

Dr Laura Veale

Plaque 77

The Plaque at Hampsthwaite.

As well as the Harrogate Brown plaque on Victoria Avenue, there is a Blue plaque commemorating Dr Veale in her home village of Hampsthwaite. The Plaque is on Greenside House (opposite the village school), the birthplace and childhood home of Laura Sobey Veale (1867-1963). The plaque was provided by the Hampsthwaite Village Society and unveiled by the chair of Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, Sarah Armstrong at the end of Jan 2023.

Inscription reads

“Greenside House (formerly Rose Villa) The birthplace and childhood home of Laura Sobey Veale (1867 – 1963) who in 1904 was the first Yorkshire woman to become a doctor. Her father Richard, also a medical practitioner, rented this house as his home with Laurel Cottage on its north side which served as his surgery and was reached through a connecting door. By 1881 the Veales had moved to Harrogate and Greenside House and its surgery were occupied by another doctor, Frederick Saunders.”

Hampsthwaite Village Society.

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