

Top 10 for Elsie Widdowson

Dr Elsie Widdowson (1906-2000) has been listed as one of the top 10 greatest female scientists in British history by the Royal Society.

Elsie Widdowson was a research chemist for most of her long life, and was tasked by the government to ensure food rations were suitable for a reasonably healthy lifestyle. She was well known for her passion and dedication to research.

The Human Nutrition Research (HNR) building is named after Widdowson and the lady herself presided proudly over the cutting of the first sod in 1999, not long before she sadly passed away in 2000.

At the end of 2009, the Royal Society of Chemistry awarded Widdowson with a plaque for her life-long dedication and pioneering work to science. The plaque is now proudly presented at the entrance of HNR.

For further information on one of the most influential British women in the history of science please click [here](#)