

## HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE CITY

By virtue of the Honorary Freedom of Boroughs Act 1885, and then by Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, the highest honour that a Council can bestow is the Honorary Freedom of a town or city.

It is granted on “persons of distinction and persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the City, Borough or Royal Borough”.

It is an honour rarely given.

The Honorary Freedom granted on individuals carries with it no special privileges – it is purely an honorary title. However, if it is granted to a local regiment or uniformed group, then it does carry with it the right to “march through the streets with bayonets fixed, drums beating, and Colours flying”.

Those groups and individuals who have received the Honorary Freedom since 1885 are:

<b>25<sup>th</sup> April, 1901</b>	<b>Ronald Luker, Pembroke College, Sergeant in the 4<sup>th</sup> (Cambridge University) Volunteers</b>
<b>“ “</b>	<b>Thomas Hogg Robertson, 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion Imperial Yeomanry</b>
<b>“ “</b>	<b>George Harry Shepley, St. John’s College, Lieutenant in the 4<sup>th</sup> (Cambridge University) Volunteers</b>
<b>“ “</b>	<b>Hugh de Lacy Hulton-Harrop, Trinity Hall, Lieutenant in the Shropshires</b>
<b>“ “</b>	<b>Walter Barker, Suffolk Regiment</b>
<b>“ “</b>	<b>Edward Miles Knubley, Magdalene College, Suffolk Regiment</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December, 1902</b>	<b>Albert Rowland Fuller, Sapper, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, Telegraph Battalion, Royal Engineers</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February, 1904</b>	<b>Alexander Peckover, Lord Lieutenant</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May, 1911</b>	<b>Sedley Taylor</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November, 1942</b>	<b>Alderman Charles Pollock</b>

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1945</b>	<b>Eighth United States Army Air Force</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September, 1946</b>	<b>Cambridgeshire Regiment</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July, 1951</b>	<b>Alderman Luard Raynes</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March, 1972</b>	<b>Royal Air Force Oakington</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> October, 1973</b>	<b>Alderman Geoffrey Hickson Alderman Thomas Amey Alderman Cecil Mole</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March, 1979</b>	<b>Royal Anglian Regiment</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March, 1980</b>	<b>Alderman Peter John Warren</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1999</b>	<b>No. 104 (City of Cambridge) Squadron Air Training Corps</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July, 2003</b>	<b>Former Councillor Peter Cowell, DL, JP</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May, 2004</b>	<b>Sir Arthur Marshall, OBE, DL</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July, 2005</b>	<b>The City of Heidelberg</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October, 2011</b>	<b>The City of Szeged</b>