

Mayors of Bradford

A list of the men and women elected to the office of Mayor and Lord Mayor of Bradford



Including Chairmen of the Constituent Authorities that became part of the Bradford Metropolitan District in 1974

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Bradford

Beginning in 1847, with the Incorporation of the Borough

(Bradford became a County Borough in 1889, and a City in 1897)

1847	Robert Milligan	1877-78	Briggs Priestley
1847-48	Robert Milligan	1878-79	Angus Holden
1848-49	Titus Salt	1879-80	Angus Holden
1849-50	Henry Forbes	1880-81	Angus Holden
1850-51	William Rand	1881-82	John Hill
1851-52	Samuel Smith	1882-83	Frederick Priestman
1852-53	Samuel Smith	1883-84	Isaac Smith
1853-54	Samuel Smith	1884-85	Isaac Smith
1854-55	William Murgatroyd	1885-86	Thomas Hill
1855-56	William Murgatroyd	1886-87	Angus Holden
1856-57	Henry Brown	1887-88	John Limber Morley
1857-58	Henry Brown	1888-89	William Moulson
1858-59	Henry Brown	1889-90	Smith Feather
1859-60	Isaac Wright	1890-91	Ezra Waugh Hammond
1861-62	Isaac Wright	1891-92	Thomas Priestley
1862-63	Matthew William Thompson	1892-93	William Oddy
1863-64	Joseph Farrar	1893-94	Jonas Whitley
1864-65	Charles Semon	1894-95	William Willis Wood
1865-66	John Venimore Godwin	1895-96	William Willis Wood
1866-67	William Brayshaw	1896-97	Thomas Speight
1867-68	James Law	1897-98	Thomas Speight
1868-69	Edward West	1898-99	William E. Aykroyd
1869-70	Mark Dawson	1899-02	William C. Lupton
1870-71	Mark Dawson	1902-04	David Wade
1871-72	Matthew William Thompson	1904-05	William E.B. Priestley
1872-73	Matthew William Thompson	1905-06	William A. Whitehead
1873-74	Manoah Rhodes	1906-07	John A. Godwin,
1874-75	Henry Mitchell		First Lord Mayor, 1907
1875-76	Wilson Sutcliffe	1907-08	John E. Fawcett
1876-77	George Motley Waud	1908-09	James Hill

1909-10	William Land	1942-43	James Harrison
1910-11	Jacob Moser	1943-44	Walter Barraclough
1911-12	John B. Moorhouse	1944-45	Cecil Barnett
1912-13	Fred Foster	1945-46	Kathleen Chambers
1913-14	John Arnold	1946-47	Thomas Clough
1914-15	George H. Robinson	1947-49	Frederick Cowie
1915-16	Thomas Howarth	1949-50	George T. Meggison
1916-17	Abram Peel	1950-51	Alton Ward
1917-18	John Bland	1951-52	Horace Hird
1918	Herbert Hustler	1952-53	John Shee
1918-19	Joseph Hayhurst	1953-54	Angus Crowther
1919	Walter Barber	1954-55	Henry White
1919-20	William Wade	1955	Herbert Semper
1920-21	Anthony Gadie	1955-56	Richard Ruth
1921-22	Thomas Blythe	1956-57	Horace Walker
1922-23	Thomas Sowden	1957-58	David Black
1923-24	Herbert M. Trotter	1958-59	Norbert Durrant
1924-25	John H. Palin	1958-60	Ernest England
1925-26	Joseph Stringer	1960-61	Edgar Robinson
1926-27	Richard Johnson	1961-62	Benjamin Berry
1927-28	Michael Conway	1962-63	Harold K. Watson
1928-29	Herbert T. Pullan	1963-64	Tom Wood
1929-30	Angus H. Rhodes	1964-65	Weber Marshall Hird
1930-31	Alfred Pickles	1965-66	Jack Wilson
1931-32	George Walker	1966-67	Louis Cowgill
1932-33	John W. Longley	1967-68	Thomas Lee
1933-34	Arthur W. Brown	1968-69	Arthur Walton
1934-35	Walter Hodgson	1969-70	Edward Newby
1935-36	Jonas Pearson	1970-71	John E. Singleton
1936-37	George R. Carter	1971-72	Herbert Moran
1937-38	Henry Hudson	1972-73	Audrey Firth
1938-39	Tom J. Robinson	1973-74	Derek Smith
1939-40	M.F. Titherington		
1940-41	William Illingworth		
1941-42	Louis F. Smith		

