



Visit to King's Cross – Stations and Canals Thursday 18th September 2025



Martin Scalway will be leading this visit to explore the area around King's Cross St Pancras and the Regent's canal.

We will travel by train to the King's Cross St Pancras station complex and then after a walk of about 15 minutes along a stretch of canal to pre-arranged tea and coffee in the Canal Museum. There, we will be given a 10-minute introductory talk before individually exploring the museum. It offers fascinating information about the people, boats and horses who operated the canals.

On the short walk back to the station we will visit Keystone Crescent (pictured) and learn about its extraordinary history. As well as supposedly having the smallest radius of any crescent in Europe, it is also apparently unique in having a matching inner and outer circle.



Lunch will be available in the modern concourse of Kings Cross Station. There is a choice of fast food cafés and a large rambling pub which occupies what used to be the station offices – well worth a visit even if you don't eat lunch there.

We shall then walk about half a mile through quiet streets, past charming Victorian houses and the Grade 1 listed St Pancras Church, to visit the Wellcome Collection. There we can go to a new exhibition, [Thirst: In Search of Freshwater](#):

“From ancient Mesopotamia and Victorian London to modern-day Nepal and Singapore, the exhibition combines art, science, history, technology and indigenous knowledge”.



Some members may also want to visit the [Being Human](#) gallery, which is a permanent exhibition. It is also possible to have tea at the Wellcome Collection, for members who have bought Travelcards and want to travel back independently (to get home earlier, for example).

Some of the group will take the 15-minute walk back to St Pancras, having tea in its 5-star [Victorian hotel](#) before travelling back to Leatherhead on a London Stations return ticket – avoiding central London.

Cost: The price of £10 covers group entrance to the Canal Museum and prearranged tea and coffee there. (All travel, lunch and incidentals/afternoon tea are at personal expense)

Detailed timings for this visit are on the Booking Form

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