

BLUE/BRASS PLAQUE UPDATE – Nicola Pugh Administrative Assistant

Blue Plaques

Permission from both property owners is now in place and, pending approval of artwork and costs, an order can be placed with the supplier.

The owner of the Wellington Road property (Sir Geoffrey Wilkinson plaque) has advised that the existing plaque to be replaced by the new plaque has a diameter of 20"; this is larger than anticipated and previously quoted for.

Previous estimated costs presented to the Committee on 16 July 2019 (Minute 019 (GP) 022) were as follows:

- 2 no 14" diameter plaque - **£614.00 ex VAT** (unit cost £307 ex VAT)

A new quote for two 20" diameter plaques has been obtained as follows.

	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2 no. 20" Plaque	£ 393.00	£ 786.00
Carving of new Town crest master copy		£ 157.00
Delivery		£ 18.00
Total ex VAT		£ 961.00

Brass Plaques

Calderdale Council's Conservation team has confirmed that they are happy for two commemorative plaques to be fitted to the wall in the Council Chamber of Todmorden Town Hall with the following specification:

- Brass/brass effect plaques of A4 size, engraved with black lettering, to be mounted on a dark mahogany back board

Estimates previously provided for brass plaques to the Committee on 16 July 2019 (Minute 2019 (GP) 022) gave the cost of a single brass plaque at £40. There is no record of a source for this quote and subsequent discussions with brass plaque suppliers suggest it is not realistic for what is required.

Estimates received at the time of writing for two Brass plaques are as follows:

	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2 no. A4 Real Brass Plaques engraved and mounted on dark mahogany backboard ex VAT	£ 180.00	£ 360.00

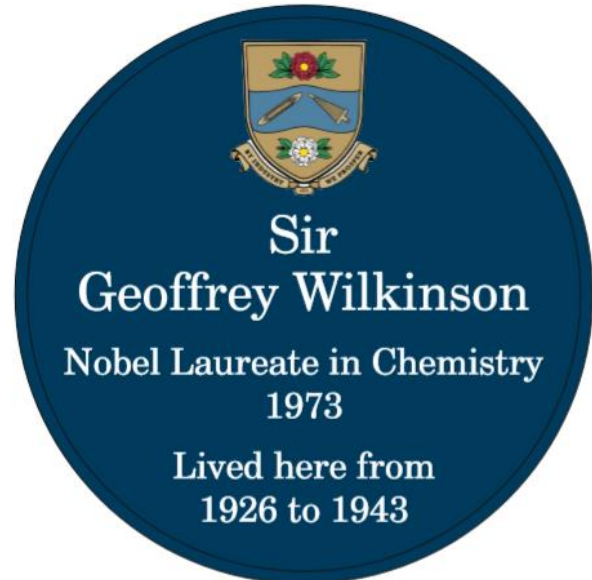
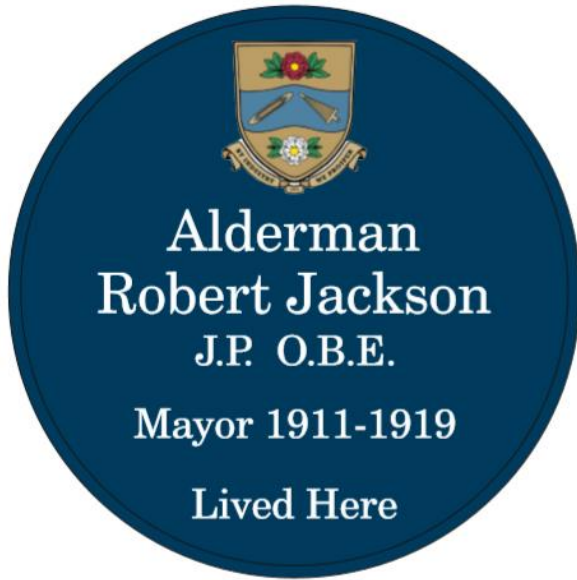
The supplier recommends a gold effect brushed aluminium plaque as an alternative to real brass to keep costs low and cleaning to a minimum. (see image)

	Unit Cost	Total Cost
2 no. A4 Gold Effect Brushed Aluminium Plaques engraved and mounted on dark mahogany backboard ex VAT	£ 105.00	£ 210.00

Total estimated costs to include installation £1300 against an original figure of c£1000. Budget provision would need to be made from the Amenities Miscellaneous Code.

