History Detectives

History Detectives by SCAWDI is a pioneering project to inspire and enable members of the community to learn more about their local history. Focusing on the Black presence in the West Midlands prior to 1918, volunteers have delved deep into the past to tell the stories of a diverse group of individuals, who were part of a growing multi-cultural community. The characters explored within connect with many historical themes, from slavery to class, migration and religion, crime and art, and so we can attempt to recreate the backdrops within which they lived their lives.

The work of this project has created a growing database of almost two hundred Black individuals who lived here during our research period. Much more then, is still to be done...

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I will bring the Blind by a Way that they know not, I will lead them in Paths that they have not known: I will make Darkness Light before them and crooked Things straight. These Things will I do unto them and not for sake them. Isa. lxii. 16.

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