

Councillor Quiz

1. Which former councillor was the first Mozart Community Champion?
2. Which councillor set up C4All and runs a regular board games night and events?
3. Which councillor was nominated Teacher of the Year, and played for Arsenal, Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur?
4. Which councillor's great grandfather's window cleaning business meant he was one of the first people to move onto the

Queen's Park Community Council (QPCC) is the first community (or parish) council in London. Our councillors are all local residents with a wide range of experiences and views. The councillors serve for four years. The next election will be in 2022.

- Queen's Park Estate, just after it was built?
5. Which councillor has an MBE and was a director of The Tabernacle?
6. Which councillor is President of the British Parking Association?
7. Which councillor founded The Otherwise Club for local families home-schooling and the Granville Kitchen?
8. Which councillor is a local Youth mentor?

9. Which councillor measures the quality of the air in Queen's Park, and is Chair of Friends of Queen's Park Gardens?
10. Which councillor runs the QPG Community and Sports Hub?
11. Which councillor supports The Children's University at local schools?
12. Which councillor writes for The Guardian?

Answers at side of this page.

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Queen's Park Explorer TRAIL

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MAP INSIDE

A walking trail around Queen's Park Ward - full of interesting finds and facts.



- Fun trail with map & questions
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- Councillor quiz



Answers: 1. Alfrena Barbe 2. Brian Nichols 3. Eartha Pond 4. Emma Sweeney 5. Gill Fitzhugh 6. John McArdle 7. Leslie Barson 8. Orrel Lawrence 9. Ray Lancashire 10. Ryan Dalton 11. Stella Wilson 12. Susanna Rustin

Queen's Park Explorer TRAIL

Welcome to the Queen's Park Ward Explorer Trail - inside you'll find a fascinating trail around the area with a series of fun and interesting questions.

The walk will take a few hours, with park breaks and places to stop and enjoy reading, so it can be split over a few days, and picked up again at any point.

Note: some of the answers can be found on the map, some on the trail and some here in this fact-packed Local History section:



Local History

1750 the whole area was fields, no railway, no canal yet. We can however see two main roads Harrow Road and Kilburn Lane, shaping the future Queen's Park Estate.

10 July **1801** The Paddington Arm (Grand Union Canal) opened. A huge crowd (estimated to be 20,000 people) turned out in what was then a small rural village.

1838 The Great Western Railway opened.

29 May **1854** Paddington Station opened.

1873 the Artizans, Labourers & General Dwellings Company started building the Queen's Park Estate. The Artizans Company was established in 1867 by William Austin, an illiterate who

had begun his working life on a farm as a scarecrow paid 1d per day, and had worked his way up to become a drainage contractor.

The architecture of the estate of some 2,000 small houses is distinctively Gothic-revival, with polychrome brickwork, pinnacles and turrets along the bigger roads.

First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth avenues are still there.

The original streets of the Queen's Park Estate began with the letters A through to P, although there was never a J. The street names have been made into full words, Alperton Street, Barfett Street, Caird Street, Droop Street, Enbrook Street, Farrant Street, Galton Street, Huxley Street, Ilbert Street, Kilravock Street, Lothrop Street, Marne

Street, Nutbourne Street, Oliphant Street, Peach Street.

1874 The north-east corner of the estate was acquired by the United Land Company. Four streets were eventually laid out - Beethoven, Mozart, Herries, and Lancefield Streets. They were built from 1873-76. It was thought that the grand names would inspire the working people living there. The Rt Hon John Herries, was a member of the Victorian Commission for Improving the Metropolis.

It was on this estate that the first QPR footballers had their homes.

1882 Queens Park Rangers F.C. were formed in 1886, when a team known as St Jude's Institute (formed 1884) merged with Christchurch Rangers (formed



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1882), although their official founding date is 1882 the same as when Christchurch were first formed. QPR became a professional team in 1889. A plaque to commemorate the founding of QPR can be seen on St Jude's Hall.

