



Appendix 1

City of London Blue Plaques

Assessment, Database and
Benchmarking

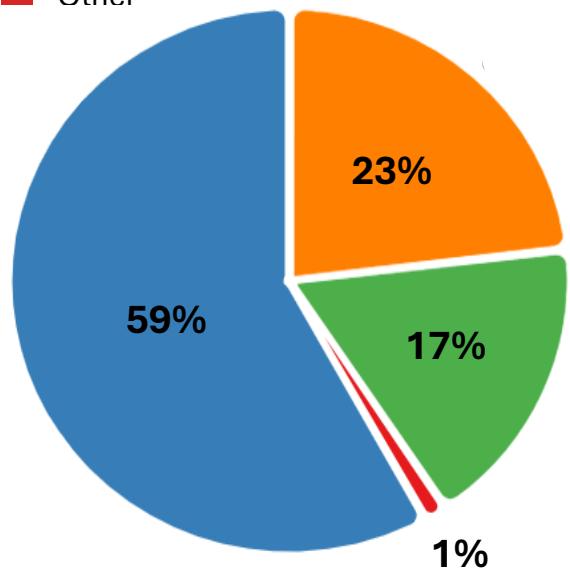


Overview of City of London Blue Plaques

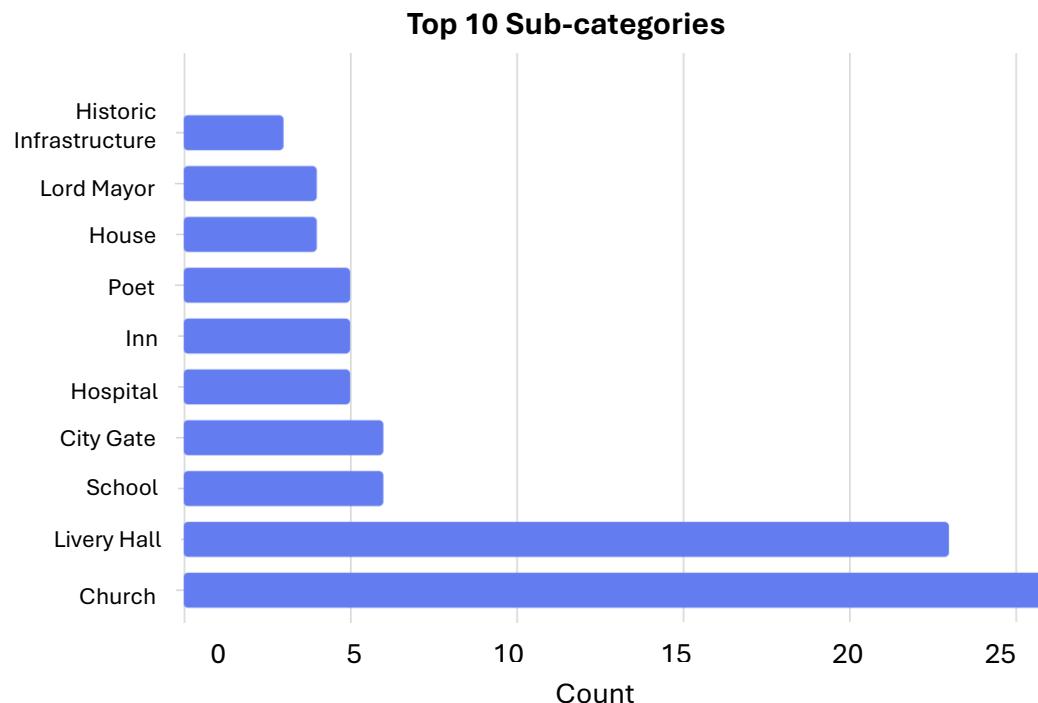
There are approximately 140 City of London Blue Plaques in the Square Mile.

