

Blue Plaque Scheme

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In January 2013 English Heritage announced it is to stop its blue plaque scheme because government funding cuts had made it impossible for it to continue.

Addiscombe hosts one for DH Lawrence and in Outram Road the inventor of the teleprinter is celebrated. Others within a few miles include C. B. Fry, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, David Lean, W.F.R. Stanley, Emile Zola, Alfred Russel Wallace, John & Frederick Horniman, Ira Aldridge, Marie Stopes, Camille Pissarro, Thomas Crapper, Gordon Pirie, Enid Blyton & Walter De La Mare.

Many more are located within 5 miles of Addiscombe and the details are listed below, by colour and by area.



12 Colworth Road
D H Lawrence



Frederick George Creed
20 Outram Road



The theme for
Pizza Express
George Street
based on one of
Creed's inventions

There are other colours: Maroon (Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Theologian and Pastor), Red (Danny Dyer for soiling himself on Malibu in a Croydon police cell), Grey (Dr. John Fry - devoted family doctor), Green (Cicely Mary Barker - artist and creator of the Flower Fairy children's books), Black (Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins - designer of the prehistoric 'monsters' in Crystal Palace Park) and Gold (David Bowie - rock musician of Beckenham who launched his career in The Three Tuns).

You can research these plaques on the web at <http://openplaques.org/>

and <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/discover/blue-plaques/>

A good book is "London Plaques" by Derek Sumeray & John Sheppard (Shire Books) at £12.99

Happy hunting!

Blue Plaque	Information	Address	Post Code	Year erected
DH Lawrence (1885-1930)	Novelist and poet lived & wrote 'Sons & Lovers' here and at number 16 (1908 -1911)	12 Colworth Road, Croydon	CR0 7AD	2008
Frederick George Creed (1871-1957)	Electrical engineer, inventor of the teleprinter lived and died here	20 Outram Road, Addiscombe, Croydon	CR0 6XE	1973
C. B. Fry (1872–1956)	All-round Sportsman was born here	144 St James's Road Croydon	CR0 2UY	2005
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875–1912)	Composer lived and died here	6 St Leonards Road, Croydon	CR0 4BN	2012
John Horniman (1803–1893)	Public benefactors and politician lived here	Coombe Cliff Centre, Coombe Road, Croydon	CR0 5SP	
Frederick John Horniman (1835–1906)	Founder of the Horniman Museum , Tea Merchants, Collectors and Public Benefactors lived here			
Alfred Russel Wallace (1823-1913)	Naturalist, contemporary of Darwin lived here	44 St Peter's Road Croydon	CR0 1HG	
David Lean (1908-1991)	Film director was born here	38 Blenheim Crescent, South Croydon	CR2 6BN	2008
GORDON PIRIE (1931-1991)	World Famous Runner	Comrades Club near South London Harriers Hall 194 Brighton Road, Coulsdon	CR5 2NF	2011

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875–1912)	Composer of the 'Song of Hiawatha' lived here	30 Dagnall Park, South Norwood, Croydon	SE25 5PH	
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859–1930)	Creator of Sherlock Holmes lived here 1891-1894	12 Tennison Road South Norwood, Croydon	SE25 5RT	1973
W.F.R. Stanley (1829-1909)	Inventor, manufacturer and philanthropist, founded and designed these halls and technical school	Stanley Halls, 12 South Norwood Hill	SE25 6AB	
Emile Zola (1840-1902)	French novelist lived here 1898-1899	Queen's Hotel, 122 Church Road, Upper Norwood	SE19 2UG	
Ira Aldridge (1807-1867)	Shakespearian actor 'The African Roscius' lived here	5 Hamlet Road, Upper Norwood	SE19 2AP	
Marie Stopes (1880-1958)	Promoter of sex education and birth control lived here 1880-1892	28 Cintra Park, Upper Norwood	SE19 2LH	
Camille Pissarro (1830-1903)	Impressionist painter stayed on this site 1870-71	77a Westow Hill, Crystal Palace	SE19 1TX	
Annie Besant (1847-1933)	Social reformer lived here in 1874	39 Colby Road	SE19 1HA	
Thomas Crapper (1837-1910)	Engineer, developer of the controlled flow cistern lived here	12 Thornsett Road	SE20 7XE	
Anne Shelton (1928-1994)	Popular singer and World War II Forces Favourite lived here	142 Court Lane, Dulwich	SE21 7EB	

