

The Blue Plaque scheme, was established in 1998, originally in London, to commemorate a link between a place and a famous historical person. Over 300 Blue Plaque schemes now exist across the country and Conservation Areas Wirral is establishing a scheme in the Wirral.

Oxton has been associated with many notable figures, making it a perfect location for the plaques, which cost £306 each. At the 2016 AGM there were short talks on individuals who could be considered for blue plaques:

- **Walter Aubrey Thomas**, architect, whose designs include the Liver Building and other notable Liverpool commercial and office premises, and the house at Ness Gardens. The Liver Building was the first multi-story steel framed building in the world, a technique that made possible the construction of skyscrapers. Thomas lived in Oxton for a period, at Etruria Villas in Victoria Mount.
- **Cyril Scott**, composer and Edwardian 'enfant terrible'. He was born in 1879 at 1 Rich View, and later moved to a larger house 'The Laurels' in Village Road with his parents. He showed musical talent at an early age and was sent to Germany to study, where he became part of the Frankfurt Group with Percy Grainger among others. His work became rather lost to obscurity in the mid twentieth century, but has experienced a revival in the last ten years, and a biography was published recently. Scott was not only a composer, but also a poet, author, philosopher and painter.
- **Edith Smith**, England's first warranted policewoman with power of arrest. She was born at 18 Palm Hill, Oxton, in 1880, and by 1901 was living at 34 Wellington Road, the old Post Office, where she was raised a family and was sub-postmistress. Following her husband's death, she moved to London where she worked as a midwife, and then joined the police force in Grantham at the start of the First World War, and her life is commemorated with a Blue Plaque in Grantham

Following the talks, members put forward ideas on other individuals who could be commemorated, including the poet A S J Tessimond and the poet Richard Le Gallienne, friend of Oscar Wilde

Members should contact the Society with any suggestions of names for Blue Plaques.