

## Catalyst unveils Gossage Plaque

Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum has installed a blue plaque to recognise the support that Gossages Soap Works gave to the local community of Widnes.

The building where Catalyst is based, used to house Gossages Soap Works and in 1925 Gossages demonstrated their commitment to the local community by paying for a new wing at Highfield Community Hospital in Widnes.

Following the opening, the first male and female babies born in the new wing took the name Gossage with Ethel Gossage Dennett being born on 8th January 1925 and Alexander Gossage Rowse on 11th January 1925.

Mrs Mary Rowse, widow of Alexander Gossage Rowse, approached Catalyst and offered to fund the installation of a plaque in the building to commemorate the support of Gossages for the local community and to act as a lasting reminder for her family, which Catalyst was pleased to do.



The plaque was unveiled by a delighted Mrs Rowse on Friday 11th June and will remain on display at Catalyst adjacent to information boards which tell the fascinating story of Gossages Soap Works.

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