



'TOGETHER IN TOTTENHAM'

AN ANCIENT ROAD AND SETTLEMENT

The settlement of Tottenham started along the Roman road which ran from London to Lincoln and York; it was once called Ermine Street and is now the A10 and A1010 or the High Road.

Tottenham High Cross at the junction of Monument Way was erected in the early 1600s on the site of a medieval wooden wayside cross. It has been remodelled over the years but may have originated as a Roman beacon or marker on a high point of the road.

Daniel Defoe, the writer of Robinson Crusoe, wrote in the early 1700s that Tottenham High Road was being continuously built up, and the impressive Georgian houses which can still be spotted along it are testament to how the area was popular with City merchants at that time.

All Hallows Church, which can be seen on Church Lane from Bruce Castle Park, dates back to 1150. **Bruce Castle** is a 16th century manor house, with the detached round tower the oldest part. It is one of England's oldest surviving brick houses, although it has been extended over the years as a home and a school. The name derives from the 'de Bruce' family of Scotland who owned much of Tottenham in 1254, but when Robert the Bruce became King of Scotland, the land he owned in England was taken back by the English Crown.

CLEAN WATER

The "Old Well" by Holy Trinity Church and the bus garage was dug in 1791 to improve the local water supply. It was found to be polluted in 1883 and has not been used since, but was refurbished in 1953 and 2004.

The area occupied by **Markfield Park** used to be the local sewage works, except that these were so badly maintained in the mid 1800s that the area had the highest death rate in London. A new sewage works was therefore commissioned, and the pump was built in 1888, and could move two million gallons of sewage per day, and used four hundredweight (200 kilos) of coal per hour. It has been recently renovated and is the highlight of the Beam Engine Museum which is open one Sunday a fortnight.

N17 is separated from E17 by the Walthamstow Reservoirs either side of Ferry Lane which were constructed on marsh land in the mid-19th century and form part of the Lea Valley chain of reservoirs which separate north and east London. They are a site of scientific special interest and have just been developed as a public nature reserve, the Walthamstow Wetlands project.

METEOROLOGISTS & CHEMISTS

In Georgian times, many Quakers settled in the wealthy rural village of Tottenham. One of them, Priscilla Wakefield (1751-1832), is honoured by a green plaque near High Cross United Reform Church at Tottenham Green. An author of travel and science books for children, she was a founder of the Penny Savings Bank as well as the Lying-in Charity for Women and was actively involved in prison reform and the abolition of slavery.

A notable family were the Howards who were pioneering chemists. Luke Howard invented the classification system for clouds which we still use today – naming the cloud types cirrus, cumulus and stratus. His passion for looking at the sky led to other discoveries and he is known as 'the father of meteorology' and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1821. He lived at 7 **Bruce Grove**, a house which is on the English heritage 'at risk' register but displays one of their blue plaques. His sons, John (who did pioneering work developing quinine), and Robert were founders of Brook Street Brethren Chapel, built in 1839, which remained 'open' when many in the Brethren movement became exclusive or 'closed'. Look out for this 'hidden church' on the High Road (across street and north from St Mark's Methodist) as like the adjacent Plough pub, it is set back and partially obscured by newer buildings.

THE PEOPLE OF TOTTENHAM

Many parts of London proclaim their high levels of cultural diversity, but research by University College London gives Tottenham first place in Europe.

Tottenham has the second largest number of Latin American businesses in London. Close to West Green Road, just south of the tube station, is Seven Sisters Indoor Market, also known as Latin Village – it's hidden behind doorways near the Columbian café on the High Road. There is a strong West African influence in the shops in West Green Road with a choice of Ghanaian, Nigerian or Sierra Leonean palm oil for sale. The better known Orthodox Jewish community is mainly just south of our walk, not far from Markfield Park.

Bernie Grant, one of the first Black British MPs, came to the UK from British Guiana with his parents in 1963 and was Council leader before serving the constituency in Parliament from 1987 to his untimely death in 2000. Haringey Council opened the Bernie Grant Arts Centre in his name in 2007, close to the old Town Hall building which has a blue plaque honouring him. The present MP David Lammy was born in Tottenham, was the youngest Member of Parliament when elected in 2000, and held Ministerial posts in the last Labour government. Local alumni in the music world include Adele, Lemar and grime artists Skepta, Wiley, Wretch 32, Chip, Meridian Dan and JME.

Ethnic diversity in the area is not just of the modern era but goes back through the centuries - All Hallows Church baptismal register records black residents in the early 1700s.

WATERWAYS

The Lea Navigation is a canalised river. Attempts to make the marshy river running from Hertford to the Thames more navigable go back to medieval times but the River Lea Act 1766 marked the start of more extensive improvement works and the creation of locks. The navigation was much used for carrying grain for beer and bread making.

The Moselle River, one of London's 'hidden rivers' can be seen in Lordship Lane recreation ground where it has recently been opened to the surface, and flows through the cemetery just north of All Hallows and into the River Lea near Markfield Park. The reason why in 1967 the **Broadwater Farm Estate** was built with no homes or shops at ground level is because the river had previously flooded the farmland there; the river is culverted under the estate and has not been a problem.

