

	On the Beat in London PT999 - 12km			
START VENUE	London Charing Cross Railway Station, Strand, London WC2N 5HF **The Permanent Trail is open but please adhere to current restrictions and guidance **			
PUBLIC TRANSPORT	Train – Charing Cross. Tube/London Underground – Northern and Bakerloo Line Bus. Visit Transport for London website for journey planner https://tfl.gov.uk/			
DISTANCE/GRADE	12km - Grade 1			
TERRAIN	The route uses pavements through the city. There are numerous busy roads to be crossed, please use the pedestrian crossings or traffic islands where they are available. Suitable for wheelchairs/pushchairs with alternative directions provided.			
GENERAL INFORMATION	Walkers are suggested to allow plenty of time as the route passes many significant buildings and places of interest and you may wish to detour/visit. The route can be walked in stages if desired using the Tube/Bus to travel to/from sections. Local diversions may be needed when major events are taking place or other security restrictions. More details provided in route description.			
REFRESHMENTS:	You will find plenty of places to purchase food and drinks along the route.			
TOILETS	Public Toilets are available on the route (Railway stations, Covent Garden). Toilets will also be available in café's on the route for patrons.			
BWF / IVV	This trail is registered until 31 December 2024.			
ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHECK/UPDATED	2nd February 2024 (Please check you are using the latest version if you printed this off a while ago).			
DATA PROTECTION	The data provided on his form will be retained until 1 st February 2025 for statistical analysis and will then be securely destroyed.			
ENTRY FORM	Please complete the section below and send your IVV logbooks, Payment and an SAE to the Contact Address. Please check the postage rate for weight/ thickness of the envelope. Overseas postage is more expensive.			
ENTRY FEE	£1.50 per walker – payment preferred by Bank Transfer to Metro Bank Account: 45237087 Sort Code: 23-05-80 Name: Region 3 IPA (<i>Metro Bank do not operate "Confirmation of Payee" so a warning saying this account cannot be checked is likely</i>) Please use PT999 +Surname as payment reference (Cheques by exception only when bank transfer is not possible payable to: J Miles)			
AWARD	At the present time there is no award available for this trail. A logbook sticker is available on request - YES/NO If you wish to be notified if an award (cloth badge) is produced please indicate YES/NO and include your email address in the space below.			
CONTACT/ ADDRESS FOR STAMPING OF BOOKS	Jackie Miles (BWF), 397 Park Avenue. Bushey Hertfordshire. WD23 2BP. Email: walkabout422@gmail.com <i>Please use this form (page 1) to submit your entry and claim IVV stamps</i>			
NAMES OF THOSE COMPLETING THE WALK				
DATE WALK COMPLETED				
EMAIL	(in case we need to contact you about your entry)			
PT POSTAL CARDS	Will be stamped if you do not wish to send your IVV books - YES/NO	PAYMENT ENCLOSED	£	
QUESTION 1			QUESTION 4	
QUESTION 2			QUESTION 5	
QUESTION 3				
BWF DECLARATION	The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.			

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Note: Walkers may need to use local diversions when major events are taking place or other security restrictions. The route description has been written to allow walkers to identify where they are and use a smartphone/map App or the many street map signs to find their way, should a diversion be necessary. Walkers are recommended to plan to avoid major events like The Lord Mayors Show/Remembrance Sunday Cenotaph Parade as access will be very limited in parts of the route

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Start Charing Cross Railway Station (from Underground follow signs to main railway station)

With the platforms behind you and the clock in front, take the left-hand EXIT 1 Strand. Exit station and Turn Left onto Strand and go ahead towards Trafalgar Square (you will see Nelsons Column ahead), bearing left, using pedestrian crossings, cross Charing Cross/ Northumberland Avenue and turn Left into Whitehall. Just after The Clarence Pub, Turn Left into Great Scotland Yard. *At no 3-5 which is now the Hyatt Hotel but was formerly the HQ of the Metropolitan Police take a look inside the entrance at the old maps. Opposite Scotland Place on the left is the entrance to the Metropolitan Police Stables.* Continue along Great Scotland Yard, passing the Civil Service Club to Turn Right at the end onto Northumberland Avenue. Cross Over Whitehall Place and enter Whitehall Gardens. *(If the gardens are closed, continue to Embankment and Turn Right onto right-hand pavement but with the River Thames to your left – you can also continue on Embankment all the way to Q1)* Go ahead clockwise round the grass area/statue of “Outram” and ahead through the gardens with the statues to your right/road and river to left. At the end of the gardens, bear left to exit (opposite Tattershall Castle Pub/Ship) , Turn Right and continue ahead along pavement, cross over Horseguards Avenue and enter Victoria Embankment Gardens Whitehall Extension and ahead keeping military statues and MOD building on your right. *(Note the RAF Memorial on Embankment).* At the end of the gardens, cross over to New Scotland Yard

Q1. What year is underneath the sculpture of Sir Robert Peel?

