

COVENTRY AWARD OF MERIT – PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

1966

Mr Stanley Ashby, Godiva Harriers official and former Olympic runner

Sir Donald Gibson, first Coventry Architect and Planning Officer

Professor J W Linnett FRS, Professor of Physical Chemistry at Cambridge University

Miss M R Paton MBE, Superintendent, St Faith's Shelter, Coventry City Council

Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle KBE, Inventor of the jet engine.

1970

Mr Derrick H Robins, former President, Coventry City Football Club

Sir Basil Spence OBE, architect and designer of Coventry Cathedral

Sir William Lyons, President, Jaguar Cars-British Leyland UK Ltd

Dr H Parry Williams, former Consultant Child Specialist, Coventry Hospital Group

Mrs A L Galpine JP, former Chairman of Coventry Magistrates' and Coventry Juvenile Court

1978

Rt Revd Cuthbert Bardlsey CBE, Bishop of Coventry from 1956 to 1976

Professor Joan Browne CBE, JP – Principal, Coventry College of Education 1948 to 1975

Mr Jack Jones MBE, General Secretary, Transport and General Workers' Union

Mr Phillip Larkin CBE, Poet and Librarian of the University of Hull

Mr Walter Chinn OBE, Director of Education for Coventry from 1947 to 1969

Sir Stanley Harley DL, industrialist, Managing Director, Coventry Gauge and ~Tool Ltd

2002

Sir John Egan, Chairman of Jaguar Cars Limited

Professor Sir Brian Follett FRS, Vice-Chancellor, University of Warwick

Reverend Canon Nerissa Jones MBE, Vicar of St Chad's Church, Wood End

Reverend Canon Dr Paul Oestreicher, peace and reconciliation, Coventry Cathedral

Right Honourable Sir Philip Otton, Lord Justice of Appeal

Councillor Tom White CBE, first Director of Social Services in the UK

2011

Gary Croshaw, West Midlands Police Special Constabulary

Joe Elliott, Coventry City Football Club, sports and charity

Professor Sudhesh Kumar, University of Warwick Medical School

David Moorcroft OBE, Olympic athlete

Councillor John Mutton, International Children's Games

Les Ratcliffe, Community Relations, Jaguar Land Rover

2014

The Right Honourable Bob Ainsworth MP

Professor Madeleine Atkins DL CBE, Vice Chancellor of Coventry University

Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya KB CBE, Founder of Warwick Manufacturing Group

Coventry Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre

Mr Courtenay Griffiths QC

Councillor Tim Sawdon

Dr Abdullah Shehu FRCP

2015

David Burbidge OBE DL

Councillor Ann Lucas OBE

Ms Betty McGlinchey

Mr Ratan N Tata GBE & Jaguar Land Rover

Councillor Ken Taylor OBE

The Most Reverend and Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

2019

Mr Kerry Blakeman

Councillor George Duggins

Mrs Jane Frankish

Mr Roger Medwell MBE DL

Mr Richard Stanton MBE GM

2025

Pauline Black OBE DL

Professor Stuart Croft DL

Mrs Sybil Hanson

Councillor AS Khan

Mr Mark Robins

Mr Jon Sharp