

Request

Please provide me with the names of any individuals, groups of people and/or bodies, who have been awarded the freedom of your council area, or any similar award or designation, who are not included in the list on your website.

By similar award or designation, I mean an honorary civic award bestowed by the council on an individual, company, group or military unit with the intent of recognising their contribution to the local area. This would exclude formal civic offices e.g. Mayor. I am interested in receiving the information for any period for which you hold the records.

Response

The only Civic awards bestowed by the Council are featured on the following two internet pages on the Council's website, which are fully up to date:

- [Honorary Freemen of the Borough \(wigan.gov.uk\)](http://wigan.gov.uk)
- [Honorary Aldermen of the Borough \(wigan.gov.uk\)](http://wigan.gov.uk)

In addition we also have the following award / recognition programmes:

The Believe Star is a local reward programme which recognises individuals who have made a significant contribution to the borough. There are two walks of fame – one on civic square Leigh and another on Believe Square Wigan. A list of recipients is below:

- 1) Dave Whelan – Wigan Athletic Owner and Youth Patron
- 2) Ian Lenagan - Wigan Warriors Owner and Training Champion
- 3) Barbara Nettle – Community Champion
- 4) John Winnard MBE – Uncle Joe's Mint Balls
- 5) Shaun Edwards OBE – Rugby Player and Coach
- 6) Ian McKellen – Actor
- 7) Dr Nayyar Naqvi OBE – Heart Specialist
- 8) Billy Boston MBE – Rugby League Legend
- 9) Trish Green – Founder of Brick, Champion of homeless
- 10) Stuart Maconie – Writer and Broadcaster
- 11) Roberto Martinez – FA Cup Winning Manager
- 12) Jenny Meadows – Great Britain Athlete
- 13) The Queen's Own Yeomanry
- 14) The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment
- 15) Shaun Wane – Wigan Warriors RL Coach Legend
- 16) Martin Ainscough CBE DL - Business Entrepreneur and Youth Patron
- 17) Dr Kate Fussell – Wigan's First Female Surgeon
- 18) NHS and KEY WORKERS - For their response to the Coronavirus pandemic
- 19) Joseph's Goal
- 20) Joining Jack
- 21) Wigan Youth Zone

Leigh:

1. Leigh Centurions – Rugby League Club
2. Alex Murphy OBE – Rugby League Legend
3. Georgie Fame – Gee thanks for Leigh, Lancs
4. John Woods – Rugby League Legend
5. Richard Waterfield – Local Family Baker
6. Trevor Barton MBE – Serving Our Community
7. Pam Gilligan – Compassion in Action
8. NHS and KEY WORKERS - For their response to the Coronavirus pandemic
9. Joe and Margaret Galvin – Leigh Harriers
10. Keely Hodgkinson

We also have a local blue plaque scheme, more information and a list of recipients can be found here:

[Blue Plaque Scheme \(wigan.gov.uk\)](http://wigan.gov.uk)

And the annual Our Town awards which recognise and celebrate the achievements of residents and community groups. More information can be found here: www.wigan.gov.uk/ourtown