Alternative Q1. If access is restricted: How many sides does the rotating sign have?

On the opposite side of the River Thames you can see the London Eye and the County Hall building.

Continue passing New Scotland Yard, passing the “Eternal Flame” to the end opposite The Queen Elizabeth Tower/Big Ben. Turn Right on Bridge Street, passing Westminster Underground Station entrance to the next set of traffic lights, Turn Left and cross over the road to the Houses of Parliament opposite and ahead for a short distance with the wall/railings on your left to reach the PC Keith Palmer GM memorial (which is low down on your left) by the next Pedestrian Crossing/traffic lights. Cross the road (using the Pedestrian Crossing) towards the statue of Churchill. Continue in the same direction and at the statue of Viscount Palmerston, Turn Left and down the steps, just before the end you will see a statue of Robert Peel on the higher level on the right. Using the Pedestrian Crossing, cross onto the triangle towards Westminster Abbey, then cross Parliament Square to the right and turn right passing the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council building. Continue head, passing Little Sanctuary to the end by Little George Street sign (look up). Turn Left on Great George Street, pass RICS building to 1 Birdcage Walk. Use the pedestrian crossing and go over to the Cafe at Storeys Gate, which was the lodge for the “Keeper of the King’s Birds” for Charles II and has also been used as a Police Station. Turn left on Birdcage Walk keeping green fence on your right, Turn Right on the first path into St Jame’s Park. Head towards the lake, then take the path keeping the lake on the right. At next path junction, with Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Walkway sign in the path, keep ahead.

At the end, bear left and then right to go alongside the stone wall, pass through black/gold gateway and keeping to the right hand pavement (Buckingham Palace and the Victoria Memorial are to your left) continue onto The Mall. Continue along The Mall with St Jame’s Park on your right. Cross Horse Guards Road to reach The National Police Memorial (green glass column) on the right.

Q2. Who was the Chairman and Founder of the Police Memorial Trust?

Return to The Mall and go through Admiralty Arch (or to the left). Cross Over and into Trafalgar Square and go towards Nelsons Column, Bear slightly left keeping the fountains on your left and the Lions on your right. Continue ahead to reach a circular stone pillar with black doors and a lamp on top. This was a “police station”.

Cross the road behind the small police station and Turn Left passing the subway entrance for Charing Cross Underground station and Bus Stop D. Cross Over Duncannon Street, passing church steps, then Turn Right at St Martins-In-The-Field Church Path. (The cafe in the Crypt is recommended, toilets available).

Continue behind the crypt cafe entrance, Turn Left on Adelaide Street and Turn Right on William IV Street. Bear Left onto Agar Street passing round Charing Cross Police Station on your left. At the end Turn Right onto Chandos Place. Cross over Bedford Street into Maiden Lane. Pass the stage door for the Adelphi Theatre. Turn Left onto Southampton Street and ahead into Covent Garden Market.

Continue straight ahead through the pathway of South Hall of the Market and the arches until you emerge on King Street/North Row. *Note the Rules and Bylaws for Covent Garden Market in the last archway.*

Turn Right at the North Row sign, after the rules and keep the market building to your right following the cobbled street, at the Royal Opera House Turn Right and then Turn Left into Russell Street. *SB

At the crossroads of Russell Street, use the zebra crossing to the right, cross and Turn Left onto Bow Street. At Martlett Court – The Bow Street Police Museum is to your right and is well worth a visit open Friday - Sunday 1100-1600hrs see www.bowstreetpolicemuseum.org.uk for details.

Continue ahead passing the former entrance to the Police Station.

Q3. Along the front and side of the former police station, Bow Street Magistrates Court, there are 6 lamps; what is on top of these lamps?