1881 Beethoven Street School was opened. There were infants on the ground floor, girls on the first and boys at the top, although it was soon run as a mixed school under a remarkable head teacher. The school had good laboratories, built up a regular attendance of 700 and developed a flourishing orchestra.

1885 The school makes history by becoming the first school to offer woodwork classes for boys. This was a success and followed in 1906 by cookery/ domestic science for girls. After the Second World War Beethoven Street School was later closed. It became part of City of Westminster College for some years. The Beethoven Centre, the headquarters of Queen's Park Community Council is built on the site of the old Beethoven Secondary School.

1899 Both poor and comfortable households existed when surveyed in Beethoven, Herries, and Lancefield streets.

7 October **1940** to 6 June **1941** The London Blitz! Peach Street was demolished by a 500 pound German bomb dropped by parachute. It left a big crater and the whole street was demolished. Debris from the blast was blown into the air and landed as far away as Willesden where "it fell among people coming out of a cinema".

1970s Farrant Street was demolished and absorbed into the Queen's Park Community Gardens. Volunteer gardening sessions are open to the public now through Friends of Queen's Park Gardens.

1974 Mr Isola Akay starts training young black people excluded from gyms in local parks, and is eventually given the derelict Queen's Park Hall on Harrow Road to use as the All Stars Boxing Gym.

1976 The first black British drama feature film Pressure is filmed along Harrow Road and Notting Hill, directed by Horace Ové and starring Herbert Norville, Oscar James and Frank Singineau.



1979 The Avenues was established in recognition of the lack of facilities targeting young Afro-Caribbean people in the area.

1984 Stevie Wonder performed live on the Mozart Estate.

1993 The Queen's Park Bangladesh Association was formed.

2012 QPCC shadow council was set up, with the first 12 councillors elected in 2014.

2012 Mozart Community Champions project was launched.

2016 QPG Community and Sports Hub was set up.

2019 C4All community for all group was set up as a social club for local people to run dominos clubs and events.



Queen's Park Explorer TRAIL



**QUEEN'S PARK
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Queen's Park Ward Explorer Trail
Enjoy the walk and good luck with the questions!

**START
HERE**

**ALL STARS
BOXING**

A. Half Penny Steps, the footbridge had high sides and was very scary to cross as you would never know who you may meet. The bridge led to the local Wedlake baths, a public swimming pool on the other side of the canal.

1. Which famous 1976 film was shot partly on the Harrow Road and old Half Penny steps?

B. The trail starts on First Avenue, with All Stars Boxing Gym

The area around the gym was known as the ‘front line’ in the 1970s and many of the kids were in and out of trouble. In an effort to keep his young boxers on the straight and narrow, Mr. Akay invited the local police to train at the club and “create a good relationship between the young people, our community, and the police”. This inspired move even produced a few winners at the Police Championships.

“Sports is a kind of activity which has no barriers... it doesn’t matter which colour, it doesn’t matter which background, people are met on equal standards.” Isola Akay MBE

2. What was the name of the company that created the Queen’s Park Estate?

3. What were the streets called before they were given the names they have now?

C. Alperton Street, the first letter of the alphabetical streets of Queen’s Park – keep an eye out for the rest!

D. On Second Avenue, can you find the entrance to the secret passage that leads to Third Avenue? Make your way to the top of Third Avenue and find the other side of the secret passage.

4. What number house is next door to the secret passage?

E. Cross the road to see The Avenues Youth Project.

5. When was the Avenues Youth Project started?

The Avenues is one of London’s leading youth centres. Established 40 years ago, it exists to support children and young people from 8 to 18 enabling them to constructively challenge the personal, social and educational disadvantages they face and lead positive, creative and fulfilled lives. They also contribute to

the communities of which they are part through various programmes and activities.

F. Opposite Avenues Youth Project is Queen’s Park Primary School. Walk around the outside to find the old boys’ entrance and girls’ entrance. In Victorian times boys and girls were always educated separately.

