



Appendix 1

City of London Blue Plaques

Assessment, Database and
Benchmarking

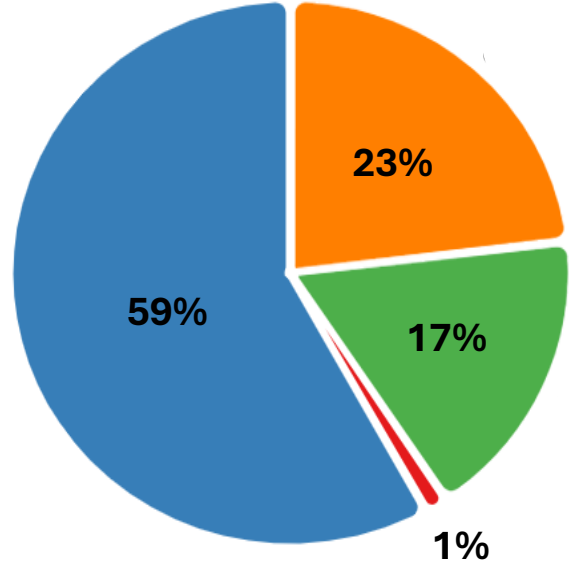


Overview of City of London Blue Plaques

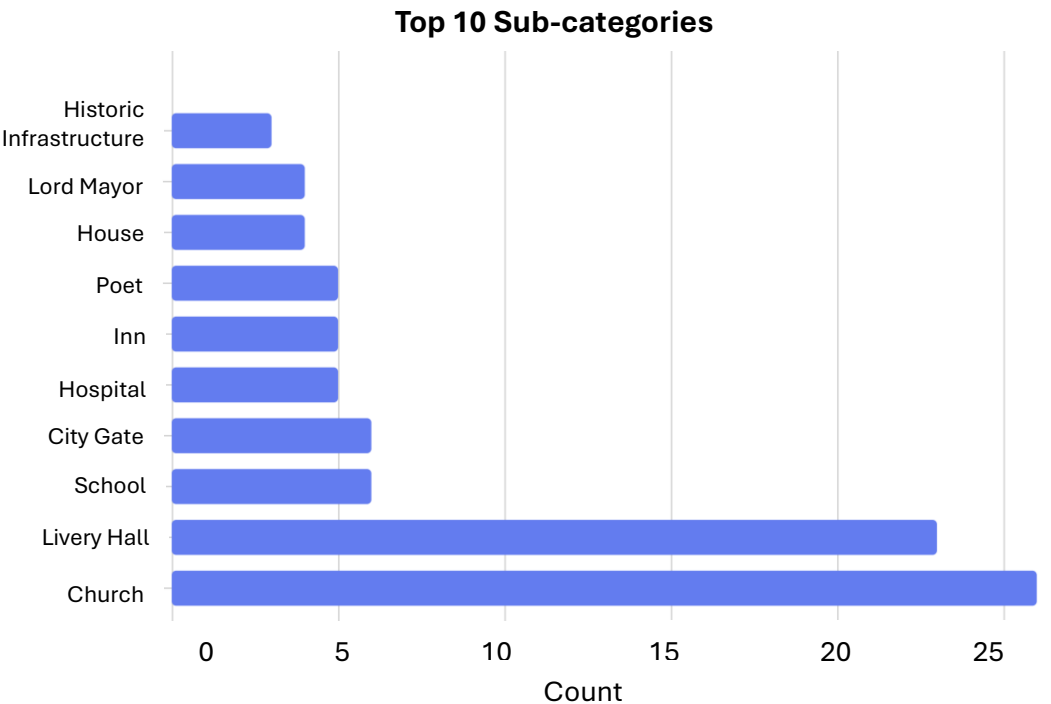
There are approximately 140 City of London Blue Plaques in the Square Mile.