Turn Right onto Broad Court – you are walking on part of was Beat No 4. Turn Left into the passageway, still Broad Court passing The Sun Tavern. At the end Turn Right, you are now on Long Acre, then Turn Right onto Drury Lane. Turn Right onto Martlett Court, Turn Left onto Crown Court. At the end Turn Left onto Russell Street (opposite Stage Door) and then Turn Right onto Drury Lane. Turn Right onto Tavistock Street passing the Aldwych Theatre stage door, Turn Right on Catherine Street, pass the front of The Theatre Royal, Turn Left on Russell Street and you are now back at the junction with Russell Street/Bow Street/Wellington Street (zebra crossing from earlier). This is the end of our walk back in time on Beat No 4. [6km]

Turn Left on Wellington Street, continue passing Lyceum Theatre until you reach, Traffic lights, Strand. Turn part left onto Strand (take care not to follow the curve onto Aldwych) and ahead into pedestrian area, continue towards churches, passing Somerset House on the right, you will also pass the old Piccadilly/Strand station entrance, at the end of the pedestrian area by Australia House, use the crossings and go towards the statue of Gladstone and then bear left across the front of St Clements Dane Church (RAF). Continue on the left hand side of Strand passing the Royal Courts of Justice on the left. At the pillars with Dragons on top (they are also referred to as Griffins) Strand changes to Fleet Street and you are now entering the City of London which has it's own police force, separate to the Metropolitan Police.

At Ludgate Circus, cross over Farringdon Street and turn Left. At 5 Fleet Place go up the steps (there is a lift too). Continue ahead, Bear Right passing the traffic barrier and follow the stone wall on the left which curves to the left to the end at Limeburner Lane sign, opposite the Central Criminal Court sign (Old Bailey). Cross over the road, bearing left through the black/red/white City of London posts and follow with the Old Bailey court building on your right. At the end of Old Bailey (name of street), Turn Right onto Newgate Street still with the Old Bailey court on your right. At the next set of lights, cross over the road and continue on the opposite side of the pavement until you reach Greyfriars Passage. Turn left into Greyfriars passage and at the end Turn Right along the passage way between the building and the railings and go under the archway. Turn left crossing Queen Isabella Way and straight onto King Edward Street. Cross onto the opposite side. Continue on right hand pavement to reach entrance to Postman's Park.

Note: For step free access; pass entrance to Postman's Park, Turn Right on Little Britain then Turn Right on St Martin's Le Grand and rejoin at ++

Turn Right into Postman's Park. Note the Heroic Self Sacrifice plaques, exit the park down some steps. Turn Right onto St Martin's Le Grand and the Light Blue City of London Police Box. ++

Continue along St Martin's Le Grand. Bear left passing the entrance to the Underground Station onto Cheapside. Cheapside becomes Poultry. Continue to the junction with Queen Victoria Street/Walbrook on the right, near Bank underground station. Cross over Poultry towards Walbrook.

Q4. At No1 Queen Victoria Street, Who's Magistrates Court it is?

Continue down Walbrook, just before the church, on the left is another City of London Police Box.

Continue passing St Stephen Walbrook church, along Walbrook to the end and the junction by Cannon Street Station. [9.5km]

Go straight ahead down Dowergate Hill, at end Turn Right onto Upper Thames Street. Cross Upper Thames Street at 5 Kings House to the opposite side and continue in the same direction, road now on your right, passing Vintners Place. As you reach the Westin Hotel,

Turn left and take the path between a low wall and the side of the hotel, turn right, to follow the path with the Thames River now on your left.

Continue on the Thames Path which goes through many name changes Globe View Walkway, Pauls Walk. As you walk towards Blackfriars Pier, you can see Tate Modern on the opposite bank of the river. The "river police" are based further down the river beyond Tower Bridge at Wapping, but you can often see them on the river. Pass under Blackfriars Railway Bridge. As the Thames Path is closed at Blackfriars (Road) Bridge, use the stairs or lift to go onto the top of the bridge, cross over the road and continue ahead onto Victoria Embankment, in same direction with river on the left. Continue ahead, after passing the Temple (Masonic) Grounds (note the Police Box by the River) you will exit the City of London. Pass Temple Underground Station.

As you get level with Somerset House Embankment Entrance (name on pavement), there is a large low archway in the building.

Q5. On the large low archway. What is at the top centre of the Archway?

Go under Waterloo Bridge, cross using pedestrian crossing.

*(for step free route – Turn Right onto Savoy Street and Turn left onto Strand rejoin at ** below)*

Bear right into Savoy Place. Passing to the side of the Institution of Engineering & Technology. Just after the entrance to the building, note the plaque to the BBC.

Cross over Savoy Hill, pass Savoy Hotel and Turn Right on Carting Lane (note green plaque/Savoy Theatre) and go up steps to reach Strand. Turn Left onto Strand. **

At No. 80 Strand, note the large columned entrance and the plaque to the RAF. Continue along Strand to reach Charing Cross Station and the end of the walk. [12km]

Welcome back. We hope you have enjoyed exploring the police connections across London.