

# Tufnell Park, Kentish Town

ARCHWAY STA  
(Northern Line, Barnet Branch)

START

TUFNELL PARK STA  
(Northern Line, Barnet Branch)

KENTISH TOWN STA  
(Northern Line Barnet Br)

KENTISH TOWN WEST STA  
(Overground)

- 1 Start the walk here for Kentish Town
- 2 Optional start from Archway
- 3 Optional continuation to Camden - see map 22c
- 4 Look for arch through to Balmore St

**PUBS:**  
 Lord Palmerston  
 Southampton Arms  
 Junction Tavern

- Main route 7.3 km
- options
- railway
- - - route of Fleet River



connection with another walk

0.5 kilometre



## walk notes

### **Tufnell Park, Kentish Town**

*The area is a mishmash of Victorian residential housing, old industrial buildings, railways on viaducts, council and housing schemes. The walk tries to pick its way through the remaining pockets of picturesque Victorian housing and parks. Many ideas and information for this walk were taken from publication of the Camden History Society Streets of Kentish Town.*

#### **Kentish Town**

Of the three tube station places, only Kentish Town is an old settlement. Kentish Town straddled the road to Highgate which snaked up the valley of the Fleet River. The road was also the boundary between Manors of Tottenham and Canteloves. The name 'Kentisston', was first noted in 1208. By 1456 it was a significant hamlet. However, today its rural character has disappeared, as too has the River Fleet, the approximate route of which is indicated.

#### **Street Names**

St Pancras Parish was granted by King Ethelbert in 603 to The Dean and Chapter of St Paul's. It contained 5 manors, of which Canteloves and Tottenham together with the Manor of Barnsbury in neighbouring Islington, form the area of this walk. By the 19th century they had passed into the hands of a few landowners who developed them and street names reflect this.

#### **Dartmouth Park**

The area in Canteloves to the north of Tufnell Park station, known as Dartmouth Park after its owner The Earl of Dartmouth, started development in the 1860s but the arrival of the Tottenham and Hampstead Railway in 1868 put paid to any high-class aspirations for the area. Of interest is a development began with the Conservative Land Society whose aim was to promote (Tory voting) property ownership. The Earl of Dartmouth granted land to Charles Chetwynd, Lord Ingestre, and Lord Spencer Churchill, hence those street names.

### **Tufnell Park**

Tufnell Park was named after William Tufnell, granted the Manor of Barnsbury in 1753 and it was his brother Henry that began serious building there in 1845.

#### **Buildings**

To access Camden's list of buildings click [https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/cms-service/stream/asset/?asset\\_id=3292260](https://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/cms-service/stream/asset/?asset_id=3292260)

#### **St John's College**

An area in north Kentish Town was formerly part of a large estate owned by St John's College, Cambridge. Lady Margaret Road is named after Lady Margaret Beaufort, foundress of St John's College. Burghley Road is named after Lord Burghley, Chancellor to Elizabeth I and benefactor of St John's. College Lane, Evangelist Road and Lady Somerset Road are street names linked to the estate of St John's College.

#### **Junction Road/Fortess Road**

was constructed as a feeder for the new Archway Road in 1813, bypassing the route north via Highgate. Much of the area's original development was as cheap housing for working people who were displaced from St Pancras and Somers Town by the building of the railway.

#### **Torriano**

The estate, which included the "Bull" or "Assembly House", consisted of five fields containing about 42 acres which, in 1793, belonged to the descendants of John Cox the Elder of London, soap-maker: Mary Comarque de Bavois and Joshua Prole Torriano of Thames Ditton.

More land was acquired by Torriano in 1790 from William Morgan. Torriano laid out Leighton Road (formerly Gloucester Place), Leighton Grove and Torriano Avenue, selling the adjoining land in building plots.

THESE NOTES HAVE YET TO BE COMPLETED