Commemorative categories:

- Buildings or structures
- People
- Institutions
- Other



Categories		
Category	Count	Percentage
Buildings or structures	82	59%
People	33	23%
Institutions	24	17%



Sub-Categories Breakdown

Gender and Group Representation

Women

Three plaques commemorate women:

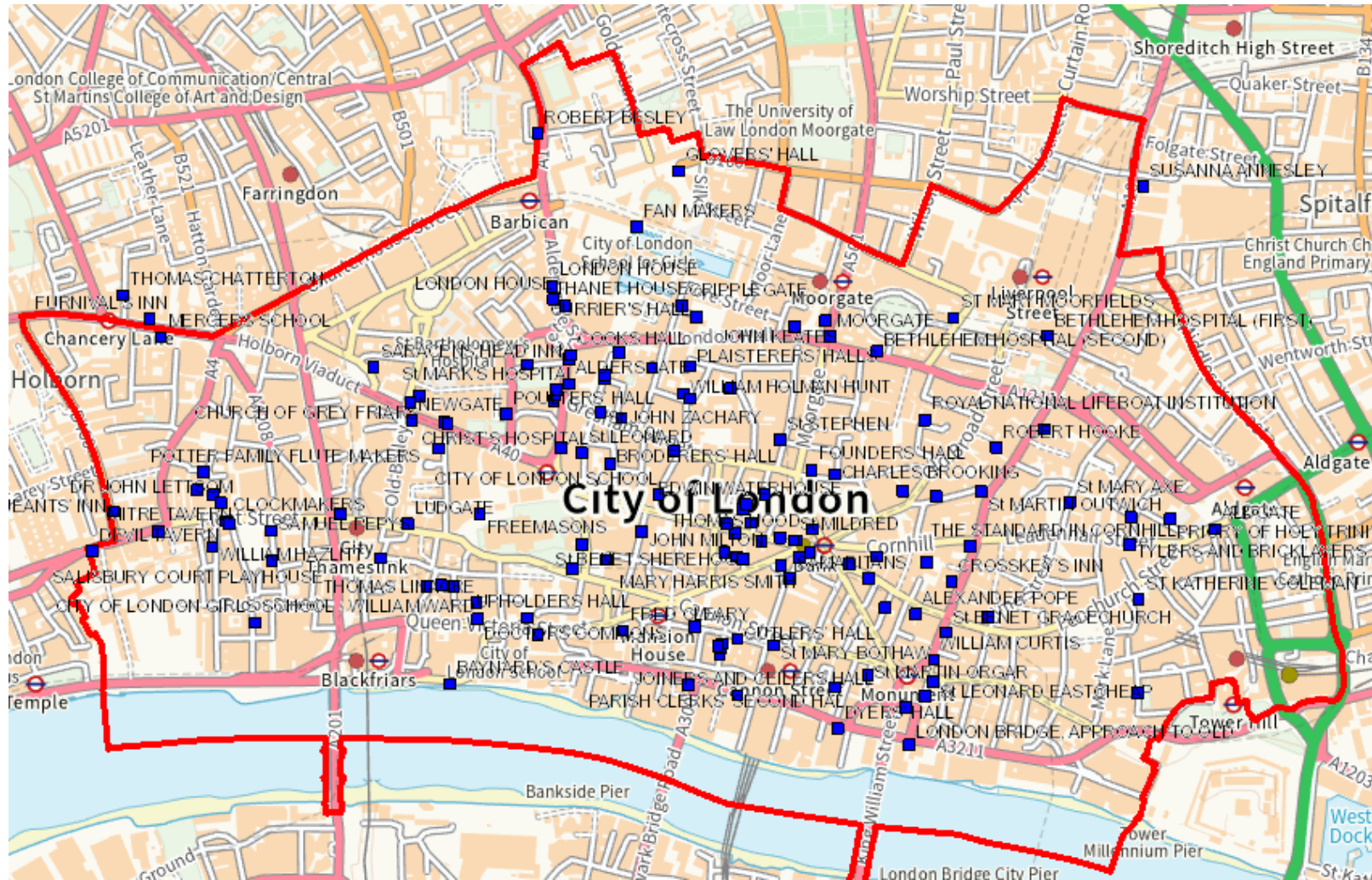
- Mary Harris Smith – first female-chartered accountant
- Elizabeth Fry – prison reformer
- Susanna Annesley – mother of John and Charles Wesley

