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FELIX THORNLEY COBBOLD'S BLUE PLAQUE

The Trust is a member of The Ipswich Society which runs the Blue Plaque Scheme and was consulted over the plaque for Felix Thornley Cobbold. The Trust's proposed wording (deliberately kept simple) has been adopted.

The selected location for the plaque, on the Reg Driver Centre in Christchurch Park is not at first thought the ideal site. Sadly, positions on Christchurch Mansion itself or indeed on the Soane Street gate pillars were prohibited by conservation considerations. However the thought that an increasing number of visitors will access the Park and the Mansion via the Visitor Centre and that Felix himself was a forward looking man with a particular interest in education persuades us that actually he would have approved of the Visitor Centre and hence of the location of his plaque. The Trust has offered to fund a display inside the Centre illustrating the contribution that the Cobbold family has made over the years to the commercial, social and sporting life of Ipswich. More news when plans are further advanced.

