



MEETING TITLE	Minutes of the 93rd meeting of the London Blue Plaques Panel	
DATE	11 th June 2025 at 11am	
LOCATION	English Heritage Offices, 100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7AN	
MEMBERS	Professor William Whyte (Chair) Professor Tilly Blyth YolanDa Brown OBE DL Dr Simon Chapman (for items 1- 5) Andrew Graham-Dixon Mihir Bose – by Teams	Alex Graham Professor Claire Harman (from part of item 3 due to train delays) Dr Shini Somara Susie Thornberry Petroc Trelawny Janie Winter
ATTENDEES	Matt Thompson – Conservation, Curatorial & Learning Director Jeremy Ashbee – Head Historic Properties Curator Cathy Power – Blue Plaques Manager Rebecca Preston – Blue Plaques Historian Susan Skedd – Blue Plaques Historian Howard Spencer – Senior Historian, Blue Plaques Sarah O’Grady – interim Head of Governance (minutes)	
APOLOGIES	Emily Gee	

Item 1 – Apologies, announcements and declarations of interest or any other business

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2 There were no new declarations of interest.
- 1.3 Apologies – as noted above.

Item 2 – Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2025 and any matters arising

- 2.1 The Minutes were approved as a fair and accurate record.
- 2.2 There were no matters arising.

Item 3 – Chair’s report (oral)

The Chair thanked Panel members for their attendance at and contributions to events including the unveiling of Plaques.

Item 4 – Conservation, Curatorial & Learning Director’s report (oral)

The Director reported on the implementation of past decisions and some key activities by the Blue Plaques Panel team, including unveilings which had taken place and engagement with overseas authorities who were interested in establishing similar Schemes. 131 proposals are awaiting consideration.

Item 5 – Preliminary considerations

Under its terms of reference, the Blue Plaques Panel advises English Heritage on the erection of Blue Plaques. The Panel considered 23 preliminary cases as follows:

Sibyl Colefax (1874–1950)

The panel’s decision was to decide not to shortlist.

John Fowler (1906–1977)

The panel’s decision was deferred.

Decimus Burton (1800–1881)

The panel’s decision was to shortlist.

Arthur Davis (1878–1951)

The panel’s decision was not to shortlist.

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The panel’s decision was not to shortlist.

Gordon Childe (1892–1957)

The panel’s decision was not to shortlist.

Mary Hays (1759–1843)

The panel’s decision was not to shortlist.

Sir William Gowers (1848–1915)

Sir Ernest Gowers (1880–1966)

The panel’s decision was not to shortlist.

Phyllis Dixey (1914–1964)

The panel decided to reaffirm the decision to approve that she be commemorated by a Blue Plaque.

Robin Howard (1924–1989)

The panel’s decision was not to shortlist.

Michael Kamen (1948–2003)

The panel’s decision was not to shortlist.

Delia Derbyshire (1937–2001)

The panel’s decision was to shortlist.

Daphne Oram (1925–2003)

The panel’s decision was to shortlist, pending discussion with Historic England over where she would most appropriately be commemorated.

Ivor Bulmer-Thomas (1905–1993)

The panel's decision was deferred.

Susan Stebbing (1885–1943)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Simone Weil (1909–1944)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Roger Casement (1864–1916)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Emily Anderson (1891–1962)

The panel's decision was to shortlist.

Leo Szilard (1898–1964)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Richard Seaman (1913–1939)

The panel's decision was not to shortlist.

Edith Craig (1868–1947)

The panel's decision was to shortlist.

Sir William Chambers (1722–1796)

The decision was deferred.

Item 6 – Final reports

This item is included in a protected appendix to these minutes as it contains information that is potentially protected from public access.

Item 7 – Any other business

None.