



*Seeing the Capital Differently*

## Police

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By printing this leaflet you have decided to discover, or rediscover, the sights and delights of **London** in a different way. We hope that you enjoy your explorations of our fascinating and historical capital city.

This leaflet has been designed to allow you to explore as the mood takes you. Both well-known and lesser-known attractions are included and they are randomly listed so that you plan your own itinerary and visit as many or as few as you wish.

Please note:- some places restrict entry and ask for prior application either in writing or by telephone. This is indicated where known. Others may change opening days and hours with little warning – it may be worth checking by phone if they are off the beaten track.

A very brief description of the reason for the choice of site is given but because of space it is not possible to include much detail. Again a telephone call to the site may help you to decide on whether a visit is worthwhile. Remember there may be other items that interest you at the same site.

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### Enjoy Your Explorations

London has two police forces: the Metropolitan Police who look after Greater London and the City of London Police who patrol the City (the Square Mile). The only feature that distinguishes one from the other is the helmet. Each force is able to enter the other's territory

### **Trafalgar Square, WC2/SW1**

transport: Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 3,6,9,11,12, 13,15,23,24,29,53,77A,88,91,139,159,176; boat Embankment Pier

*this famous square has recently been pedestrianised on the north side with a new staircase giving easy access to the National Gallery. Look carefully in one of the stone bollards in the square and you can find a police phone box. This has direct access to New Scotland Yard, the head-quarters of the London Metropolitan police. In the south-east corner of the Square is the smallest police station in London. It holds one man and is topped with a lantern that supposedly came from Lord Nelson's flagship 'Victory'*

### **City of London Police Museum**

37 Wood Street, EC2  
020 7601 2705

transport: St Paul's u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 56, 100

opening: by application  
free admission

*the history and memorabilia of the City of London police - insignia, uniforms, photographs etc.*

### **Metropolitan Police Historical Museum**

New Scotland Yard, Room 1328A, St James's, SW1H  
020 8305 2524

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,88,211  
opening: the Crime Museum is not open to public (it is used as a lecture theatre on subjects to do with Criminology). The rest of the Museum is at present closed to the public but it is hoped that a new policing museum will open shortly at the old Bow Street Police Station

*all about London's Metropolitan police force and its history. Items range from wheels and pedometers of 1934-38 used for measuring the distance covered on police beats; aspects and possessions of Robert Peel, Home Secretary in 1822 and instigator of the Metropolitan Police Act of 1829; details of the working of the magistrates courts; the Punishment Book of 1847 that records the punishment of members of the police; uniforms and photographs since 1921 of women in the police; medals; helmet plates and buttons. There is a collection of approximately 1500 uniforms illustrating the appearance of Police Officers, Bow Street runners and the Marine Police including the tipstaves that had a hollow shaft contained the warrant that conferred police powers on its bearer - the precursor to the modern warrant card a special collection of items designed to give police officers practical instruction on how to detect and prevent crime are kept in the Crime Museum. This is now used as a lecture theatre for talks on aspects of criminology such as forensic science, pathology, law and investigation. Unfortunately this is not open to the public*

*the archives held by the Museum cover all aspects of London's Metropolitan police force and its history. Among the topics covered are special constables, riots, strikes, marches, ceremonial occasions, Special Branch, Ireland and terrorism, the suffragette movement, life in London during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, crime investigation, forensic science, CID, a Rogues Gallery (photographs),*

*fingerprints, stolen vehicles, traffic control - just about every aspect of police work you can think of*

### **Thames Police Museum**

98 Wapping High Street, Wapping, E1  
020 7275 4421

transport: Wapping u/g; buses 100, D3

opening: by arrangement

*this museum is in the headquarters of the oldest uniformed police force (the marine police). The Force was founded in 1798 and is a section of the Metropolitan Police. The Museum has paintings & portraits, prints & photographs of marine police activities, uniforms, equipment and models of police craft, and a model of a Thames sailing barge*

### **Vestry House Museum**

Vestry Road, Walthamstow, E17  
020 8509 1917

[www.lbwf.gov.uk/leisure/intro/vestry\\_intro.stm](http://www.lbwf.gov.uk/leisure/intro/vestry_intro.stm)

transport: Walthamstow Central u/g & rail; buses W12, W16

facilities: disabled access by prior arrangement; library; sales desk; tours by arrangement

opening: Mon-Fri 10.00-13.00, 14.00-17.30; Sat 10.00-13.00, 14.00-17.00

admission free

*here you can see the old 1840s prisoner's cell recalling the use of Vestry House as a local police station*

### **Sir Robert Peel**

Parliament Square, Westminster, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

*Robert Peel (1788-1850) was a British statesman and prime minister. As Home Secretary he had reorganised the London Police Force who became known as 'Peelers' or 'Bobbies'. This statue of 1876 is by Matthew Noble*

