Harry Paye – a Jurassic Coast Pirate!

One of the legends behind the name of Old Harry Rocks is the pirate Harry Paye.

Born in Poole around 1360, Harry was said to have moored his boat amongst Old Harry Rocks whilst waiting to plunder and pirate.

After Harry caused havoc among the Spanish and French fleet they joined forces and raided Poole in the hope of capturing him but he was not there. In the violence that followed, Harry’s brother and other Poole habitants were killed - and much of the town was burned.

Later on Harry put his ships out to sea seeking revenge. Some time later he returned to Poole with treasures from more than 120 Spanish and French ships - and a legend was born.

Using Lego we recreated Old Harry Rocks. We had to make a pirate hat for Harry! Can you make a pirate scene too?

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