EVERY YEAR THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK CONFER HONORARY DEGREES ON DISTINGUISHED PEOPLE.

The recipients come from many walks of life and all have made a significant contribution to society. Honorary graduates are selected from nominations by members of the University and very often have links with departments or are alumni.

At these ceremonies, the honorary degree of Doctor of the University will be conferred on:

David Neave

David Neave has a national reputation for his promotion of the history and heritage of Yorkshire and in particular that of the East Riding. He received a BA in History from Lancaster University in 1967, and was later awarded an MPhil from the University of York and a PhD from the University of Hull where he taught for 23 years. In 1974 he was one of the first graduates of the Diploma (later MA) in Conservation Studies at York and since then has established an impressive record of achievement in his field.

An active conservationist, he has helped to save many local buildings, most recently the redundant church of St James, Warter, for which he raised £650,000 for its restoration and use as a heritage centre. He is currently chairman of the Yorkshire Wolds Buildings Preservation Trust and Hornsea Museum Trust, and is a member of the York Minster Fabric Advisory Committee.

Dr Neave has published a wide range of books and articles, many in collaboration with his wife Dr Susan Neave, focusing on Yorkshire, and has researched and organised numerous exhibitions. His revised edition of Pevsner’s architectural guide to York and the East Riding is widely acclaimed as a definitive work.