

Route 6 - Kingsbury, Roe Green Park and Trobridge's Cottages

Route Highlights

This route starts at Kingsbury Tube station, and goes through Roe Green Park. Be sure to stop and admire the walled garden which is managed by the Barnhill Conservation Group. You will then pass through an area with plenty of examples of Ernest Trobridge's Thatched Cottages, one of Brent's most famous architects, as well as passing through Silver Jubilee Park.

1 Start by exiting Kingsbury Tube Station by turning right onto **2 Kingsbury Road** towards Roe Green Park. **3** Turn onto Roe Green Park when you can and make your way through to the exit on the east side of the park. **4** Cross over Roe Green Road and continue onto Highfield Avenue **5**. Turn right into **6 Buck Lane**, and be sure to venture down Ash Tree Dell and Oak Tree Dell to see the cottages. **7** Turn left onto Kingsbury Road and turn right onto Townsend Lane **8**. Head south in the park until you reach Eithorne Way **9**. At the roundabout, cross onto Church Lane Recreation Ground and walk along the northern borders of the park **10**. Exit at Church Lane, and continue over onto Slough Lane **11**. Follow Slough Lane around and via left onto Old Kenton Lane **12**. Turn left where this road ends onto Kingsbury Rd, **13**, and head back to the Kingsbury Tube station where this **walk ends**.

Places of Interest/Heritage



Roe Green Park: evolved from the former farmland of Roe Green House, the site of which is now occupied by Roe Green Village. This was built from 1918 to 1920 with assistance from prisoners of war as a garden village to

house aircraft workers in Kingsbury. The site of the park was bought by Brent Council for the community in two stages in 1935 and 1938. Within the park there is a walled garden which is managed by the Barnhill Conservation Group which meets regularly with its volunteers to promote the site. Drop in and see what they have been up to. There is also a playground, cafe, extensive sports facilities and small carpark at the park.

Trobridge's thatched cottages:

Although there are still homes throughout England designed by Ernest Trobridge, NW9 has the most numerous examples of his architecture, and was his home from 1915-1942. He began designing houses post WWI in



an attempt to solve the housing crisis. His signature designs included a return to the traditional timber house using green elm wood which would be shaped whilst drying allowing for strong yet light building, would use cheap

local materials that provided good insulation, and were designed with a spiritual purpose to bring joy to those that lived there. Examples of his architecture can be found: 1. Mountaire Court on Highfield Avenue; 2. Whitecastle Mansions on Wakemans Hill Avenue; 3. Stonegate Court on Buck Lane; 4. Nearly all houses on Ash Tree Dell; 5. The Triangle on Buck Lane; 6. Most of Oak Tree Dell; 7. Highfort Court on Buck Lane; 8. Thatched Cottage at 142 Slough Lane; 9. Midcot Thatched Cottage on Slough Lane and 10. Hayland Thatched Cottage on Kingsbury Rd.

Holy Innocents Church

Kingsbury: is Grade II listed and was built in 1884. Designed by William Butterworth it's a typical Butterfield country church, showing the influence of the Gothic revival of the time.

There are two notable stained glass windows, one in the West which depicts St Michael, installed by the Kingsbury Polo club to commemorate the Peace of Versailles in 1919, and one in the East Window depicting the adoration of the Three Kings in Gothic Revival style in memory of the first vicar of Holy Innocents. The bell turret was erected in 1895 and the organ was installed in 1906. In 1957 the narthex, baptistery, north aisle and choir vestry were added.



Silver Jubilee Park: was an existing public open space that was renamed for the Jubilee of King George V in 1935. There are several playing fields and a children's playground and good views to Brent Reservoir in the east.

Facilities:

There are facilities outside Kingsbury station, as well as in Church Lane Recreation Ground. Refreshments are available on Kingsbury Road near the tube station.

Distance

3.5 miles - 5.6 km - 8,100 Steps

Time

Fast - 1hr, **Medium** - 1hr 15mins, **Slow** - 2hrs

Calories

Fast - 390, **Medium**- 350, **Slow** - 340

Difficulty

Route is suitable for prams and wheelchairs.