6. In which year were the first cottages built on the estate? Look at the plaques on the Droop Street cottages? What is the earliest date you see? There is more than one date on this block! Keep your eye out for the dates along the trail.

G. Continue down Droop Street and see that all the modern blocks of flats are named after trees. When you reach Juniper House, turn left towards Queen’s Park Library, just before the Library turn right to discover a small playground.

Can you find the plaque on the playground wall?

7. Who was the Mayor of Paddington?

H. Go back to the Library and cross Harrow Road to walk through Harrow Road Open Space. What boats can you see on the canal?

8. What is this canal called?

Find The Flora pub. The pub was known as The Flora Arms in at least 1881 and 1896. In the nineteenth century, as The Flora Hotel, the building was the location for a number of inquests into deaths in the Queen’s Park area. Thomas Robinson Dipple was the publican for many years, from at least 1904 to 1921. Sometimes described as an “Irish” pub due to the large Irish community in the area, in the twentieth century the pub has been a favourite watering hole for supporters of the local football team Queens Park Rangers.

I. Continue along the Harrow Road, past the Motor Cycle Service Centre, a successful local family business for over 35 years. Use the pedestrian crossing by the Coca Cola newsagent.

Find the London Telecommunications Region’s Ladbroke Exchange, opened in 1939.

9. Find the words “Honi soit qui mal y pense” on the Royal shield. What does this mean?

Almost opposite The Telephone Exchange is Kensal House, the only former gentleman’s residence in the area. A 19th-century wing has been added to the east and a modern one to the west. After serving as a fresh air school for pupils with tuberculosis, the house was occupied by the Metropolitan Railway Surplus Lands Co. by 1949, stood empty then owned by the United Church of God in Christ by 1965, and was owned by the I.C.E. Group in 1985.

J. Enter the grounds of St John’s Church, if the church is open it is worth a visit! In 2019 six new bells were hung in the bell tower, and these are now part of the sound of Queen’s Park.

As you leave the church grounds look for “Paradise by way of Kensal Green”.

The Rolling English Road
by G. K. CHESTERTON

My friends, we will not go again or ape an ancient rage,

Or stretch the folly of our youth to be the shame of age,

But walk with clearer eyes and ears this path that wandereth,

And see undrugged in evening light the decent inn of death;

For there is good news yet to hear and fine things to be seen,

Before we go to Paradise by way of Kensal Green.

10. What nearby location is the last line of the poem Paradise by way of Kensal Green actually referring to?

K. Continue up to Ilbert Street. Can you see the Moberly Sports Centre up ahead? And the Kensal Rise Baptist Tabernacle over the road. This would be a good time to seek refreshments at Vicki’s!

L. Turn right into Ilbert Street, and right again to Queen’s Park Court Community Gardens and playground. Queen’s Park Court was built in 1951.

On leaving the playground, can you find a fruity road?

11. What happened to the original street of the same name?

12. How many yellow doors can you count on this road?

M. Turn right into Oliphant Street. Can you find the old street signs painted on the wall?

Cross over Sixth Avenue and continue on Oliphant Street to Fifth Avenue.

N. Turn left to discover Ida, the most famous restaurant in Queen’s Park. During the pandemic in 2020, Ida prepared hundreds of meals for local vulnerable people.

O. Turn right onto Kilburn Lane, the north boundary of Queen’s Park ward. Drop in and say hi to local QPCC councillor Ryan at the QPG Hub.

13. When was the Hub established?

14. What are the four words on the banner?

P. Turn right on Herries Street, to find Wilberforce School, which opened in 1889, and is now part of the United Learning Trust. William Wilberforce was a British politician, philanthropist, and a leader of the movement to abolish the slave trade.

15. Which famous composer is the crescent off Herries Street named after?

Q. Take the pedestrian steps down to Stansbury Square and turn left onto Tolhurst Drive. In front of you, you’ll see a yellow wall covered in historical photos!

