

Legacies of Devon Slave-ownership Group (LDSG)

Mission Statement

We are working to uncover hidden histories in Devon concerning transatlantic slavery and 'race', and to make our findings widely known.

Our aim is to correct the ethnocentric view of history that has been predominant.

We are identifying Black people and their descendants who lived in Devon before the present day and finding out about their lives and their origins.

We are identifying slave-owning families, making clear where their wealth came from. We are showing how some of our county's infrastructure, wealth and culture was based on the profits of slavery.

We are interested in bringing a diversity of perspectives to bear on Devon history, including a Black perspective.

We are **not** interested in making individuals feel guilty about the activities of their ancestors; rather, we want to promote an awareness of our national responsibility in the processes of slavery and racial oppression.

We are **not** interested in reiterating the good work of the British abolition movement.

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c/o Devon Development Education
at Exeter Community Centre