Draft Text/Artwork

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Proposed text for plaques :

- 1 In Memory of Major Robert H Barker MP
Resident of Todmorden and MP for Sowerby Division 1918-1922 who after WW1 helped to establish the Royal British Legion
- 2 In Memory of Norah Caveney
4 Co-operative Street, Walsden
First Female Combatant to be killed in World War II

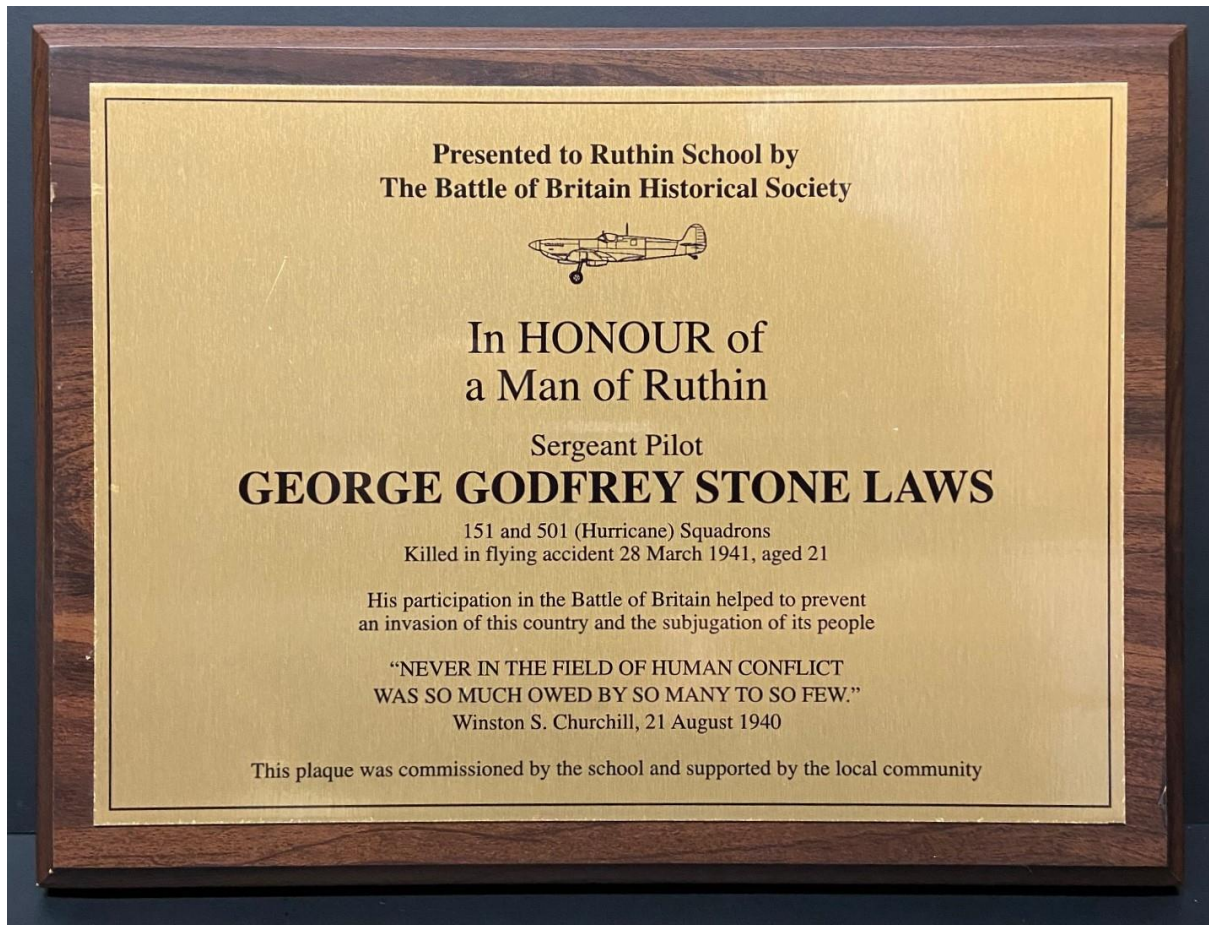
In addition to the text above, the Mayor has requested that the old Town Crest be included to reflect the historic setting of the Town Hall.



Image to illustrate appearance of the gold effect brushed aluminium.

For the Town Hall plaques It is proposed:

- To use a similar font to that shown here.
- To use a dark mahogany backboard (the one pictured is walnut)
- To extend the metal plaque to the edge where the bevel starts rather than have it inset as pictured



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