

RSC plaque for Dr Elsie Widdowson

The lifelong dedication of Dr Elsie Widdowson, a pioneer in nutrition science, to improving human health was honoured by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) at the Human Nutrition Research Unit (HNR) on the 1st December 2009.

The President Elect of the RSC, Professor David Phillips, presented the distinctive hexagonal blue plaque to Dr Ann Prentice, Director at the Human Nutrition Research Unit. Chemical Landmarks are the RSC's official recognition of historical sites where important chemical breakthroughs have been made. They commemorate, emphasise and awaken public interest in historic developments in the chemical sciences. The award comes towards the end of the RSC's Food Year 2009, where the focus has been on the chemistry involved at all levels of food production and consumption.

The presentation of the plaque was a very successful event for both the RSC and HNR. Retired academics and scientists who had worked and associated with Dr Widdowson during her long life and HNR staff came to celebrate the unveiling of this prestigious award. The plaque is now proudly placed at the entrance of the building and will remain there as a constant reminder for all those who work and visit HNR of the wonderful work Dr Widdowson did for nutrition research.