



# BALA, BATTERSEA AND CLAPHAM

## CLAPHAM COMMON, BATTERSEA PARK AND SPORTING MILESTONES

The common was mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086, whilst Battersea Park was created in 1857. The common hosted one of the first recorded games of cricket in 1700, and in the 1980's the first Latin American Football League in London. However, Battersea Park hosted the first ever match of Association Football.

## CLAPHAM JUNCTION

The station opened in 1863, and despite being in Battersea was called "Clapham" as it was a much more fashionable area. Clapham itself was the area around Holy Trinity Church. The area soon went up-market, and Arding and Hobbs (now Debenhams) was the largest department store South of the Thames. Today, the station sees about 2000 trains per day, with rather over half of them stopping, making it by far the busiest station in Europe.

## LAVENDER HILL

In the days when this area was countryside, the main crop grown was lavender, which grew well on the gentle north facing slopes of this part of the Thames valley - helped by well drained soil, fresh air and several natural springs. It was exported all over the world. Vauxhall Park, at the Central London end of Lavender Hill, still has a large section of lavender.

## STINK PIPES

If you see something looking like an old lamppost, but with no lamp, it's probably a stink pipe. There is one close to Battersea Rise Church, for example. They were built around the 1860's to vent smelly and potentially dangerous gases (in 1846 the underground river Fleet exploded near King's Cross) from sewers and underground rivers. There are said to be over 150 in Lambeth alone, although no-one is quite sure where they all are.

## BATTERSEA POWER STATION

The power station is visible for much of the walk. Designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, who also designed the phone box. It was started in the 1930's and completed in 1955, when it was said to be the most efficient thermal station in the world, producing a fifth of London's electricity. It had a rather short life as a power station, as technical changes meant it was more efficient to send electricity over the national grid rather than send coal. It was derelict for many years, with a succession of schemes coming to nothing before the current £8 billion redevelopment started in 2013, complete with a planned extension to the Northern Line to cover the area.

## INDUSTRY

Battersea has been an industrial area approximately from the 1790's to the 1970's. Marc Isambard, father of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, had a factory which, amongst other things, made the boots worn by British soldiers at the battle of Waterloo. Price's Candles were the best-selling candles in the world for much of the Victorian era, their success based on their use of new technology. James Wilson, one of the partners, was a devout Christian, and the company was a pioneer of the ethical treatment of employees, providing housing (the Cadbury family copied their ideas at Bourneville) schools, chapels and in 1993 the first contributory pension scheme to include manual workers.

## 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 **2017** 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 **2017**.

**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 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 AND CONFIDENCE**

2016 walk sponsorship and donations have again reached over £26,000. 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, one really good year must not make us 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 2017 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](http://unlock-urban.org.uk/support_walk.php)

### Give as You Live - For On-line 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 Amazon, 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 <http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/unlock> for full details, try it today and help raise valuable funds for Unlock.

The following are available are available from [unlock-urban.org.uk](http://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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# UNLOCK LONDON WALK 34 BALA, BATTERSEA AND CLAPHAM SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2017 9AM TO 5PM



BATTERSEA PARK

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