

REPORT TO : Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration

26th May 2020

BLUE PLAQUE FOR IVAN MAUGER MBE OBE

Report of the Report of the Corporate Director, Place Management and Regeneration

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to consider the installation of a Stockport Blue Plaque in recognition of Ivan Mauger MBE OBE at his former home at 446 Chester Road, Woodford.

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

2. The Council has been approached a voluntary group, the Mauger Campaign, to consider recognition of a former Stockport resident, Ivan Mauger. A plaque, incorporating the Council's Crest as part of the Stockport Blue Plaque scheme, is proposed at a publicly visible location at his former home in Woodford.
3. Ivan Mauger was a world champion motorcycle speedway rider between 1968-1979 and 13 of his 15 world championships were won whilst he was a resident within the Borough. A condensed history of his life and sporting achievements is contained in Appendix 1.
4. The Council's Blue Plaque scheme was introduced in 1999 as part of Stockport's Millennium celebrations with the erection of 11 plaques being funded by the Council. An extension of the scheme was carried out in 2006/7 as a partnership scheme between the Council and Stockport Heritage Trust funded via the Heritage Lottery Fund. The total number of plaques now stands at 37.

DISCUSSION

5. The Council's Blue Plaques are designed to commemorate and celebrate sites associated with key people and events from Stockport's history. All plaques conform to an established design featuring the Council's crest and incorporating the name of the Council.
6. It is considered that the unparalleled sporting achievements of Ivan Mauger whilst he was a resident of the Borough provides sufficient justification for the provision of a local blue plaque at his former home. The plaque will help raise awareness of his life and accomplishments and provide inspiration to future generations.

CONSULTATION

7. The owner of 446 Chester Road, Woodford has agreed to the erection of a plaque on the exterior of the building.
8. Stockport Heritage Trust has confirmed its support for the plaque in this location.
9. Local ward members have indicated their support for the plaque and it is anticipated that funding for the manufacture and installation of the plaque will be provided via Area Flexibility Funding.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that :

1. The Stockport Blue Plaque scheme will be extended to incorporate a plaque in recognition of Ivan Mauger at his former home at 446 Chester Road, Woodford.

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APPENDIX 1

Ivan Mauger MBE OBE 4 October 1939 - 16 April 2018 - a brief history

Ivan Mauger was the world's most successful speedway rider and during his career he won an unprecedented fifteen world championships. Born in Christchurch in New Zealand, his career developed in the United Kingdom, joining Newcastle in 1963 and then moving to the Manchester based Belle Vue team in 1969. Thirteen of his world championships were won whilst living with his family in Bramhall and Woodford. His sporting achievements were nationally recognised with an MBE in 1976 and OBE in 1989.

- **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

WORLD CHAMPION

6 x individual speedway 1968-69-70-72-77-79
3 x individual long track 1971-72-76
2 x world pairs 1969-70
4 x world teams 1968-71-72-79

SILVER MEDALLIST

3 x individual speedway 1971-73-74
2 x individual long track 1974-75
4 x world pairs 1971-72-78-81
2 x world teams 1969-70

BRONZE MEDALLIST

1 x individual speedway 1967
2 x world pairs 1974-84

FOURTH PLACE

3 x individual speedway 1966-75-76
1 x individual long track 1978
1 x world pairs 1985
2 x world teams 1966-67

- **MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS**

CHAMPION

4 x European champion 1966-70-71-75
4 x British champion 1968-70-71-72
2 x British-Nordic champion 1968-71
1 x Intercontinental champion 1975
6 x British semi final winner 1968-69-70-71-72-73

SILVER MEDALLIST

1 x European 1973
3 x British-Nordic 1966-70-74
4 x British 1966-67-69-73

BRONZE MEDALLIST

1 x European 1974

1 x Commonwealth 1980

- OTHER AWARDS

MEDAILLE D'OR/GOLD MEDAL 1987

HONORARY CITIZEN OF CITY OF GNIESZNO POLAND 1985

NEW ZEALAND SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR - 1977-79

INDUCTED INTO NZ SPORTS HALL OF FAME – 1990

HONORARY SPORTS AMBASSADOR FOR NZ – 1985

CANTERBURY SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR – 1970-71-72

BRITISH MOTOR CYCLE NEWS - "MAN OF THE DECADE" WINNER 1970 – 1980

BRITISH SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 4th 1969, 3rd 1970, 4th 1971, 2nd 1972, 3rd 1973

BBC TV SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR Runner up 1970-1972