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1974-75	Tom Hall	1991-92	Syd Collard
1975-76	Doris Birdsall	1992-93	Barry Thorne
1976-77	Frank Hillam	1993-94	Bob Sowman
1977-78	Paul Hockney	1994-95	Daniel Mangham
1978-79	Arthur F. Trigg	1995-96	Marilyn Beeley
1979-80	John S. Senior	1996-97	Gordon Mitchell
1980-81	Arnold Lightowler	1997-98	James Anthony
1981-82	Daniel C. Coughlin		(Tony) Cairns
1982-83	Joan Lightband	1998-99	Tony Miller
1983-84	Norman Free	1999-2000	Harry Mason
1984-85	Olive Messer	2000-2001	John Stanley King
1985-86	Mohammed Ajeeb	2001-2002	Ghazanfer Khaliq
1986-87	Bill Nunn	2002-2003	Richard Wightman
1987-88	Laurie Coughlin	2003-2004	Allan Hillary
1988-89	Smith Midgley	2004-2005	Irene Ellison-Wood
1989-90	George Hodgson	2005-2006	Valerie Binney
1990-91	Ernest Saville (Died 25 April 1991)	2006-2007	Choudhary Rangzeb
		2007-2008	Robin Owens

Bingley Urban District Council

Chairmen of the Council since the amalgamation of Bingley,

Bingley Outer and Wilsden in 1898

1898-99	James Gatecliff	1907-08	Samuel Rushforth
1899-1900	Alfred Hartley	1908-09	W.R. Atkinson
1900-01	W.R. Atkinson	1909-10	W.R. Nunns
1901-02	J.T. Wildon	1910-11	H.M. Dawson
1902-03	John Barron	1911-12	H.M. Dawson
1903-04	Win. Suthers	1912-13	H.M. Dawson
1904-05	Geo. Towler	1913-14	Jubal Barrett
1905-06	Geo. W. Foster	1914-15	Thomas Turner
1906-07	Wm. Hartley	1915-16	Harry Laycock

1916-17	J.H. Whitwam	1945-46	B. Garnett
1917-18	B. Garnett	1946-47	N. Clarkson
1918-19	T.W. Smales	1947-48	L. Grunwell
1919-20	T.W. Smales	1948-49	F. Shaw
1920-21	J.R. Leach	1949-50	J. Wild
1921-22	T. Snowden, J.P.	1950-51	A.R. Bentley
1922-23	W. Rushton	1951-52	H. Whitehead
1923-24	Major S. Moore, J.P.	1952-53	J.A. Brearley
1924-25	J. Metcalfe, J.P.	1953-54	J.A. Flanagan
1925-26	C.A. Smith, J.P.	1954-55	Mrs M.P. Rycroft
1926-27	J.W. Walker	1955-56	H. Pratt
1927-28	J.H. Whitley	1956-57	JR. Escritt, M.Sc.
1928-29	J. Whittingham	1957-58	L. Hanson
1929-30	W.M. Whitwam	1958-59	A.G. Moorhouse
1930-31	R. Mitchell	1959-60	W.H. Penn
1931-32	F. Atkinson	1960-61	L.O. Taylor
1932-33	R.W. Addison	1961-62	M. Calvert
1933-34	A.R. Bentley	1962-63	L.H. Kershaw
1934-35	W. Woodcock	1963-64	E.K. Eckersley
1935-36	James Earnshaw	1964-65	J. Craven
1936-37	David W. Suley	1965-66	S.H. Cross
1937-38	Angus Jowett	1966-67	P.R. Bootham
1938-39	E. Ridsdale Park	1967-68	K. Marshall
1939-40	John Newhill	1968-69	E.T. Fox
1940-41	J.W. Minnikin	1969-70	Mrs F.M. Davy
1941-42	J.P. Keegan	1970-71	L. Archer
1942-43	W.V. Eustace	1971-72	AG. Raistrick
1943-44	F. Ellison	1972-73	T.F. Shaw
1944-45	P. Stirk, J.P.	1973-74	Mrs E. Hall

