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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI671556271**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Blue Plaques.

You have requested the following information:

Please would you be able to provide me with the most up to date figures on:

1. How many Blue Plaques there are in your region in total. (If full figure is known, please provide that, if only those approved by the council are known, please specify).

There is no specific 'Blue Plaque' scheme in Coventry as this scheme is run by English Heritage and unique to London, although there are plans to roll this out to other regions.

Many other cities have their own variations, whilst in Coventry plaques have been erected by multiple organisations over the years to commemorate significant individuals, locations or events.

In Coventry, there are currently over 100 heritage plaques in place, installed by a variety of organisations, including Coventry City Council. They are not always blue and not always round but hold significance to the City.

Two new heritage plaques have been endorsed by the Council through the 2022-23 process for the following Coventrians which will be unveiled soon:

1. Alice Arnold
2. Arthur Hurt

a. Who each of the Blue Plaques in the region is for and when it was installed.

The information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/heritage-ecology-trees/heritage-plaque-scheme>

2. How many applications for blue plaques there have been in the 2024 to the council. (If full figure is known, please provide that)

a. Who they are for.

This year we have received four nominations.

1. First Indian established Photography studio in 1969.
2. John Lennon & Yoko Ono Acorn Planting at Coventry Cathedral in 1968
3. Frank Whittle attending Earlsdon Primary School
4. Holy Family Catholic Primary School Penny Park Lane, Coventry

b. How many, and which ones were approved.

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) that some of this information is not held as the approval process is still incomplete.

Nominations this year were open in until 30 June. The Council received four nominations between this time. Validity of these nominations will be taken into account for creating a shortlist. Following the poll, the nomination will be accompanied by a recommendation report compiled by heritage specialists within the council and presented to a decision-making panel. The response time is by March 2025 when the next nominations open up for 2025, and is based on various factors impacting the service area. This panel will then approve up to two nominations per year for the Council to support.

3. Please identify any other organisations in your region that approve and install Blue Plaques.

More details can be found on Historic England website link here,

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/national-blue-plaque-scheme/make-a-nomination/>

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Yours faithfully

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