### **Dame Margaret Dawson**

gardens off Cheyne Row, west of Albert Bridge, SW3

transport: South Kensington u/g 1 mile, Fulham Broadway u/g ¾ mile; buses 49,239,319,345

*this bird bath by Charles James Pibworth commemorates the founding of the Women's Police Service in 1915 by the musician Margaret Dawson (1875-1920)*

### **WPC Yvonne Fletcher**

north-east corner of St James's Square, SW1

transport: Piccadilly Circus u/g; buses 3,6,9,12,13,14, 15,19,22,23,38,53,88,139,159

*a memorial of 1984 marks the spot where WPC Fletcher was shot and killed during the 1984 siege of Libyan Embassy*

### **Wellington Arch**

Hyde Park Corner, W1  
020 7930 2726

transport: Hyde Park Corner u/g; buses 2,8,9,10,14,16, 19,22,36,38,52,73,74,82,137

facilities: disabled access with ramps and lift; shop; group tours with talk & refreshments

opening: Wed-Sun Apr-Sept 10.00-17.30, Oct 10.00-17.00, Nov-Mar 10.00-16.00

admission charge

*there used to be a police station inside the Arch but it closed in 1950. It was the second smallest in London, the smallest being in Trafalgar Square*

### **Jane Arbuthnot, Stephen Dodd and Noel Lane**

on the side of Harrods, Hans Crescent, SW1

transport: Knightsbridge u/g; buses 14,74,C1

*a simple memorial marks the spot where these three police officers were killed by an IRA bomb in 1983*

### **Hugh Montague, 1st Viscount Trenchard**

Victoria Embankment Gardens - in front of former Air Ministry, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

*this statue of 1961, by William Macmillan, commemorates Viscount Trenchard (1873-1956). Following a successful career as Commander of the Royal Flying Corps during the 1<sup>st</sup> World War and First Chief of Air Staff (1918-29) he became Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police (1931-5) and founded the Police College at Hendon*

### **Sir Robert Peel**

Peel Centre (Metropolitan Police Training Centre), Aerodrome Road, Hendon, NW9

transport: Colindale u/g; buses 204,303

*another statue to Sir Robert Peel by Sir William Behnes. Erected in Postman's Park, Aldersgate, EC1 in 1855, it was moved here in 1935.*

### **Waterloo Pier**

Embankment, WC2

transport: Embankment & Temple u/g, Charing Cross u/g & rail; buses 1,6,9,11,13,15,23,26,59,68,76,77A,91,168, 171,172,176,188,341

*this is London's only floating police station*

### **Guildhall**

Aldermanbury, EC2  
020 7606 3030

transport: Bank & Mansion House u/g, Moorgate u/g & rail; buses 8,56,76,100,133,242

opening: daily May-Sept 10.00-17.00; Mon-Sat Oct-Apr 10.00-17.00 (advisable to check opening as often closed for events)

admission free

*if you look carefully in Guildhall yard near the church you will find the original blue police call box; now no longer in use*

### **Wimbledon Common, SW19**

transport: Wimbledon u/g & rail; buses 72,85,93,200, 265,K3

*the Common is patrolled by a mounted police force called the Wimbledon Common Rangers*

### **Territorial Policing Headquarters**

between Westminster Bridge and Horse Guards Avenue, Victoria Embankment, SW1

transport: Westminster u/g; buses 3,11,12,24,53,77A, 88,159,211; boat Westminster Millennium Pier

*although most London police stations still have blue lights outside, there are very few of the original lights left - this is an exception*

### **P C Nina Mackay**

Arthingworth Street, E15

transport: Plaistow u/g, West Ham u/g & rail; buses 69, 104,238,241,262,276,473

*erected in 1998 this 3ft (0.9m) high granite plaque commemorates the police constable who died in October 1997. She was stabbed by a paranoid schizophrenic who was being arrested for breach of bail*

### **No.38 Whitehall Place, SW1**

transport: St James's Park u/g; buses 11,24,88,211

*this was the original home of the world famous Scotland Yard and a plaque tells you that it is the 'site of Scotland Yard, the 1st headquarters of the Metropolitan Police 1829-1890'. The building is now occupied by a government department. the presentday headquarters, New Scotland Yard, can be found between Victoria Street and Broadway - the famous sign seen on many news reports is on Broadway*

### **Copper pub**

206 Tower Bridge Road, SE1  
020 7407 0968

transport: Tower Hill u/g, Tower Gateway DLR, London Bridge u/g & rail; buses 1,42,47,78,188,381

*a play on the word 'copper' this pub sign shows a large copper boiler (used for boiling clothes etc.) on one side while the other shows a policeman*

### **Postmans Park**

Aldersgate Street, EC1

transport: St Paul's & Barbican u/g; buses 8,25,56,100, 172,242

*near the entrance and left as a memorial is an original blue police telephone box*

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