



TfL Corporate Archives Subject Guides

Subject Guide No 6: Disused Underground Stations

Along its entire network of 249 miles, there are in the region of 40 abandoned or relocated stations on the London Underground. Some of these are subsurface and some are above ground, some have vanished without trace whereas others are almost intact. These stations were closed for a range of reasons, from low passenger numbers (Blake Hall was estimated to have only 17 passengers a day at its closure) to rerouting of lines (as with Harrow Town), and have been used for multiple purposes both in the past and in the present day. Aldwych station was for example used during the First World War to house treasures from the National Gallery's collection and during the Second World War to house artefacts from the British Museum, including the Elgin Marbles. Today it is often used as a location for filming, from music videos such as Prodigy's 'Firestarter' to the zombie film '28 Weeks Later'.

Many stations were used as shelters for the public during the Second World War, even if they had already been closed for service (City Road for example). Others acted as decampment areas for both the London Passenger Transport Board Head Office staff and the government - Down Street was fitted out as an underground office facility complete with telephone lines and even played host to a meeting of the War Cabinet at 20 minutes notice. One, Brompton Road, was even were sold to the War Office in 1938 and is still used by the Ministry of Defence today.

This guide is intended as an introductory resource for the research of disused underground stations. It only lists 22 stations as it does not address those stations which have relocated but retained the same name and line service. A longer, more in depth index is available from the Corporate Archives on request. Neither the guide nor the index discusses the issue of deep level 'shelters'. Pointers to resource material on these can be provided on request; however as some of these are still in operational areas within the Underground network, not all material relating to them is yet publicly accessible.

Stations which are outside the London Borough boundary are included. Stations are included whether or not the premises were owned by the London Underground, the criteria for inclusion being that the station was served by underground trains.

In addition to total closures where the station's name has been eradicated from the Underground map, complete relocations of stations have been included.

Table of disused Underground Stations

Date Opened	Station Opened As	Line(s)	Other Names	Name at Closure	Date closed	Main Reference Material
30 Nov 1907	Strand (until 8 May 1915)	Great Northern Piccadilly and Brompton Railway Piccadilly		Aldwych (from 9 May 1915)	30 Sep 1994	(NEW)LT000280/296 21 May 1990-2 Feb 1994 Holborn to Aldwych service closure
1865	Blake Hall	Epping-Ongar Central		Blake Hall	31 Oct 1981	(NEW)LT000294/108 2 Sep 1949-15 May 1970 Central Line: Epping-Ongar Line (1949-1970) (NEW)LT000818/054 23/08/1969 to 24/08/1972 Epping-Ongar Railway Committee
30 Jul 1900	British Museum	Central London Railway		British Museum	25 Sep 1933	(NEW)LT000509/044 27 Oct 1933-29 Nov 1934 British Museum Station
15 Dec 1906	Brompton Road	Great Northern Piccadilly and Brompton Railway		Brompton Road	30 Jul 1934	(NEW)LT001484/007 1903-1906 Brompton and Piccadilly Circus Railway
1 May 1979	Charing Cross	Jubilee		Charing Cross	20 Nov 1999	(NEW)LT001244/013 25 Oct 1974-23 May 1977 Planning - Jubilee Line - Charing Cross (Formerly Strand and Trafalgar Square)
17 Nov 1901	City Road	City and South London Railway		City Road	9 Aug 1922	

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15 Mar 1907	Down Street	Great Northern Piccadilly and Brompton Railway		Down Street	22 May 1932	(NEW)LT000503/016 7 Jan 1932-29 Dec 1932 Minutes of Chairman's Meeting Numbers 2917 to 3332
1 May 1883	Hounslow (until 1884)	Metropolitan District Railway		Hounslow Town (1884-1 Apr 1886, 1 Mar 1903-2 May 1909)	2 Apr 1886-2 Mar 1903, 3 May 1909	
18 Dec 1890	King William Street	City and South London Railway		King William Street	25 Feb 1900	
13 Apr 1868	St John's Wood Road (until 31 Mar 1925)	Metropolitan and St. Johns Wood Railway Metropolitan	St John's Wood (1 Apr 1925-10 Jun 1939)	Lords (from 11 Jun 1939)	20 Nov 1939	(NEW)LT000509/026 4 Feb 1936-16 Jun 1942 Acacia Road Station - St. John's Wood Station
6 Oct 1884	Mark Lane (until 30 Sep 1946)	Circle		Tower Hill (1 Oct 1946)	5 Feb 1967	(NEW)LT000312/014/003 10 Jun 1932 Metropolitan District Railway Mark Lane Station
13 Apr 1868	Marlborough Road	Metropolitan and St. John's Railway		Marlborough Road	20 Nov 1939	
1 Apr 1885	North Weald	Epping-Ongar Central		North Weald	30 Sep 1994	
24 Apr 1865	Ongar	Epping-Ongar Central		Ongar	30 Sep 1994	
1 May 1883	Osterley Park and Spring Grove	Hounslow and Metropolitan Line		Osterley Park and Spring Grove	25 Mar 1934	

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3 Mar 1884	St Mary's (Whitechapel) (until 25 Jan 1923)	Metropolitan and Metropolitan District South Eastern Railway East London		St Mary's (Whitechapel Road) (from 26 Jan 1923)	1 May 1938	
13 Jun 1905	South Acton	Metropolitan District Railway Piccadilly		South Acton	2 Mar 1959	
22 Jun 1907	South Kentish Town	Charing Cross Euston and Hampstead Railway		South Kentish Town	5 Jun 1924	
13 Apr 1868	Swiss Cottage	Metropolitan and St. John's Wood Railway Metropolitan		Swiss Cottage	18 Aug 1940	(NEW)LT000610 1889-1938 Plans of land (NEW)LT000752/021 1929 Plans 1929
1 May 1908	Wood Lane (Exhibition) (until 1 Nov 1914)	Hammersmith and City	Wood Lane (White City) (from 5 Nov 1920-22 Nov 1947)	White City (from 23 Nov 1947)	25 Oct 1959	(NEW)LT000176/210 17 Dec 1907-24 Nov 1921 Construction of station (NEW)LT000865/006 17 Dec 1947-2 Feb 1948 Includes change of name

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14 May 1908	Wood Lane	Central London Railway		Wood Lane	23 Nov 1947	<p>(NEW)LT001611/057 circa 1925</p> <p>Wood Lane Station</p> <p>(NEW)LT000634/022 circa 1939</p> <p>Wood Lane Station Reconstruction and New Sidings</p>
15 Dec 1906	York Road	Great Northern Piccadilly and Brompton Railway		York Road	19 Sep 1932	<p>(NEW)LT000454/002 25/04/1932 to 31/03/1933</p> <p>Correspondence, memoranda, and extracts from minutes concerning the removal of lifts and the closure of York Road Station</p>