

Blue Plaque Unveiled in Datchet Honouring Henry William Engleheart VC

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On 17 July 2025, Datchet Parish Council was proud to fund and support the installation of a blue plaque in honour of Henry William Engleheart VC, who once lived in the village. Engleheart was awarded the Victoria Cross for gallantry during the Second Boer War, and this plaque now stands as a lasting tribute to his bravery and connection to Datchet.

The plaque was unveiled by local historian Derek Hunt, who first brought Engleheart's story to the attention of the Datchet Village Society (DVS). With DVS's support, the application process was successfully approved. Derek was joined at the unveiling by his wife, Barbara Hunt.

The event was attended by members of DVS including Marjorie Clasper, Glenda Croft, and Alison Crampin, along with their partners Jim Croft and Allen Corcoran.

Also present were Jacqueline and Gary Trood, whose family home is the former residence of Engleheart and now the site of the plaque. We are especially grateful to them for their support and permission to install the plaque on their property.

The plaque was carefully installed by local resident Dean Smith, and we're grateful to him for his time, care, and skills.

The Parish Council was delighted to contribute to this meaningful project, which reflects our ongoing commitment to recognising and preserving Datchet's rich history. We would like to thank everyone involved for their enthusiasm and support.

We hope the plaque will serve as a visible reminder of the village's connection to a remarkable individual, and that it will inspire both residents and visitors to learn more about Henry William Engleheart VC and the values of service and courage he embodied.





