

Blue plaques are put on buildings in remembrance of someone linked to the building. Blue plaques began in 1867.

There are a few rules for nominating someone to get a blue plaque. Here is one of the rules:

To be chosen for a plaque, a person must be understood by the National Blue Plaques Panel:

- To have made an important contribution to human welfare or happiness, and/or
- To have made an exceptional impact in their field, community or on society at large.

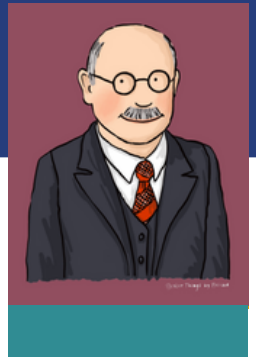
In June 2025 a blue plaque was put up in memory of Sir John Laing – it was put on a Carlisle house he lived in.

A spokesman at the unveiling said: 'Sir John Laing founded an international construction business and oversaw the building of the most iconic buildings in the country – Coventry Cathedral, The Barbican, The British Library and the M1. He was a committed Christian and philanthropist. He was a real people person. He believed in caring for people and looked after his workforce.'

Tasks

1. Why do you think the panel decided John Laing deserved a blue plaque?
2. Who would you give a blue plaque to? (For example - a historical figure, someone famous, a member of your family, a friend, a teacher, a fundraiser etc.)
3. Examine some examples of blue plaques.
4. Fill in the blank blue plaque with the name and some information about your chosen person.
5. Chose a class panel to decide who will get a blue plaque or have a class vote.





A Blue Plaque

Fill in this blank plaque with the name and some information about your chosen person.

