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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI449271797**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Freedom of the City.

You have requested the following information:

**1. Please provide me with a list of individuals, groups of people and bodies that have been awarded the freedom of the city or any similar award or designation.**

Please see the attached document.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner,

who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

## List of Honorary Freeman of the City of Coventry

Name	Date Admitted	In Recognition of ...
Andrew Carnegie	4 <sup>th</sup> June 1914	Doctor of Laws. Donor of the Earlsdon, Foleshill and Stoke Branch Libraries.
Colonel William Fitzthomas Wyley JP	25 <sup>th</sup> September 1925	His eminent services which he has rendered to the City of Coventry throughout his long public life.
Alderman Alfred Henry Drinkwater JP	9 <sup>th</sup> November 1927	His long public services to the City.
Alfred Herbert OBE	15 <sup>th</sup> June 1933	His generosity, as exemplified particularly in the presentation to the City of Alfred Herbert Recreation Ground and of Lady Herbert's Garden, and also in recognition of his eminent services in connection with the modern industrial development of Coventry.
Baron Nuffield OBE (formerly William Morris)	10 <sup>th</sup> December 1936	His generous help to the Coventry & Warwickshire Hospital and to other good causes, and of his distinguished place in the modern industrial life of Coventry and the nation.
Hugh Richard Farren OBE, JP	10 <sup>th</sup> December 1936	His character and of his many years of devoted public service to the City.
Frederick Smith	14 <sup>th</sup> October 1946	His eminent service which has rendered to the City in the office of Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace, in recognition of his devotion to the public duties during a period of unprecedented municipal development and as a token of public esteem.
Alfred Robert Grindlay CBE, JP	15 <sup>th</sup> November 1962	A Member of the City Council for nearly 39 years, in recognition of his eminent and devoted services to the City during a period of unprecedented municipal

		development and as a token of public esteem.
George Edward Hodgkinson OBE	15 <sup>th</sup> November 1962	A Member of the City Council for nearly 35 years, in recognition of his eminent and devoted services to the City during a period of unprecedented municipal development and as a token of public esteem.
Alderman Sidney Stringer	15 <sup>th</sup> November 1962	A Member of the City Council for nearly 35 years, in recognition of his eminent and devoted services to the City during a period of unprecedented municipal development and as a token of public esteem.
Edward Langton, Baron Iliffe of Yattendon	1 <sup>st</sup> May 1969	... and appreciation for his eminent services he has rendered and of his many benefactions of his native City.
Councillor Arthur James Waugh Snr	7 <sup>th</sup> April 1982	His eminent and devoted services to the City and his significant contribution to public life in Coventry over a period of 35 years.
The Right Honourable Dr Marjorie (Mo) Mowlam MP	26 <sup>th</sup> November 1999	Her significant contribution to the peace settlement in Ireland.
Mr Ratan N. Tata GBE	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	The investment of Tata Steel into Jaguar Land Rover which has enhanced and protected the status of car manufacturing in the region, the Jaguar Land Rover brand and particularly the employment of its employees and many subsidy suppliers. Supported by the Warwick Manufacturing Group, a beacon of manufacturing research and development and business education.
Professor Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya KB CBE	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2015	The investment of Tata Steel into Jaguar Land Rover which has enhanced and protected the status of car manufacturing in the region, the Jaguar Land Rover brand and

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### **Organisations Granted the Freedom of the City of Coventry**

Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	1946
605 Squadron, RAF	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 1952
HMS Coventry	13 <sup>th</sup> September 1988
HMS Diamond	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2013
University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2022