

## Introduction

Discover the links between Chessington industrial estate and Chessington North station in the Kingston borough. This looped walk explores the heritage of the Industrial estate and green spaces around which make this estate an asset to the neighbourhood and the Borough. On your way around, follow this easy read guide and discover fascinating local history. For further exploration, you can also join a number of walks, trails and parks connecting into the route.

## Other walking routes



- Chessington South - Malden Rushett walk
- Tolworth - Malden Manor - Berrylands walk
- Tolworth - Chessington walk
- Chessington Industrial Estate - Chessington North Station walk
- Hogsmill River trail - Kingston rail station to Malden Manor station
- Chessington Countryside walk

## How to get there

**Train** - South Western railway between Vauxhall and Chessington South.

**Bus** - Between Kingston Town centre - Chessington South 465, 71

**Car** - Parking is available at Epsom Common Car park, Chessington World of Adventures, The Star - Malden Rushett, The Shy Horse.

## About The Community Brain

The Community Brain allows people to participate on their own terms and provides greater opportunities and support for people to realise their potential.

It encourages them to realise the positive impact they can have on themselves, on those around them and on where they live in a sustainable way.

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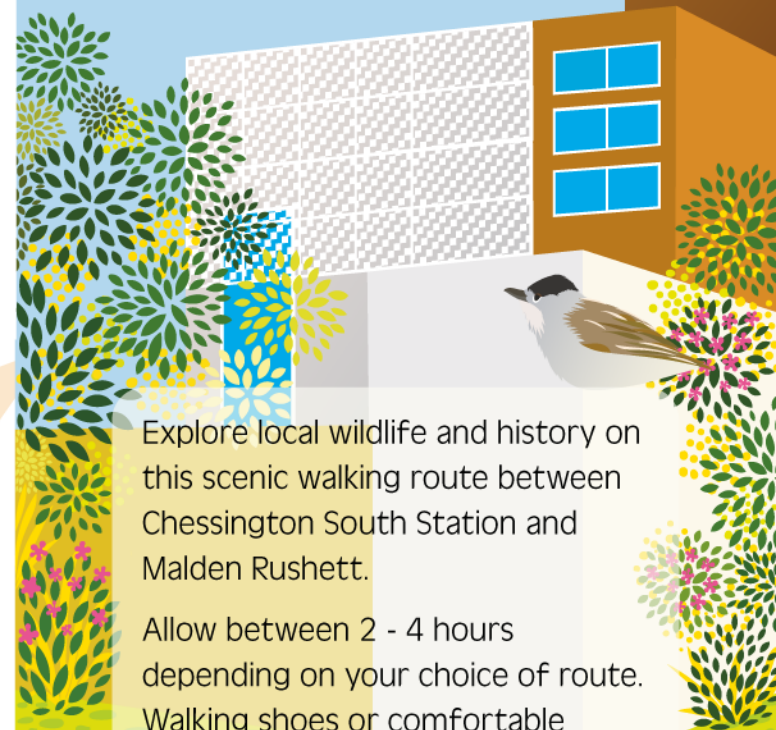
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# Cox Lane Industrial estate heritage walk



Explore local wildlife and history on this scenic walking route between Chessington South Station and Malden Rushett.

Allow between 2 - 4 hours depending on your choice of route. Walking shoes or comfortable footwear recommended.

## Chessington Industrial Estate

When we think of Mary Quant and the sixties cultural revolution, the Formula 1 world championships of Bernie Ecclestone and Nelson Piquet, or Donald Campbell's successful attempts to smash the water speed record, we are hardly inclined to think of suburban industrial estates. Yet the Cox Lane industrial estate in Chessington, located in the south of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, has over the years played a very real role in facilitating these incredible stories.

The estate was established in the 1930s and sits between Hook, Chessington and Tolworth along the railway line. Over 100 different businesses have been located here since then.

The estate represents a rich heritage but also a centre for innovation, creativity and employment in the present. Find out more about the exciting history of the industrial estate on the Community Brain website.

Some noteworthy businesses of the past and present are:

- **Gala Cosmetics** (Manufactured all of Mary Quant's iconic makeup in the 1960's)
- **Siebe Gorman** (Deep sea technology)
- **Decca RACAL** (Defence sector)
- **Motor Racing Developments Ltd.** (Brabham Formula 1 Team)



## Bonesgate Open Space

This is a five hectare linear public park and local nature reserve, running alongside the Bonesgate stream on both sides of Chessington Road. It has grassy areas which formed the ends of fields now built on by housing development and coppiced hazel. You can see yellow wagtails, herons and occasionally a kingfisher along the stream. Butterflies can also be seen particularly along the sunny path on the west side of the stream leading to the Bonesgate public house.

## Church Lane

The lane was originally a narrow road leading up to St Mary the Virgin, the Parish Church at the top of the hill, with a pond at the bottom where the lane joined Moor Lane. There are a number of cottages still standing along the lane dating from the 19th and early 20th centuries, including Fream Cottages near the church built in 1897, named after one of the original manors in the area whose manor house was nearby Chessington Hall.

## Churchfields

Much of the land of Churchfields was originally part of the Chessington Hall estate, a country house standing to the north of Churchfields on Garrison Lane. The land included farmland and an orchard. The route of the path through the park follows the line of some very old paths dating back to the 19th century, linking the



church and Church Lane directly down to near the junction of Clayton Road and Hook Road. The Chessington Hall estate is important in literary history as Samuel Crisp lived there in the 18th century, his good friend and novelist Fanny Burnley is likely to have written her second novel Cecillia there in the summerhouse. metal coal tax posts.

## Bullwhips, formerly Gosbury Hill

The walk takes you through an interesting green space at the top of what was known as Gosbury Hill, the site of Hook's grandest estate which included a nine acre park, chapel, tower, farm and orchard. As you walk through the trees along the path at the top of the hill you can see views north past St Matthew's in Surbiton, with the Wembley Arch visible across the top of the spire on a clear day. From the grassed area you can see views towards Epsom in the east and Churchfields to the south with the Surrey hills beyond.

## South Western Railway

This is a looped walk, that starts and ends at Chessington North station. This particular railway line connects Chessington South station to London Waterloo through Chessington North, Tolworth, Malden Manor, Motpur Park etc.





# Cox Lane Industrial Estate heritage walking route

This walking route can be enjoyed as a 3 mile walk between Cox lane Industrial estate and residential areas near Chessington North station. Comfortable footwear is recommended.

On climbing the Bullwhips hill, you can see views north past St. Matthews church in Surbiton, with the Wembley Arch visible across the top of the spire on a clear day. One can enjoy a picnic here on a summer's day

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Julie Andrews, the famous actress and singer who starred in the Sound of Music and many other prominent films stayed with her father, Ted, in Chessington as a child at a house in Roebuck Road.

Bonesgate open space is a five hectare linear public park and local nature reserve, running alongside the Bonesgate stream, bordering Epsom. You can spot Yellow Wagtails and Herons along this path

Running alongside the Hogsmill River, Tolworth Court Farm is Kingston's largest green space at 43 hectares. The species-rich hedgerows support a locally important population of brown hairstreak butterfly.

Start/End point

Route to follow

Route to follow (Grassy path)

Other road

Railway line

Trees

Toilet

Viewpoint

Café/Pub

Industries

Recreation/Club

Bus Stop

Train Station

River

Children's Play area

Parking