commemoration of individuals still living.
- 4.** A person's residence in Leicestershire should have been a significant period, in time or in importance, within their life or work.
- 5.** Plaques shall not be erected on the sites of former houses occupied by famous people, but in exceptional circumstances consideration may be given to erecting plaques on reconstructed buildings which present an exact facsimile frontage on the identical site.
- 6.** Proposals will be considered for the commemoration of sites or buildings of special historical interest.
- 7.** A plaque attached to a building should be clearly visible from the public highway.
- 8.** Although most plaques are erected on houses associated with famous people, the erection of plaques on blocks of flats is not excluded, nor, exceptionally, on significant places of work.
- 9.** Unless a case is deemed exceptional, plaques shall not be erected on educational buildings, hotels, or hospitals (as more than one famous pupil/guest/patient might result in several plaques being constructed on a building.) There are exceptions if the plaque is for the building itself or for a specific person like a teacher at the school/ an employee of the hotel, etc.
- 10.** Ecclesiastical sites are normally considered inappropriate as a plaque may be seen to detract rather than enhance the architecture of the building.

11. A building or person shall not be commemorated solely because they figure in a work of fiction.

12. A plaque shall generally take the form of a circular cast aluminium plaque of either 380mm(15") or 457mm(18") in diameter with white lettering on a green background.

13. When nominating a person for a Green Plaque, the nominating person must, where possible, suggest a building where the plaque will be installed.

14. Leicestershire County Council will have the final say on the wording on the plaque, and where the plaque is erected.

15. Where possible, the nominator will flag up whether the building is listed and/or in a conservation area.

16. A nominee that has been up for public vote but is not a winner can be put forward again the following year - with no more than four nominations for the same person/place over the course of the scheme. Nominations that meet the selection criteria may be put forward for consideration the following year.

17. A person or place that has been commemorated with a Green Plaque cannot be nominated again.

18. Leicestershire County Council will have the final say on whether a plaque is erected.