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Honorary freeman freedom of the borough and Blackpool Medal

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Honorary freemen

Date of admission	Name of Honorary Freemen
19 June 1897	William Henry Cocker Esq JP (deceased)
19 November 1907	Joseph Heap Esq JP (deceased)
6 February 1912	John Bickerstaffe Esq JP (deceased) James Fish Esq JP (deceased)
16 November 1914	James Ward Esq JP (deceased) Robert Butcher Mather Esq JP (deceased)
3 November 1915	John Grime Esq JP (deceased) James Heyes Esq JP (deceased)
6 August 1918	The Rt. Hon David Lloyd George PC MP (deceased)
2 August 1922	Colonel (Honorary Brigadier-General) Thomas Edward Topping CB CMG DSO TD ADC (deceased)
4 August 1926	Thomas Bickerstaffe Esq JP (Jubilee Mayor) (deceased) Sir Lindsay Parkinson JP (deceased) William Henry Broadhead Esq JP (deceased)
3 October 1928	Henry Brown Esq JP (deceased) Samuel Hill Esq JP (deceased) John Collins Esq JP (deceased) Thomas Fielding Esq JP (deceased)
1 August 1934	The Right Hon. Edward George Villiers Stanley 17th Earl of Derby KG PC GCB GCVO (deceased)
23 March 1937	The Baron Stamp GCB GBE LLD DSc FBA (deceased)
31 January 1938	Sir Cuthbert Cartwright Grundy JP RCA RI RWA RDS FLS (deceased)
4 September 1946	The Rt. Hon. Sir Winston S Churchill KG OM CH MP (deceased)

21 July 1948	Field Marshall The Viscount Montgomery of Alamein KG GCB DSO (deceased)
3 March 1950	Eli Hey Howe Esq JP (deceased) Tom Gallon Lumb Esq JP (deceased) Thomas Fenton Esq JP (deceased) Sir Harold R Grime JP (deceased)
2 May 1973	Rhodes William Marshall Esq (deceased) Harold Grimbledeston Esq BEM JP (deceased) Ernest Alfred Machin Esq CBE JP (deceased) Joseph Shepherd Richardson Esq CBE JP (deceased) Leonard Broughton Esq DL (deceased)
25 June 1984	Raymond Jacobs Esq MBE (deceased) Walter Uriah Robinson Esq (deceased) Harold Leslie Hoyle Esq MBE (deceased) Percy Patrick Hall Esq JP (deceased)
29 November 1989	Stanley Harding Mortensen (deceased)
9 April 2003	Lilian Doris Thompson OBE JP (deceased) James Christopher Armfield OBE (deceased)

Freedom of the Borough

Freedom of the Borough is the right, honour and distinction of exercising all customary regimental privileges when parading in or passing through the streets of the County Borough on ceremonial occasions.

Date of admission	Freedom of the Borough recipient
1961	R (Blackpool) Battery, 288 (2nd West Lancashire) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment Royal Artillery, Territorial Army
1990	HMS Penelope (warship)
2005	12th Regiment Royal Artillery
2017	The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment
	An affiliation with HMS Triumph (submarine)

Blackpool Medal

Date of admission	Blackpool Medal recipient
2008	Shelley Woods
2010	Blackpool Football Club
2012	Major Jim Houldsworth (deceased)
	Peter Callow (deceased)
	Lily Henderson MBE (deceased)

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