Ilkley Urban District Council

Chairmen

1894-95	John Beanlands	1925-26	William Rhodes
1895-96	John Beanlands	1926-27	Alfred Colbert
1896-97	William Hartley	1927-28	Thomas Hubert Frith
1897-98	Thomas Horsman	1928-29	Thomas Hubert Frith
1898-99	Jabez Dobson	1929-30	George Mott
1899-1900	Henry Ellis	1930-31	Fred Sugden
1900-01	James C. Naylor	1931-32	William Dobson
1901-02	Edward Fletcher	1932-33	Charles Frederick Pyett
1902-03	John Thomas Jackson	1933-34	James Brown Whitfield
1903-04	John William Benson	1934-35	Maurice Rowland Dobson
1904-05	John William Benson	1935-36	Maurice Rowland Dobson
1905-06	John William Dixon	1936-37	Geoffrey Veale
1906-07	John Alfred Middlebrook	1937-38	Ernest Waddilove
1907-08	James Crossley Barker	1938-39	Arthur Christian Voigt
1908-09	James Crossley Barker	1939-40	George Mennell
1909-10	Isaac Dean	1940-41	James Edward Dykes
1910-11	Joseph Dinsdale	1941-42	Walter Harold Illingworth
1911-12	Isaac Dean	1942-43	Henry Hargrave
1912-13	Frederick Sagar Jackson	1943-44	William Milnes
1913-14	Frederick Sagar Jackson	1944-45	William Milnes
1914-15	William Dobson	1945-46	William Milnes
1915-16	William Richard Bates	1946-47	James Ronald Phillips
1916-17	William Prest	1947-48	Florence Sarah Hampshire
1917-18	William Prest	1948-49	George William dough
1918-19	James Blackader Bray	1949-50	John William Rhodes
1919-20	Frederick Sagar Jackson		Maurice Edric Midgley
1920-21	John William Dixon	1950-51	Maurice Edric Midgley
1921-22	John William Lund	1951-52	Basil Aykroyd Smith
1922-23	John William Dixon	1952-53	Eric Wolfe
1923-24	William Prest	1953-54	John Hardy
1924-25	Henry Schofield	1954-55	Fred Atkinson

1955-56	William Hill	1965-66	James Melvin Shelton
1956-57	James Hulme Bowes	1966-67	Hylde Hawkins
1957-58	Hylde Hawkins	1967-68	Cohn Briggs Outtersides
1958-59	Leonard James Sarjeant	1968-69	David Basil Marshall
1959-60	Janet Lucille Ellicott	1969-70	Raymond Phillip Bushell
1960-61	Eddie Binns	1970-71	Arthur Francis Jame Marshall
1961-62	John Richard Armistead		
1962-63	Eric Smith	1971-72	James Melvin Shelton
1963-64	Owen Benjamin Moss	1972-73	Dale Smith
1964-65	Fred Atkinson	1973-74	Jack Spencer

Keighley Borough Council

The Mayoralty.

Persons who have filled the office of Mayor since the Incorporation of the Borough

1882-83	Benjamin S. Brigg	1908-09	James Wharton
1883-84	Richard L. Hattersley	1909-10	Richard Edmondson
1884-85	William Clough	1910-12	Samuel Clough
1885-86	Edward D.A. Marriner	1912-16	William A. Brigg
1886-87	Robert Holmes	1916-18	Frederick W.L. Butterfield
1887-90	William Weatherhead	1918-20	Ferdinand N. Binns
1890-93	Ira Ickringill	1920-21	John W. Midgley
1893-94	Shem Paget	1921-22	James Longton
1894-95	John Dickinson	1922-23	Newman King
1895-96	Richard Edmondson	1923-25	Robert Calverley
1896-98	R.N. Smith	1925-26	Arthur Smith
1898-99	C.H. Foulds	1926-27	Albert Smith
1899-1902	Henry C. Longsdon	1927-28	William Bland
1902-03	Joseph Waterhouse	1928-29	Eli Murton
1903-04	William Clough	1929-30	James Berry
1904-05	John Smith	1930-31	Frederick Dickinson
1905-07	John W. Smith	1931-32	Michael P. Cryer
1907-08	Robert Clough	1932-33	David Rhodes

