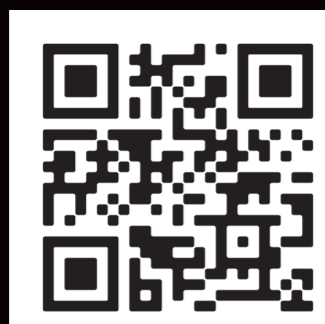


# BLACK HISTORY LEWISHAM

## TRAILBLAZERS MAP #BHL365



The purpose of this map is to encourage you, your family, and friends to explore and learn about Black history in Lewisham. Black history is on our doorstep, each ward is connected to a trailblazing person, event, or place significant to Black history both locally and globally. This map highlights the valuable contributions of our Black community and serves as a reminder of the rich and diverse history that has shaped Lewisham.



### 1 RUSHEY GREEN

Oliver Samuels

Multiple award-winning and Olivier nominated Jamaican writer, comedian and actor. Born 1948.



### 2 BLACKHEATH

Ignatius Sancho

Charles Ignatius Sancho (c. 1729 – 1780). British abolitionist, writer and composer.



### 3 BROCKLEY

Dame Erica Christine Pienaar DBE, FRSA

Schoolteacher and educationalist. Pienaar began her teaching career in 1973 and taught for 40 years in South East London.



### 4 CATFORD SOUTH

Barbara Gray

Former Mayoress of Lewisham and Council Advisor on Black, Asian, and Multi-Ethnic Health Inequalities.



### 5 CROFTON PARK

Maxi Priest

Musician, actor and composer born in Lewisham. Max Alfred Elliott, known by his stage name Maxi Priest. Born 1961.



### 6 DEPTFORD

The Reverend Sybil Theodora Phoenix OBE

Former Mayoress of Lewisham, Honorary President of the National Council of Women in Great Britain.



### 7 DOWNHAM

Tim Oshodi

Pioneering black-led self-build initiatives for Nubia Way (Goldsmiths, 2022).



### 8 EVELYN

John Blanke

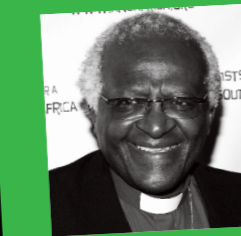
John Blanke was a royal trumpeter in the courts of Henry VII and Henry VIII. The only black Tudor with an identifiable image.



### 9 FOREST HILL

Forest Hill School

Forest Hill School are committed to being an actively anti-racist community.



### 10 GROVE PARK

Desmond Tutu

Honorary curate of St Augustine's Church, Grove Park, 1972-1975.



### 11 HITHER GREEN

Jimi Hendrix

American guitarist, songwriter and singer. He came to London in late 1966 and reportedly lived for a short time in Hither Green.



### 12 LADYWELL

Dr David Michael MBE

First black police officer in Lewisham working from Ladywell police station.



### 13 LEE GREEN

Desmond Dekker

Reggae artist. Lived in Leyland Road, also Forest Hill.



### 14 LEWISHAM CENTRAL

Candice Carty-Williams

British writer. Best known for her 2019 debut novel, *Queenie*. Born 1989.



### 15 NEW CROSS GATE

Beverly Glean MBE

Founder, Artistic Director, CEO of IRIE! dance theatre and Lecturer in Caribbean Dance.



### 16 PERRY VALE

Lucreta La Pierre

MBE Poet, volunteer extraordinaire, godmother of Hilly Fields junior parkrun.



### 17 BELLINGHAM

Caleb Azumah Nelson

British-Ghanaian writer and photographer. His 2021 debut novel, *Open Water*, won the Costa Book Award for First Novel.



### 18 SYDENHAM

The Sydenham Society

Black Pound Day is an initiative to increase visibility of and spend in Black-owned businesses in UK.



### 19 TELEGRAPH HILL

Olaudah Equiano

18th Century writer and abolitionist (1745 – 1797). Known for most of his life as Gustavus Vassa.