

Historical hero or villain? Challenge



At the Museum earlier this year, there was a drawing and painting family workshop (run by Simon Jardine of Armadillo) on the Heroes and Villains of West Berkshire. Lots of paintings were created, including this portrait of Queen Elizabeth I (left).

But what is Queen Elizabeth I's connection to West Berkshire? Queen Elizabeth I visited Shaw House in 1592 on her Royal Progress. She only stayed two nights with the Dolman family, but it was a great honour for the family to host a royal visit. It is believed Elizabeth I stayed in what is now called the King Charles room.

Your challenge is to go online and research a historical figure and to draw their portrait in the **red** box below.

If you want to look for a West Berkshire historical figure, you could choose from one of the following: John Winchcombe (also known as 'Jack of Newbury'), Sir John Boys (Donnington Castle during the Civil War), Sir John Throckmorton or John Coxeter (The Newbury Coat).

Once you have drawn their portrait, you will then have to decide if they are a **hero or villain** and explain your reasoning in the **black** box below.

