

DON'T FORGET

- Up-to-date A-Z map or Google maps.
- Some of the churches on the route may provide refreshments.
- A snack or picnic lunch or visit local cafes.
- We walk whatever the weather.
- Look for things to pray about as you walk.
- Start anywhere at any time; checkpoints will be open from 9am to 5pm.
- Get your map stamped at each checkpoint.
- Use the quiz sheet to draw your attention to points of interest along the way.
- Take time to learn about the churches you visit and about Unlock.

Please work with us to ensure that the **2026** 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 **2026**.

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 establishing partnerships with local churches, to enable and support them in developing Unlock style mission in their own communities. Unlock local crews 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



Donations from the 2025 walk have reached over £24,602. This is a great testament to the commitment of our faithful band of walk supporters, and we really appreciate it. However, we must not be complacent and Unlock needs your support more than ever. 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 2026 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:

Give as You Live Donate

If you want a quicker simpler way to solicit and collect your Unlock sponsorship you can now register with Give as You Live Donate, 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 social media 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

Give as You Live - For Online Shoppers

Would you like to support Unlock every time you shop online at no cost to you and no cost to us? With Give as You Live, thousands of major brands including Play.com, John Lewis and Expedia have signed up to donate a percentage of every purchase you make online to Unlock. The average shopper will raise £2.10 per month through what they already buy online. **Give as You Live** is easy to set up and use. Simply visit **Give as You Live** at giveasyoulive.com/join/unlock for full details, try it today and help raise valuable funds for Unlock.

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

- **More copies of this Map Brochure and Sponsor Forms.**
- **For 2026, copies of a guide to bus links between checkpoints.**
- **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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LONDON WALK 43

KILBURN AND HAMPSTEAD

SATURDAY 18 APRIL 2026 9AM TO 5PM



KILBURN AND HAMPSTEAD

HAMPSTEAD HEATH

Parliament Hill took its name from the Parliamentarians who were based there during the Civil War; the previous name was Traitors Hill, as it was said that the Gunpowder Plot conspirators waited there to see the Houses of Parliament blow up. Local legend has it that Queen Boudicca is buried in the locked-up circle of trees near the summit, but there is no historical evidence for this.

KILBURN AND THE GAUMONT STATE CINEMA

The area was named after a river which flowed through the area, now known as the Westbourne and which is completely underground. The Gaumont State Cinema was built in 1937 and when it opened was the largest cinema in Europe, with over 4,000 seats. After the second world war it was a major music venue, hosting Buddy Holly, the Beatles and many more, and after time as a bingo hall it is now owned by Ruach City Church.

SHOOT UP HILL

At Kilburn station, the A5, the Roman Watling Street, is called Shoot Up Hill. The internet is divided about this - some say it's related to highwaymen. It is reminiscent of Shooters Hill in South East London, which was a notorious spot for attacks as horses had to slow down to manage the gradient, and so the carriages were easier targets. Others say it's simply that the road gets steeper, and shoots up.

SALUSBURY AND QUEENS PARK

The Salusbury family were wealthy landowners based in North Wales, after a knight from Salzburg came with William the Conqueror, and whose name evolved into "Salusbury". They also owned land locally, but a Lady Salusbury sold it in 1856 and the Queens Park neighbourhood was built, the new name being derived from a nearby park named in honour of Queen Victoria.

HAMPSTEAD AND KILBURN MPS

In 2010 the area more or less covered by the walk became a single parliamentary constituency, combining the more inner-city feel of Kilburn with leafy Hampstead. It was won by Labour's Glenda Jackson with the smallest majority in England. However, in 2024 it was split back into two again; "Hampstead and Highgate" and "Brent East."

PADDINGTON OLD CEMETERY

The 1852 Burial Act was passed to allow local authorities in London to create new cemeteries, as many churchyards were so overcrowded they were becoming a serious public health problem. Paddington Old Cemetery, to the East of Salusbury Road behind St Anne's Church, was one of the first to be opened, and it is now recognised by Historic England. Rather fittingly, Michael Bond, the creator of the "Paddington" stories, is buried there.