Shipley Urban District Council

Chairmen of the Council From January, 1895

1895-1904	Charles Brook Shaw	1952-53	Mrs Alice Woodcock
1904-07	Sir James Roberts, Bt, J.P.	1953-54	Gordon Waddilove
1907-11	John Pitts	1954-55	(August) Oliver Brook Raistrick
1911-12	Exelby Reynolds		
1912-19	Thomas Hill, J.P. O.B.E.	1955-57	(September) Frank Thornton, J.P.
1919-20	Henry Hirst		
1920-23	Fred Fearnley Rhodes, J.P.	1957-58	Alfred Stanley Geo. Rodway
1923-24	George Birbeck		
1924-25	Fred Fearnley Rhodes, J.P.	1958-59	Harry Easy
1925-27	Edwin Cowgill	1959-60	Joseph Clifford Padgett
1927-29	Victor Waddilove	1960-61	Albert Swift
1929-30	Albert Ernest Horne, J.P.	1961-62	Thomas William Warburton, O.B.E., J.P.
1930-31	Thomas John Gray, J.P.		
1931-32	Clifford Cawthorne	1962-63	Thomas Ellison Hainsworth
1932-34	Gordon Waddilove		
1934-35	Arthur William Robson	1963-64	Thomas Martin Duggan
1935-36	William Smith Tinsley	1964-65	Arthur Butterfield
1936-37	Victor Waddilove	1965-66	George Arthur Shaw
1937-38	George Birbeck	1966-67	Jack King
1938-39	John Chippindale, J.P.	1967-68	Raymond Clapham
1939-42	Albert Ernest Horne, J.P.	1968-69	Robert Martin
1942-43	Thomas John Gray, J.P.	1969-70	Thomas Martin Duggan
1943-45	Charles Malcolm Smith, J.P.	1970-71	Frank Thornton, M.B.E., J.P.
1945-46	Samuel Derbyshire, J.P.	1971-72	Mrs Joanna Bowron Evans
1946-47	John Lancaster, J.P.		
1947-48	Albert Edward Roberts, J.P.	1972-73	Eric Alfred Armitage
1948-49	Benjamin Cromack, D.S.M.	1973-74	Eric Wade Pearson
1949-50	William Henry Bannister		
1950-51	Arthur Butterfield		
1951-52	Clarence Albert Richardson		

Silsden Urban District Council

Chairmen

1895-1905	Charles Weatherhead	1955-58	Mrs Nellie Fortune
1905-14	Tom Fletcher	1958-59	Alfred B. Green
1914-18	Frank Driver	1959-62	John J. Barker
1918-22	William Easnett	1962-63	James E. Marsh
1922-25	Joseph Tunnicliffe	1963-66	Miss Catherine Herbert
1925-32	Albert Wilson	1966-67	Bertram S. Mole
1932-35	Fergus Green	1967-68	Harold Kellett
1935-37	Herbert Wilkinson	1968-69	Bernard Emmott
1937-40	C.T. Fletcher	1969-70	Thomas Hayes
1940-43	Horace Fortune	1970-71	William F. Cathey
1943-46	Henry Wellock	1971-72	John J. Barker
1946-49	G. William Smith	1972-73	Mrs D. Robinson
1949-52	Horace Fortune	1973-74	E.H.V. Robinson
1952-55	Arthur Watson		

Skipton Rural District Council

Chairmen of the Council since formation

1894-41	John Arthur Slingsby, J.P.	1965-66	Maurice Cleaver
1941-44	George Sugden Green, J.P.	1966-67	William Dawson
1944-47	Harry Riddiough, J.P.	1967-68	Thomas Carter
1947-50	Wright Snowden, J.P.	1968-69	Evelyn Elizabeth Markham
1950-53	Joe Watson, J.P.		
1953-56	Harfield Henry Edmonds	1969-70	William Stockdale
1956-59	Charlie Nuttall	1970-71	John Keith Lockyer, B.Ch.D., L.D.S.
1959-61	Denis Ewart Riddiough T.D., J.P.	1971-72	Richard Arthur Stockdale, B.Sc., (Agr.)
1961-62	Annie Taylor, J.P.		
1962-63	Robert Hagley	1972-73	William Henry Spinks
1963-64	Robert Thackray Swales	1973-74	Robert Leslie Fryers
1964-65	Ernest Cumberland		