

**List of recipients of the award of honorary Freedom of the City from Brighton & Hove City Council as at June 2025**

**Adam Trimmingham: 2004**

That the honour and title of Honorary Freeman of the City of Brighton and Hove be bestowed on Mr. Adam Trimmingham in grateful recognition of his eminent and distinguished service and dedication to professional journalism rendered to the City of Brighton and Hove during his illustrious and distinguished career.

**Henry Allingham: 2009**

Mr. Allingham is a World War One Veteran and the last surviving member of the British Air Services, having been a founder member of the Royal Air Force. He is also the oldest living person in the country and has resided at St. Dunstan's in Ovingdean since May 2006 following the loss of his sight.

Mr. Allingham has worked with the veterans associations to ensure that later generations would not forget the loss and destruction caused by World War 1. He has been the recipient of a number of honours and awards, including the Gold Medal of Saint-Omer, Freedom of Eastbourne, the Legion d'honneur (France's highest military award), Pride of Britain Award and honorary membership of the Fleet Air Arm Association.

Mr Allingham has come to symbolise the sacrifices made by generations of British men and women and is a person of distinction recognised nationally. Through his work and example, he has rendered exceptional services to the Country and the City, which is where he resides. It is therefore proposed that the Council honours him by admitting him to be a Freeman of the City.

**Aung San Suu Kyi: 2011 (REMOVED IN 2023)**

**Flight Lieutenant Marc Heal: 2011**

Flight Lieutenant Marc Heal who comes from Brighton is the Captain of the Chinook helicopter Immediate Response Team, and during their term of service in Afghanistan, led his crew in successfully extracting 29 casualties from the battlefield. He was awarded the prestigious Distinguished Flying Cross in 2010, which is one of the highest awards that can be given. Through his connections with the city and his achievements he helped set an example of gallantry and professionalism.

**Steve Overt: 2012**

Steve Overt was born in Brighton and had a successful athletics career representing local clubs before being picked for the national team, where he went on to represent the country at international and Olympic level. He has been regarded as one of the best middle-distance runners to be produced by the country, culminating with winning gold at the 800 metres Olympic final in Moscow.

**Roger French: 2013**

Roger French has spent nearly 30 years at the wheel of Brighton and Hove Buses, and has had long and distinguished career which has included his tireless work in promoting the spirit of partnership in the city and his selfless work for charities, notably as chair for nine years of the trustees of the Martlets Hospice.

**Dick Knight: 2013**

The proposal to confer the title of Honorary Freeman on Mr. Knight has been made in recognition of the role he played in securing the future of Brighton & Hove Albion and using the power of sport to develop one of the country's leading club community schemes.

**Tony Bloom: 2017**

Mr. Tony Bloom has been the chairman of Brighton & Hove Albion since 2009, succeeding Mr. Dick Knight and has invested £93 million in the development of the club's new ground, the American Express Community Stadium; as well as a new training ground and facilities in Lancing. He has been a long-term fan of the club and grew up in Brighton.

**Chris Hughton: 2017**

Mr. Chris Hughton is the Manager of the first team and having been appointed midway through the 2014-15 season, secured the club's safety in the Championship. In the 2015-16 season he led the team to 3<sup>rd</sup> place and narrowly missed promotion before leading the team to the league title and promotion to the Premier League in the 2016/17 season and the club's return to top flight football since 1983.

**Sir Peter Field: 2021**

Peter Field has served as HM Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex for thirteen years, having been appointed in August 2008. He has also served as a Magistrate for over 20 years and chaired the highly successful Brighton and Hove Business Community Partnership. Having lived in Brighton and served the city throughout his career it is proposed that he be duly recognised by the city for his distinguished service.

**All those who helped during the Covid-19 Pandemic: 2021**

A large number of individuals from the public, business and voluntary sector contributed to the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and showed inspirational, selfless devotion in supporting the City during what has been one of the most challenging periods in its history. (No names).

**Brighton and Hove Albion Football Club: 2023**

In recognition of the club's achievements and their contribution to the city. In particular, in recognition for finishing sixth in the Premier League last season and qualifying for Europe and, in doing so, adding more than £600m to the local economy and raising the profile of Brighton globally.

**Mary Clarke: 2023**

Mary Clarke became an organiser for the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) Brighton branch in 1909. During her time in Brighton, she helped build the WSPU operation in the south east and organise

the campaigns for the general election, regularly addressing crowds of supporters on the seafront. She was known for her gentleness, good humour, composure and wit, even when dealing with hecklers and abuse. She was one of the 300 women to demonstrate outside the Houses of Parliament during what is now known as 'Black Friday', where she was injured and beaten by the police. Throughout years of campaigning, she was arrested 3 times and, in Holloway Prison, was subjected to force feeding – a cruel practice inflicted upon those on hunger strikes. She died on Christmas Day in 1910, 2 days after her release from Holloway.