Global Majorities or LGBT+

No plaques currently commemorate BAME or LGBT+ individuals explicitly

	Sub-category	Count
Buildings	Church	26
	Livery Hall	23
	City Gate	6
	Inn	5
	House	4
	Others (Court, Coffee House, etc	18
	Total	82
People	Poet	5
	Lord Mayor	4
	Diarist	2
	Priest	2
	Artist	1
	Others (Town Planner, Scientist, Reformer, Physician, Author, Botanist)	19
	Total	33
Institutions	School	6
	Hospital	5
	Court	3
	Others (Medical Society, Newspaper, Railway, Freemasons)	10
	Total	24

Geographical Distribution



Source: [City of London Web Mapping](#)

City of London Blue Plaques Database

Name	Commemorates
Aldermanbury Water Conduit	Historic Infrastructure
Aldersgate City Gate	City Gate
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Alexander Pope	Poet
Anti-Corn-Law Offices	Political movement
Baynard's Castle	Castle
Benjamin Disraeli	Politician
Bethlehem Hospital First	Hospital
Bethlehem Hospital Second	Hospital
Blacksmiths' Hall	Livery Hall
Bowyers' Hall	Livery Hall
Broderers' Hall	Livery Hall
Bull and Mouth Inn	Inn
Charles Brooking	Artist
Christ's Hospital	Hospital
City of London School	School
City of London School for Girls / William Ward	School
Clockmakers	People
Coachmakers' Hall	Livery Hall
Cooks' Hall	Livery Hall
Cordwainers' Hall	Livery Hall
Cripplegate	City Gate
Crosskey's Inn	Inn
Currier's Hall	Livery Hall
Cutters' Hall	Livery Hall
Daily Courant	Newspaper
Devil Tavern	Inn
Doctors' Commons	Court
Duke of Buckingham's House	House
Dyers' Hall	Livery Hall
Edwin Waterhouse	Accountant
Elizabeth Fry	Reformer
Fan Makers	Livery
Faraday Building (BT Exchange)	Historic Infrastructure
First Coffee House	Coffee House
First Synagogue	Church
Founders' Hall	Livery Hall
Fred Cleary	Gardener
Freemasons	Freemasons
French Protestant Church	Church
Furnival's Inn	Court
General Letter Office	Commerce
Giltspur Street Compter	Prison
Glovers Hall	Livery Hall
Great Synagogue	Church
Gregory de Rokesley	Lord Mayor

Grey Friars Monastery	Monastery
Haberdashers' Hall	Livery Hall
Institute of Taxation	Commerce
John Bray / Charles Wesley	Wesley
John Coakley Lettsom (Dr)	Medical Society
John Henry Cardinal Newman	Person/Religion
John Keats	Poet
John Milton	Poet
Joiners & Cellers Hall	Livery Hall
Jonathan's Coffee House	Coffee House
King William Street Underground Station	Railway
King's Wardrobe	Warehouse
Laurence Pountney Church/Corpus Christi Colleg	Church
Lloyd's Coffee House	Coffee House
London House	House
Loriners' Trade	Livery
Ludgate	City Gate
Mary Harris Smith	Office/person
Mercers' School	School
Mitre Tavern	Inn
Moorgate	City Gate
Newgate	City Gate
Northumberland House	House
Old London Bridge Approach	Roadway
Old Serjeant's Inn	Court
Parish Clerks' First Hall	Livery Hall
Parish Clerks Second Hall	Livery Hall
Parish Clerks Third Hall	Livery Hall
Parsonage of St Nicholas Acons	Life Assurance
Plasterers Halls	Livery Hall
Potter Family, Flute Makers	Family
Poulterers' Hall	Livery Hall
Priory of the Blackfriars	Priory
Priory of the Holy Trinity	Priory
Richard Whittington Church / St Michael's	Lord Mayor
Richard Whittington House	Lord Mayor
Robert Besley	Lord Mayor
Robert Hooke	Scientist
Royal College of Physicians	School
Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)	Institution
Salisbury Court Playhouse	Theatre
Samaritans	Institution
Samuel Johnson	Author
Samuel Pepys (birth location)	Diarist
Samuel Pepys (Navy Office)	Diarist
Saracen's Head Inn	Inn
Scriveners' Hall	Livery Hall
Sir Ebenezer Howard	Town Planner
Sir Thomas More	Priest
St Anthony's Hospital (and French Protestant Ch	Hospital