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:

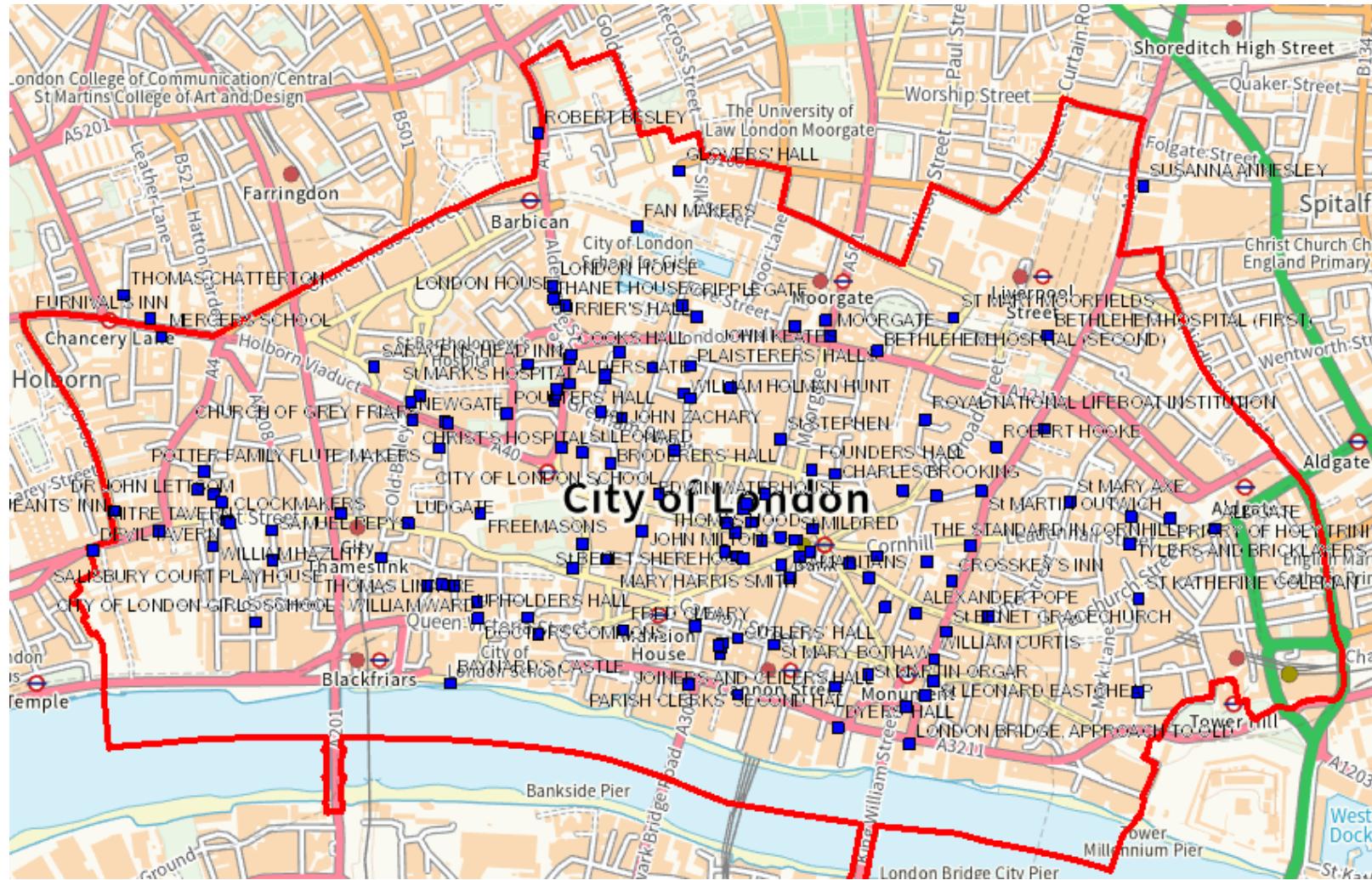
- Mary Harris Smith – first female-chartered accountant
- Elizabeth Fry – prison reformer
- Susanna Annesley – mother of John and Charles Wesley

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		
Aldgate City Gate	City Gate		
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		
Cutlers' Hall	Livery Hall		
Daily Courant	Newspaper		
Devil Tavern	Inn		
Doctors' Commons	Court		
Duke of Buckinghams 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 & Ceilers Hall	Livery Hall		
Jonathan's Coffee House	Coffee House		
King William Street Underground Station	Railway		
King's Wardrobe	Warehouse		
Laurence Pountney Church/Corpus Christi College	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		
Plaisterers Halls	Livery Hall		
Potter Family, Flute Makers	Family		
Poulter's 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 Ebeneezer 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