

# PROUD OF OUR BLACK HISTORY

## HISTORIC FIGURES

Did you know a lot of famous people worked or lived in Hammersmith and Fulham that had an impact on black history?

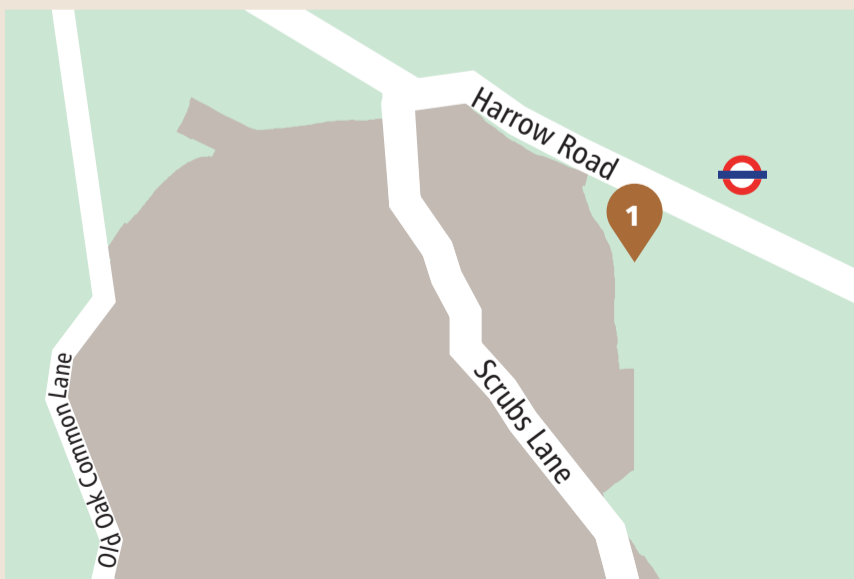
**Mary Seacole (1853-1881)**  
**A great Nurse and writer**

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Mary Seacole has rightfully become more world famous with the passage of time. She was a nurse in the Crimean war (between Russia and Britain in today's Ukraine) having not accepted the rejection she initially faced when she offered her services. She organised a hospital, her travel to the Crimea and was mentioned in many letters from soldiers she attended to. She published a book, "The Wonderful adventures of Mrs Seacole in many lands" that became a bestseller in 1857. She featured on Doctor Who as a character in 2021.

When Mary returned from the war, she didn't have a lot of money but the soldiers she helped hadn't forgotten her. They threw a big festival and raised a lot of money to help her.

**Mary Seacole is buried in:**  
**St Mary's Catholic Cemetery,**  
**679-681 Harrow Road,**  
**NW10 5NU (see trail)**



### Can you help us?

We're always searching for historic figures who deserve more recognition or remarkable locations that have had a big impact in the community.

**Can you help us?** Do your family members have any stories about moving to H&F or living in H&F?

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