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History Defenders - Honouring the Heroes

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The Barking & Dagenham Post

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The town currently has a statue of a similar nature that stands outside Broadway Theatre on Broadway in honour of the Victoria Cross awardee, Job Henry Charles Drain.

Drain was a soldier from the area, who, whilst under intense German fire, showed bravery by riding beyond the enemy lines to retrieve British equipment that could be used in the war.

Suggestions for the new statue are already coming in from the public, including...

Sergeant Laurence Calvert - a Dagenham hero who captured two machine guns and outgunned the enemy on the French battlefield.

Uncle 'Onny' - a hero who went forward into the battlefield to repair telephone wires whilst under constant fire from enemy rifles and artillery. He later became the Mayor of Barking and Dagenham after the war!

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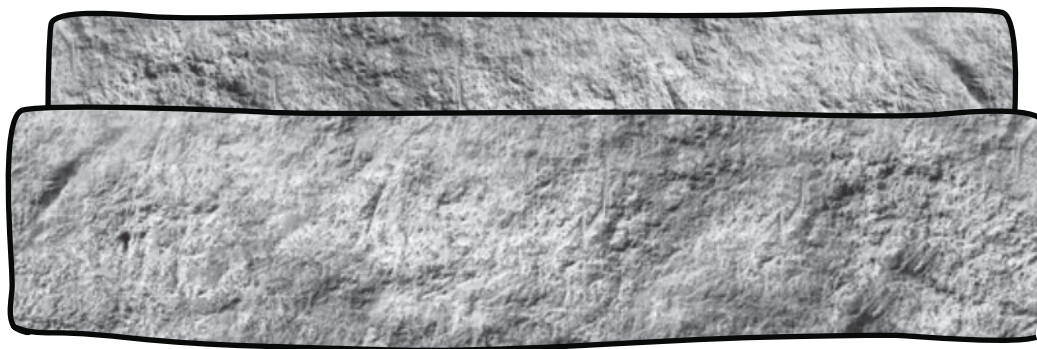


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Historic England and Teacher's Pet have come together to bring you a collection of free resources that you can use in your local history teaching.



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Who are Teacher's Pet?

Teacher's Pet have been providing downloadable and playable educational content to early years and primary school teachers for over 14 years. We cover all areas of the curriculum and use a team of in-house teachers and designers to create engaging and memorable concepts, that the children will love.

Why local history?

At [Teacher's Pet](#) we want to empower primary school teachers by giving them the tools they need to deliver inspiring and thoughtful lessons about the local area and its history. We believe local history teaching has such an important part to play in a child's wellbeing – helping to give children a sense of pride in where they live.

Our Local History project is designed to provide teachers across the UK with everything they need to successfully carry out a full scheme of teaching about their local area, through key enquiry questions and source led activities.

Working with [Historic England](#) gives us access to archived maps and photos for resources and information from knowledgeable local historians, as well helping us to provide the content to you free of charge.

For more information about our Local History project or to find out more about Teacher's Pet Classroom Resources, please visit our website.