Start / end station

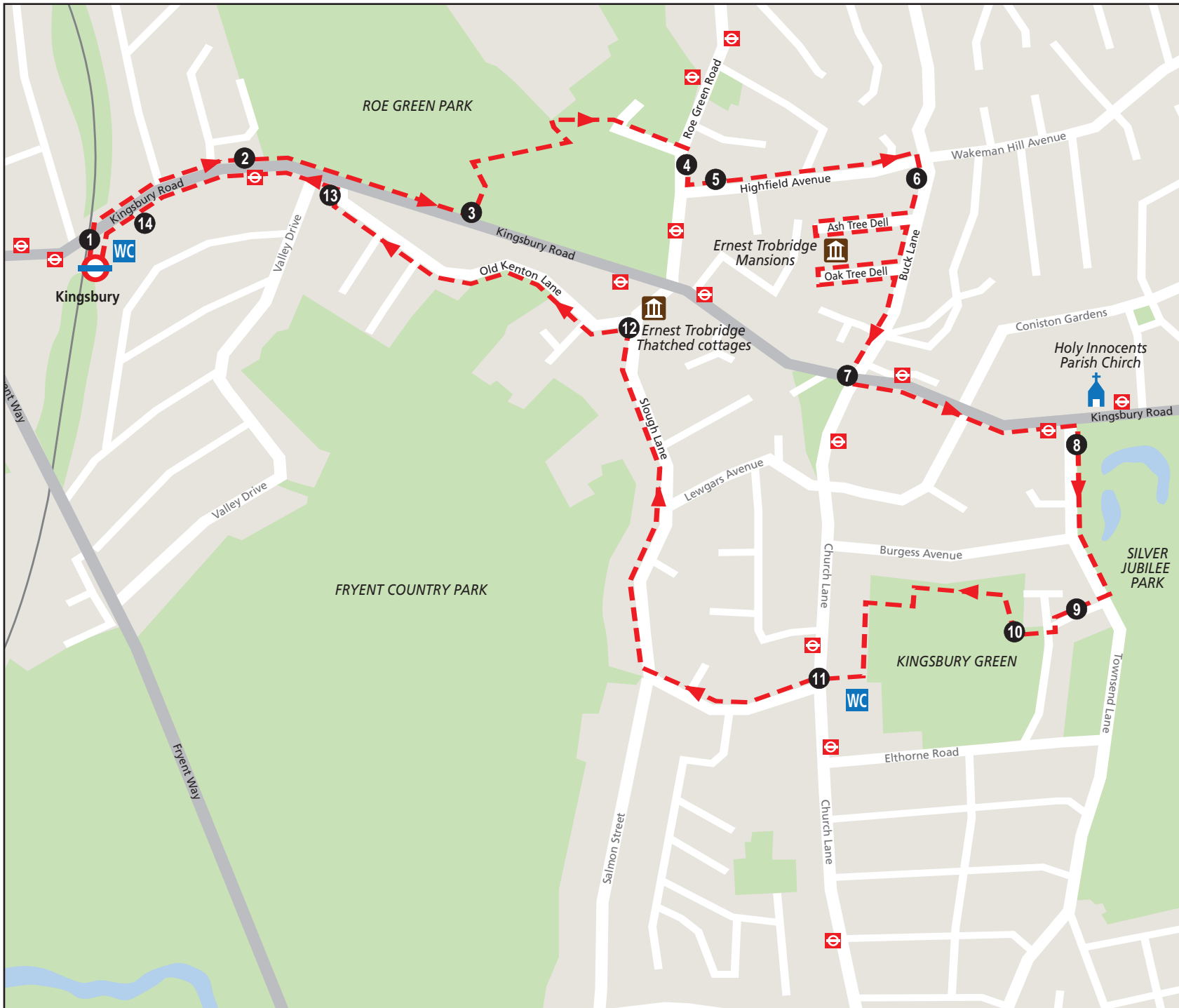
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