

# Ben Schott's London

compiled for Time Out

## LOVED LONDON & LONDON PECULIARS

Hampstead Heath & extension  
Hoover Building · RIBA building  
Banqueting House, Whitehall  
Hill Gardens, Hampstead Heath  
Aviary, London Zoo  
British Library (Humanities 2)  
Highgate Scientific & Lit. Inst.  
Hindu Temple, Neasden

Old *Daily Express*, Fleet Street  
The Palace of Westminster  
Routemasters · St James's Park  
Blue Plaques · K1, K2, K3  
Dead Comics' Society Plaques  
National Portrait Gallery  
Fairway FXSs · John Lewis  
Woolwich foot tunnel

Revolving New Scotland Yard sign · Water pump, Bedford Row  
Gresham's Grasshopper, Lombard Street · The London Library  
Mounting steps outside the Athenaeum Club · Polari  
Savoy Street driving direction · The clock at Fortnum & Mason  
Police call box, St Martins Le Grand · Postman's Park memorials  
TV crews on St Stephen's Green, Westminster · Georgian buildings  
Folly 'bridge' at Kenwood, Hampstead · Little Ben, Victoria Street  
Green cabbie shelters · Stanfords, Covent Garden  
Elle Exclusive Menswear, Wigmore Street · Alan Alan's Magic Spot  
Drinking fountain, St Sepulchre-without-Newgate  
Snappers outside the Royal Courts of Justice  
Cheery tube announcements · London Recumbents, Dulwich Park  
London Central Mosque, Regent's Park · Smith's Snuff Shop  
Coade Stone Lion, Westminster Bridge · Metro Imaging, Clerkenwell  
Marble Arch police charge room · London Graphic Design Centre  
'Penny chute' at the House of St Barnabas-in-Soho, Soho Square  
Jeremy Bentham's body, University College · Primrose Hill  
Inept kite flying on Parliament Hill · John Bell & Croyden, Wigmore St.  
The *Evening Standard* vendor at Old Street tube, c.1989  
Ace Cafe, North Circular Road · Smythson of Bond Street  
Camel bench, Victoria Embankment · Porter's Lodge, Ely Place  
Link-boys' torch snuffers · Golden Boy of Pye Corner, Smithfield  
'All troops must break step when marching over this bridge', Albert Bridge

## FAVOURITE LONDON VIEWS

Towards Whitehall on the bridge in St James's Park  
From the low-slung seats at *Vertigo 42*  
From the roof of the Truman Brewery, Brick Lane  
Waterloo sunsets · Driving atop the Westway at night  
The formal gardens at Fenton House, Hampstead  
From the window of a Fairway FX4 · Fournier Street  
Across Viaduct Pond, from the viaduct, Hampstead Heath  
The Barbican ponds on a summer's night  
Out of the window of the Beefsteak Club, Irving Street  
St Paul's by night · The National Theatre's electronic display

## CLICHÉD YET CHERISHED

Abbey Road zebra crossing & graffiti wall · Horse Guard's Parade  
Dr Johnson's House · OXO Tower windows · Cockney rhyming slang  
Lubetkin's penguin pool, London Zoo · Bar Italia, Soho · Beefeeders  
Chamber of the House of Commons · Speakers' Corner, Hyde Park  
Hampton Court maze · Pearly Kings & Queens · The Crown Jewels

## LONDON FILMS

*The Fallen Idol* · *The Tall Guy* · *Alfie* · *Mary Poppins* · *Blow Up* · *The Servant*  
*The Man Who Knew Too Much* · *Lavender Hill Mob* · *Mona Lisa*  
*The Long Good Friday* · *My Beautiful Launderette* · *Passport to Pimlico*

## FOOD & DRINK

*Moro*, Exmouth Market  
*Louis Pâtisserie*, Hampstead  
*Bombay Blueprint*, Hampstead  
*Julie's*, Holland Park  
*The Savoy Grill*, Strand  
*Villandry*, Great Portland Street  
*Joe Allen*, Covent Garden  
*Mon Plaisir*, Covent Garden  
*The Reform Club*, Pall Mall  
*Chez Bruce*, Wandsworth  
*Sea Shell of Lisson Grove*  
*Ridley Road Bagel Bakery*  
*Meson Don Felipe*, The Cut  
*The Ginger Pig*, Marylebone

*La Fromagerie*, Highbury  
*Benugo*, Clerkenwell  
*M. Moen & Sons*, Clapham  
*The Flask*, Highgate  
*The Holly Bush*, Hampstead  
*Vats Wine Bar*, Bloomsbury  
*Maison Bertaux*, Soho  
*The French House*, Soho  
*The Coach & Horses*, Soho  
*The Pig's Ear*, Chelsea  
*Tapas Brindisa*, Southwark  
*Jin Kichi*, Hampstead  
*Petrus*, Knightsbridge  
*The Engineer*, Primrose Hill

## STATUES, MEMORIALS, &C.

The Cenotaph, Whitehall · Hodge, Gough Square  
John Soane, Bank of England · Submariners, Victoria Embankment  
Justice, Old Bailey · Marchioness Memorial, Southwark Cathedral  
'*Play Up! Play Up! and Play the Game*', Lord's Cricket Ground  
Royal Artillery Memorial, Hyde Park Corner  
Canadian War Memorial, Green Park · La Délivrance, Finchley Road  
Newton, British Library · Traffic Light Tree, Canary Wharf  
Window Cleaner, Edgware Road · LIFFE Trader, Walbrook

## LOATHED LONDON

Foxton's Mini Coopers  
Heathrow · Gatwick  
Camden Town tube & environs  
Downing Street gates  
MI6 HQ, Vauxhall Bridge Road  
Archway 'suicide' Bridge  
Nat West Media Centre, Lord's  
Royal College of Physicians  
The London Eye and environs

HMS Belfast's position  
Unnecessary 'traffic calming'  
Metrocabs · Taxi touts  
Bendy buses · Excess estate agents  
'They had no choice'  
Taxi tariff 3 · Brent Cross  
Hogarth roundabout & flyover  
Bicycle 'rickshaws'  
Leicester Square and environs

## LONDON HEROES

Peter 'Mind the Gap' Lodge · Babs from Bermondsey  
Phil 'Don't be a sinner, be a winner' Howard · Holmes & Watson  
Frank Pick · Harry Beck · Edward Johnston · Abram Games  
Phileas Fogg · *Golf Sale! Golf Sale! Golf Sale!* men · Danny Baker  
Stanley 'Protein Man' Green · Samuel Pepys · Robert Peel  
Wiggins (Baker Street Irregular) · Joseph Bazalgette · Dennis Severs  
Phyllis 'A-Z' Pearsall · The Wombles · Inspector Sands · Postmen  
Thomas Lord · John '*Big Issue*' Bird · Nicholas Hawksmoor  
John Nash · Thomas Coram · Ian Dury · Mark Powell (tailor)  
Christopher Wren · Robert Adam · Alexis Benoit Soyler · Bertie Wooster  
Henry '*London Labour & the London Poor*' Mayhew · Tony Hancock  
Hare Krishna devotees on Oxford Street · Nikolaus Pevsner  
Berthold Lubetkin · Joseph Paxton · Charles Dickens · Paddington Bear  
Giles Gilbert Scott (designer of the red phone boxes) · Inigo Jones  
George Gilbert Scott · Sven the Norwegian fisherman

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