

Welcome to Priory Park Heritage Trail: Board 3

This is the third of four boards forming the Priory Park Heritage Trail. The boards are placed at various locations, highlighting aspects of the Park's history.



Become a **Time Detective**. To answer the questions on each board you will have to read the text and look for clues all around you.

This entrance leads you into the original part of the Park – Middle Lane Pleasure Grounds – established in 1896.

Middle Lane Pleasure Grounds ▼



The 1800s saw London's size and population grow on an unprecedented level. The spread of London reached Hornsey in the late 1800s and Hornsey turned from a quiet, yet bustling country Middlesex village, to an urban London suburb. Priory Park provided a precious retreat for recreation in a rapidly developing suburb.

The Railway

The Railway arrived in Hornsey in 1850 – the first station out of London from Kings Cross. Commuter lines opened in Crouch End and Harringay from 1867 and this saw development boom. London was overcrowded but now people could move to 'Healthy Hornsey' and still manage to travel into London for work.

Hornsey Railway Station ▼



Pictured here is the north side of the newly busy High Street in 1905. In Crouch End and Hornsey Village large estates were sold off and the land built upon. Many of the houses and shops built during this boom are still in use today.

The Campsbourne Estate was sold off in 1865 and terraced housing erected (eventually updated after the war). Similarly The Grove Estate made way for Birkbeck Road and Lightfoot Road laid out in the 1870s.

Development spread further in the 1890s and early 1900s. When the large 19th century mansion The Priory was demolished in 1902, the urban development of Hornsey could be completed.



Time Detectives

Pictured here are The Lindsay Cottages that used to be to the right of this entrance, where Priory Cottage now stands. They abutted The Ferns, a 19th century villa. Can you see their roofline still on the wall?

Priory Park used to have a gatekeeper that lived in a cottage by the entrance on Barrington Road. The house is still there – can you find it and locate the initials HLB, which stand for Hornsey Local Board, on the gable end?

Lindsay Cottages ▼



Getting Involved

Community involvement is a key aspect of achieving and maintaining high standards within Haringey's parks and open spaces and we welcome your involvement. To find out how you can get more involved with the Friends of Priory Park or to take part in volunteer workdays with conservation charity BTCV, contact Parks Customer Care on 020 8489 5662 or email parkscustomer@haringey.gov.uk

Parks Constabulary

To report incidences of crime or anti-social behaviour in a Haringey park or open space please call the 24 hour incident line on 020 8211 1923.

Hornsey High Street ▼