Alexander Parkes (1813-1890)	Plastics pioneer lived here	32 Park Hall Road, West Dulwich	SE21 8DW
Phyllis Pearsall (1906-1996)	Inventor of the London A to Z lived here	3 Court Lane Gardens, Court Lane, Dulwich	SE21 7DZ
C. S. Forester (1899-1966)	Novelist lived here	58 Underhill Road, Dulwich	SE22 0QT
Percy Lane Oliver (1878-1944)	Founder of the first voluntary blood donor service lived and worked here	5 Colyton Road, (off Peckham Rye)	SE22 0NE
William Henry Pratt alias Boris Karloff (1887-1969)	Actor was born here	36 Forest Hill Road, East Dulwich	SE22 0RR
John Logie Baird (1888-1946)	Television pioneer lived here	3 Crescent Wood Road, Sydenham	SE26 6RT
Sir Francis Pettit Smith (1808-1874)	Pioneer of the screw-propeller, where he lived from 1864-1870	17 Sydenham Hill	SE26 6SH
Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton (1874-1922)	Antarctic explorer lived here	12 Westwood Hill	SE26 6QR
Eleanor Marx (1855–1898)	Lived and died here [full inscription unknown] [The youngest daughter & secretary of Karl Marx]	7 Jews Walk, Sydenham	SE26 6PJ
Will Hay (1888-1949)	Comic actor and astronomer lived here 1927-1934	45 The Chase, Norbury	SW16 3AE
Arthur Mee (1875-1943)	Journalist, author and topographer lived here	27 Lanercost Road, Tulse Hill	SW2 3DP

Enid Blyton (1897-1968)	Authoress lived here	83 Shortlands Road, Shortlands	BR2 0JG
Walter De La Mare (1873-1956)	Poet and author lived here	195 Mackenzie Road, Beckenham	BR3 4SE
John Pennington Harman VC (1914-1944)	Lance Corporal 4th Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery at Kohima, Assam, India 9 April 1944 born here	9 Shrewsbury Road, Elmers End	BR3 4DB
Frank Bourne (1855-1945)	Colour Sargeant at the Battle for Rorke's Drift 22-23 January 1879 lived here	16 Kings Hall Road, Beckenham	BR3 1LU
Harold Bride (1890-1956)	Wireless operator aboard RMS Titanic lived here 1903-1922	58 Ravensbourne Avenue, Shortlands , Bromley	BR2 0BP

Maroon Plaque	Information	Address	Post Code	Year erected
Sir George Grove (1820-1900)	Writer on music lived in a house on this site 1860-1900	208 Sydenham Road, Sydenham	SE26 5SE	
Richard Jefferies (1848-1887)	Nature writer and novelist lived here	20 Sydenham Park Road Sydenham	SE26 4ED	
Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)	Theologian and Pastor lived here 1933-1935	2 Manor Mount, Forest Hill	SE23 3PZ	

Red Plaque	Information	Address	Post Code	Year erected
W. G. Grace (1848-1915)	Cricketer lived in a house on this site	7 Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham	SE26 6DP	
Danny Dyer	Soiling himself on Malibu	Croydon police cell		2010

Grey Plaque	Information	Address	Post Code	Year erected
Dr. John Fry (1922-1994)	Devoted family doctor and world renowned researcher and writer	138 Croydon Road, Elmers End	BR3 4DG	

Green Plaque	Information	Address	Post Code	Year erected
Reverend William Wilks (1843–1923)	Vicar of Shirley and horticulturalist. Lived here from 1879 to 1912, where he propagated the Shirley Poppy	47 Shirley Church Road, Shirley	CR0 5EF	
Cicely Mary Barker (1895-1973)	Artist and creator of the Flower Fairy children's books lived and worked here from 1924 to 1961	23 The Waldrons, Croydon	CR0 4HB	
Ashleigh and India Houses	[full inscription unknown] These two houses are all that remains of Addiscombe College. They were built in 1848 for the professors of the East India Company	137-139 Addiscombe Road Croydon	CR0 6SJ	
Admiral Robert Fitzroy (1805-1865)	was at	140 Church Road, Upper Norwood	SE19 2NT	
Sir Kingsley Amis (1922-1995)	[full inscription unknown] Novelist	16 Buckingham Gardens Norbury	CR7 8RT	

Black Plaque	Information	Address	Post Code	Year erected
Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins (1807-1889)	Artist and solicitor, designer of the prehistoric 'monsters' in Crystal Palace Park lived here	'Fossil Villa', 22 Belvedere Road, Anerley	SE20 8HR	
Gold Plaque	Information	Address	Post Code	Year erected
David Bowie (1947-)	Rock musician lived in Beckenham and launched his career in The Three Tuns 1969 – 1973	157 High Street, Beckenham	BR3 1AE	
Unknown colour Plaque	Information	Address	Post Code	Year erected
Albert Ashmore (1906–85)	[full inscription unknown]	Fairfield Halls, Barclay Road, Croydon		
Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890 – 1969)	[full inscription unknown]	Warren Road, Coombe, Purley	CR8 1AA	
Jacqueline du Pré (1945 – 1987)	[full inscription unknown]	14 The Bridle Road, Purley	CR8 3JA	
Coulsdon Town Station - Smitham	Station on the Tattenham Corner Line was opened in 1904 by the South Eastern railway			2012