16. What was the name of the grocer store at number 26?

Take time to discover the Cloud Leopard story which starts on Dowland Street.

17. Where is The End?

Turn onto Dart Street. There used to be a bridge over Dart Street in the 1980s connecting the north and south Mozart Estate.

Westminster Council in 1970 began work on the Mozart Estate, where 172 dwellings housed 646 people by 1972. The estate was intended for 3,450 residents and was later extended northward as far as Kilburn Lane. The completed estate formed a rectangle bisected by Dart Street, St. Jude’s church having been demolished and the north-south Lancefield and Herries

streets reduced to short cul-de-sacs. It was served by new shops and the Magic Flute public house, and on the south adjoined the Jubilee sports centre. A little to the south-east the 225 homes of the G.L.C.’s Lydford estate were built by 1977.

18. Which famous American pop star performed live in the Mozart Estate in 1984?

Walk to Bravington Road. Look left, a few doors up on the right you’ll see the Missionaries of Charity convent where Mother Theresa stayed several times.

R. Walk back down Bravington Road.

19. Can you see where the bomb hit during the blitz? How can you tell?

20. Find the Queen’s Park Children’s Centre, who is the Head Teacher? What other places is he head of?

The Children’s Centre was formerly the vicarage for St Jude’s Church on Lancefield Street, which narrowly avoided the blitz, but was demolished to build the Mozart Estate in 1970. The vicarage became a day nursery in 1959 when the church closed.

21. Which famous comedian lived on Fernhead Road?

Hint - there’s a blue plaque on the wall of the house, near the Shirland Road end.

S. Turn right into Mozart Street, find the Mozart Dairy, a reminder of the other local dairies, Warwick Dairy, and the former dairy on Ilbert Street. You can also find a traditional tailor’s shop on Mozart Street, Kenton Trimmings, a family business that has run for over 50 years.

On the corner is the Royal Lancer pub. This pub dates back to 1905, when it was an off licence beer retailer. The pub closed in 2011.

On the left down Lancefield Street you will see the Harrow Road Jamme Mosque.

T. Turn right into Lancefield Street, and walk up the road past The Sunrise Nursery, which is now located where St Jude’s Church was before.

Turn right past Leeve House to enter the children’s playground, the Mozart Play Area. Look at the colourful mural and find the boundary mark.

22. What date is carved on the wall?

Leave the playground and walk down Bruckner Street. On the right is a little pedestrian path that leads to Parry Road, continue left through the next pedestrian path and then turn right to find yourself on Third Avenue.

U. On the corner of Third Avenue and Ilbert Street is a beautiful building, now boarded up, which used to be S. C. Hudson’s, a chemist shop in 1906. Then it became a dairy and finally a corner shop.

23. Where can you find an orchard on the Queen’s Park Estate?

V. Continue into the park. Can you see the two rows of trees which used to border Farrant Street? Explore the Wildlife Area and visit The Rose Garden.

24. Can you find a metal Stag Beetle?

W. As you exit the beautiful park, on the corner of Ilbert Street and Fouth Avenue look across at St Jude’s Hall.

25. On which building can you find a plaque about the founding of QPR Football Club – and why?

X. Walk back to Fifth Avenue and up to Nutbourne Street

26. Which street has the same name as a French river and a World War 1 battle?

Y. Turn right into Nutbourne Street and see the change in architecture, with the beautiful porches (number 49 is a good example) on one side of the road here and on Third Avenue. On the other side are some larger houses, number 4 is a another beauty.

Z. We now arrive at our final destination on Third Avenue, the Beethoven Centre, A2Dominion’s Community Centre, and home of Queen’s Park Community Council. There is so much going on at the community centre, from under 6 drop-ins to yoga to dance classes. It is well worth dropping in for a friendly chat and to check the timetable.

27. What was the building before it became a community centre?