

## 1. Isleworth Library and Redlees Park

The plaque is by what was the entrance to the library when it was a separate building from the recreation centre. Within the adjoining Redlees Park can still be found stables of the former Redlees House, once known as Hippisley House.

## 2. Van Gogh Close

At the top of the Close, beside 161 Twickenham Road and opposite Worton Road, the illustration on the plaque shows Holme Court where Vincent Van Gogh was once a tutor. An 'unofficial' blue plaque to the painter is on the 18th century part of the adjacent apartments.

## 3. Memorial Square

Unveiled in 1922, Isleworth's clock tower war memorial is made of Clipsham stone. The plaque features a historical painting (the original is in the Guildhall Library) of nearby Gumley House, former home to John Gumley, a glassmaker. Later William Pulteney, a prominent politician in George II's reign, lived here.

## 4. St. John the Baptist Church

The Church, one of four buildings in a similar style, was designed by James Deason, and gave its name to St. John's Road, which was formerly called Brazil Mill Lane. The illustration on the plaque shows the entrance to the former Isleworth Brewery which is further down the road.



The Rotary Club of Heston & Isleworth has installed these plaques to commemorate the centenary of Rotary International



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# ISLEWORTH SIXTEEN HERITAGE PLAQUES

## 5. Raybell Court, Linkfield Road

Administered by the Isleworth & Hounslow Charities, Raybell Court provides homes for five couples and 21 single people, maintaining the long tradition of its former benefactors in providing accommodation for senior citizens.

### Mill Plat

Within Silverhall Park, once grounds of the former Silverhall House, are three information boards.

## 6. Warkworth House, Mill Plat

The surviving portions of this 19th century house, now named Little Warkworth, are behind the high wall where the plaque is situated. Also in Mill Plat, one of Isleworth's oldest thoroughfares, are six almshouses built for ladies by Sir Thomas Ingram in 1664.

## 7. Mill Bridge

Once dominated by Isleworth's Flour Mill, the waters of the Duke of Northumberland's River still run into the mill basin and under the Grade II listed bridge before entering the River Thames. The plaque is on the railings.

59 Church Street. High up on Manor House is a plaque to former resident Arthur Joseph Penty (1875-1937), an architect and pioneer of Guild Socialism.

## 8. All Saints' Church

Isleworth's Parish Church, with its 14th century tower, looks out over the River Thames. The plaque is by the main gate. Opposite is the London Apprentice Public House, an early 18th century building.

## 9. Syon Park

Syon takes its name from the former abbey on the site, dedicated to St. Saviour and St. Bridget of Syon. The plaque is on the gate post at the Park Road entrance to the grounds.

## 10. Church Ferry

In the days when bridges were less numerous, Isleworth's ferry provided an important link with the Surrey bank opposite. The plaque is on the wall of Ferry House close to the river front.

## 11. Isleworth – a Port

The crane at the mouth of the Duke of Northumberland's River is an important reminder of a time when it and many others assisted in loading and unloading the numerous cargoes arriving daily. The plaque is on the Cathja barge which has been moored here during and since its restoration in the 1990s.

Situated on the railings beside the centre stairway of the Town Wharf Public House is an information board about Isleworth Ait, a 10 acre wildlife conservation area.

## 12. Lower Square

Within this mixture of 18th, 19th and 20th century buildings are a former school and public house. John Day House has an imposing 18th century porch. The plaque is on the raised area behind the seats.

## 13. Lion Wharf

The plaque is on the railings alongside the small crane. Its illustration denotes a time when coal and timber were among cargoes unloaded here. The nearby former site of the Isleworth pottery features in the narrative.

## 14. Upper Square

Affixed to the wall of the Castle Public House, this plaque features the drinking fountain opposite, dedicated to the Revd Henry Glossop, a well loved 19th century Vicar of Isleworth's Parish Church, All Saints.

## 15. The Old Police Station, Worple Road

The plaque is affixed to the Old Police Station building, now transformed into flats. Its illustration shows a typical early 20th century 'corner shop' at the nearby Percy Road junction with Worple Road.

## 16. South Street

Found within the notice board outside Isleworth Public Hall – note the carvings denoting features of the area – this plaque outlines the history of what, from the 17th century, was Isleworth's main shopping street.

Isleworth, situated on the banks of the River Thames, in the 18th century was known for its river-based industries, orchards and market gardens. By the late 19th century it had become more industrialised, with other locally produced goods joining the flour and beer on its wharves awaiting transportation.

While housing now covers the former orchards, and the once busy wharves lie silent, many reminders remain of Isleworth's history spanning some 4,000 years.

To highlight some aspects of its past, and to commemorate the centenary of Rotary International in 2005, Heston & Isleworth Rotary Club has installed 16 heritage plaques.

The Club is grateful to the Isleworth Society, the London Borough of Hounslow, Hounslow Local Studies Library and all the plaque sponsors for their support in this project, and hopes you enjoy this insight into Isleworth's fascinating history.

The trail for the plaques can be started at any of the places shown on the map.

For details of guided tours in the area contact the Hounslow Heritage Guides Association [www.hounslow-heritageguides.org](http://www.hounslow-heritageguides.org)