



Wildlife by the New River Walk



Chorley Memorial Hall, King Henry's Walk



New and old by Hallford St



Actons Lock



Ridley Road market is the basis for Walford market. Fasset Square, just off the route, was the inspiration for Albert Square in East Enders. The producers originally planned to film on location, but built a replica in the studios to gain more control of the environment.

### EAST ENDERS

This is the same canal as the Unklock Walk used in West London recently. The section on which we walk was built in 1820, after several difficulties. Thomas Homer, once the canal's promoter, embedded his funds in 1815. Also the cost of the canal (£372,000) was twice the original estimate, partly because the Canal was short of water supplies and it was necessary to dam the river to create a reservoir to provide them. Traffic on the canal declined rapidly after the second world war, with the last horse drawn commercial traffic carried in 1956 and by the late 1960s commercial traffic had all but vanished. The canal is now a much-used leisure facility, and property along the side has become very desirable.

### REGENTS CANAL

The first bomb of World War One was dropped by a German Zeppelin and landed in the garden of The Nevill Arms Public House on 30 May 1915. 22nd June 1870. The oldest cycling club in Great Britain, the Rickwick Bicycle Club, first met at Downs Hotel (on Downs Road, to the North of the walk route) on their new product "petrol".

### HACKNEY FIRSTS

The first plastic in the world, known as "parkesine", was invented by Alexander Parkes here in 1866. It was not a commercial success as it was very expensive to manufacture. On the other hand, in 1859 at the chemical distilling works of Corless, Cape and Leonard, they called their new product "petrol".

### LONDON OVERGROUND

The huge building site the ground Richmond Road is for the construction of the new London Overground train system, which will transform the old East London underground into part of the main railway network. By 2011, it is due to link up with Highbury and Islington via Dotion in the North, and West Croydon via Crystal Palace in the South. In the longer term, the plan is to extend on to Clapham Junction and establish an orbital railway around London.

At the end of the 1500's the London's population was approaching 200,000 and much of the available water was becoming seriously polluted. So a new river was created, bringing fresh water from the Lea in Hertfordshire to Islington. It was engineered to run very gently downhill, at a gradient of five and a half inches per mile. It now terminates in a reservoir in Stoke Newington, with the length along which we walk being a preserved relic. Incidentally, the reason why Featherston Road is so wide is that the river used to run down the middle.

### NEW RIVER

In the nineteenth century two of the largest employers were a silk mill at Hackney Wick and Bergers Paints. Furniture making was also a major activity with hundreds of workshops - the canal made it easy to transport both the heavy timbers needed for furniture making, and the finished items. More recently, Matchbox Toys were made here by Lesney from 1952 until 1982 (their first model was a copy of Queen Elizabeth's coronation carriage, which sold a million copies).

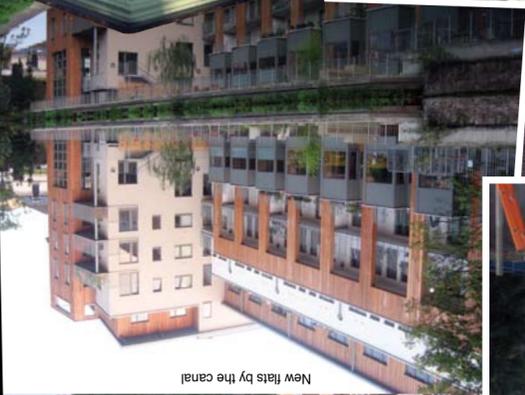
### INDUSTRY

What is now Kingsland Road is part of the Roman road from London to Kings Lynn. There are records of villages such as Hackney and Shoreditch from some smaller settlements, such as Dotion and Kingsland, as medieval times. Major expansion took place in the 19th century, as the clay farmland was turned into brickworks, using the transportation opportunity of the newly built canal. In the second half of the century the area became more built up, both with housing and industry. Dotion became joined to Hackney village in 1870.

### HISTORY

This is a very old park, first recorded in 1540 as a place for drovers to pasture their livestock before taking them to market. The park has a 50 metre wide cricket pitch - the sport has been played here since at least 1802 - and the pub on the park is the start for the Dunwich Dynamo cycle trip, when every July around 500 participants cycle overnight the 120 miles to Dunwich, on the coast of East Anglia. Just south of the park is the Broadway market, a recently-revived and very popular farmers market, which also has stalls selling hand-made jewellery, gifts, childrenswear, and vintage clothing.

### LONDON FIELDS



New flats by the canal



Actons Lock



Mural of King Henry's Walk



Building forks for the East London Line extension

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Please work with us to ensure that the 2009 walk generates more income to fund Unlock's vital work. You can do this by:

- Seriously and 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 2009.
- 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.

Available on the Unlock website [www.unlock-urban.org.uk](http://www.unlock-urban.org.uk), or from the National Office: **Unlock, Handsworth Parish Centre, Handsworth, Sheffield, S13 9BZ.** Telephone: **0114 2939 060**

- More copies of this map brochure & sponsor forms.
- \*Resources to help you promote Unlock's work.
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### don't forget >>>

- A-Z map of London (if you have one)
- Many of the churches on the route will provide refreshments
- A snack or picnic lunch (some food is usually available on the route too)
- We walk whatever the weather
- Look for things to pray about as you walk



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# THE UNLOCK LONDON WALK NO. 26

## SATURDAY 25th APRIL 2009 9AM to 5PM Islington & Hackney



### SURPRISED BY GENEROSITY

The aims of the Unlock London Walk are:

- To raise money for Unlock's work in deprived urban areas across the UK (see below\*)
- 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 support group, 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 & confidence

In spite of there being around 100 additional walkers, the 2008 walk raised £25,400; about £3,000 less than in 2007; but still a great result. Unlock's projected running costs for 2009 are in the region of £70,000. The Unlock London walk is Unlock's primary source of funding, along with donations from individual supporters; we have great difficulty accessing funds from anywhere else. So you can see how important the funds raised by the Unlock London Walk are for Unlock's ongoing work in deprived urban areas in the UK. Please do all you can to raise funds for Unlock through this event.



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