St Benet Gracechurch	Church
St Benet Sherehog Church	Church
St Dionis Backchurch	Church
St John the Evangelist	Church
St John Zachary	Church
St Katherine Coleman	Church
St Leonard Eastcheap	Church
St Leonard's Church	Church
St Margaret Fish Street Hill	Church
St Mark's Hospital	Hospital
St Martin Collegiate Church	Church
St Martin Orgar	Church
St Martin Outwich	Church
St Mary Axe church	Church
St Mary Bothaw	Church
St Mary Cole Church	Church
St Mary Moorfields	Church
St Mary Woolchurch Haw	Church
St Michael Bassishaw	Church
St Mildred's Church	Church
St Pancras Church	Church
St Paul's School / Dean Colet	School
St Stephen Parish Church	Church
St Thomas A Becket	Priest
St Thomas Apostle	Church
Stationers Company School	School
Stocks Market	Market
Susanna Annesley	Wesley
Thanet House	House
The Great Conduit	Historic Infrastructure
The Standard in Cornhill	Fountain
Thomas Chatterton	Poet
Thomas Hood	Poet
Thomas Linacre	Physician
Turners' Hall, Second	Livery Hall
Tylers & Bricklayers Hall	Livery Hall
Upholders' Hall	Livery Hall
William Curtis	Botanist
William Hazlitt	Essayist
William Holman Hunt	Artist
William Shakespeare	Person/Literature
William Shakespeare / Blackfriars Gatehouse	Theatre/Person

Benchmarking

Evaluation against comparable schemes:

	City of London (Proposal)	Westminster Green Plaques	English Heritage (EH) Blue Plaques	Historic England National Blue Plaques
Governance	8-member panel; Committee sign-off	Officer + 4 external members panel; Cabinet sign-off	16-member panel	12-member panel and a chair
Applications Volume (per year)	Unknown total received and approved	5–10 received; ~3 approved	80–100 received; 12 installed	Unknown total received; 7 installed
Area of remit	2.9 km ²	21.8 km ²	1,569 km ²	England (exc. London)
Application period	2-month annual call-out period for nominations	All year	All year	2-month annual call-out period for nominations
Assessment Process	Annual cycle panel review	Panel twice/year	Panel three times/year	Information not available
Costs and Funding	Self-funded applications: £2,000 fixed costs + consents and installation; CoL-funded applications: £500 fee (reimbursed if approved)	£3,500 sponsorship	≥£5,000; Supported by public donations	Information not available
Timescales from application to installation	Up to 2 years once approved	Up to 18 months (depending on building owner permission and level of detail provided on submission)	3-5 years	Up to 2 years once shortlisted

Benchmarking

Plaque density per Borough (Km²):

Borough	Approx. No of plaques	Area	Plaques/km ²
City of London	140	2.9 km ²	48.3
Camden (English Heritage)	182	21.5 km ²	8.5
Westminster (English Heritage)	328	21.8 km ²	15.0
Westminster (Green Plaques)	120	21.8 km ²	5.5