THE LARGEST FURNITURE FACTORY IN THE WORLD

The **Ferry Lane Estate** and **Hale Village** are on the site of the Harris Lebus furniture factory, built in 1900 and covering 5.5 hectares by the River Lea. The business was started by Louis Lebus, a Jewish immigrant, in the mid-19th Century and its

style of furniture was closely associated with the arts and crafts movement. During the world wars it switched to munitions and aircraft bodies - and fake wooden tanks - before reverting to furniture. During the 1960s the factory gradually fell into decline and closed in 1968 and the land was sold to the Greater London Council. In 2007 excavations of the northern section by developers uncovered an intricate network of tunnels and rooms forming a massive Second World War air raid shelter.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

The club was started by cricket playing schoolboys in 1882, who wanted to continue playing together in winter. Their Bible class teacher at All Hallows Church, John Ripsler, was the club's president for its first 11 years, stepping down in 1894 with Spurs, still amateur, playing league matches at their own ground after tough years playing on Tottenham Marshes. The name 'Hotspur' comes from a 14th century knight, Sir Henry Percy whose attacking spirit inspired the young men, and who earned the nickname with his reputation as a fearless and heroic warrior who liked to wear spurs when riding.

The club moved to **White Hart Lane** in 1899, and after decades of discussion, their new stadium is under construction on the same site. It is by far the largest building on this year's walk and will have 61,559 seats, slightly more than rivals Arsenal at the other end of the Seven Sisters road!

DON'T FORGET

- A-Z map of London. (if you have one)
- Some of the churches on the route may provide refreshments.
- A snack or picnic lunch. (some food may be available on the route too)
- We walk whatever the weather.
- Look for things to pray about as you walk.
- Start at any time after 9am at any church checkpoint, but with time to get back again by 5pm.
- Get your map stamped at each checkpoint.
- Do the quiz.
- Take time to learn about the churches you visit and about Unlock.

Please work with us to ensure that the **2018** walk generates more income to fund Unlock's vital work. You can do this by:

- **Seriously & prayerfully** consider how you can support Unlock's ongoing work.
- **Sponsorship** – get as many sponsors as you can, by explaining to them what you are raising money for; and ensure that they gift aid their sponsorship wherever possible.
- **Promoting Unlock's work in your church or area** Put up a display in your church, or write something for your church magazine.
- **Bring along some friends** - encourage new people to join you for an Unlock London Walk experience in **2018**.
- **Through your Church** – persuade your church to give funds to support Unlock as part of its regular missionary giving.
- **Donations** – you can make a personal donation to Unlock's work, either on a one off basis, or better yet, at regular intervals.

The aims of the Unlock London Walk are:

- **To raise money for Unlock's work in deprived urban areas across the UK.**
- **To raise awareness of the issues of exclusion that Unlock exists to address.**
- **To showcase the ministry of churches in urban areas. Come and see what God is doing in the city.**
- **To encourage churches in more affluent parts of the country to support the work of their fellow Christians in the inner city.**
- **To give 100s of people an opportunity for an unusual and enlightening day out in London.**

Unlock works by running local projects in UK cities, where a trained Unlock Development Worker, accompanied by a local team, is employed to encourage and enable local people and their leaders to grow in faith and confidence by:

- **UNLOCKING REAL LIFE STORIES OF URBAN PEOPLE**
- **REVEALING GOOD NEWS OF THE DOWN TO EARTH CHRIST**
- **RELEASING LIFE CHANGING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE**

2017 walk sponsorship and donations have reached over £23,000. In a difficult economic climate this is a fantastic testament to the commitment of our faithful band of walk supporters, and we really appreciate it. However, we must not be complacent and Unlock continues to need your support. Unlock relies heavily on income from the Unlock London walk to fund our work. Because we are directly engaged in Christian Mission it is very difficult to secure other types of funding. So please keep up the momentum and do all you can to maximise the returns from the 2018 Walk. Unlock local projects are making a real difference, bringing the gospel to people that the churches haven't been able to reach; and there's more we can deliver if we have the resources!

MAKING YOUR DONATION COUNT EVEN MORE

Donating on-line saves Unlock valuable staff time and money and is quick and easy to do via:

Virgin Giving

If you want a quicker simpler way to solicit and collect your Unlock sponsorship you can now register with Virgin Giving, who will collect all your sponsor money, claim the gift aid, and send it all to Unlock on your behalf. This allows you to promote your fundraising for Unlock via your facebook page or by e-mail, and to collect sponsorship from people at a distance who you do not regularly meet up with. It saves you managing a pile of small change or writing a cheque. It also saves Unlock time and money, making your support more valuable to us, because more of it can be channelled straight into our front line work with the Bible amongst the urban poor.

For further details on how to request sponsorship or make a donation go to unlock-urban.org.uk/support_walk.php

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The following are available are available from unlock-urban.org.uk, or from the Unlock National Office:

- **More copies of this map brochure & sponsor forms.**
- **Written description of the walk.**
- **Resources to help you promote Unlock's work.**
- **Information about Unlock local projects – real stories of real people.**
- **Unlock resources free to use.**

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VIEW OF BROADWATER FARM FROM LORDSHIP LANE RECREATION GROUND