

## Our Trail Begins...

We started our exploration of Brook Green just outside Addison Primary School, walking first to Augustine Road to discover what this area used to be like. Looking at this map, we realised that there were once fields where the school is now. Fields, orchards and a few buildings. It is amazing to think about how much the area has changed in just 200 years!



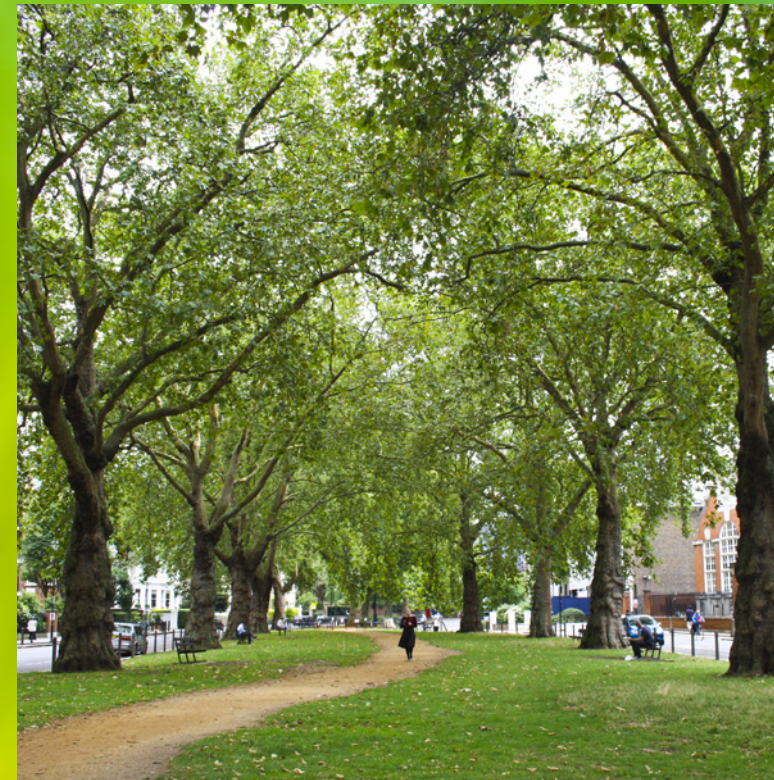
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# BROOK GREEN

## Discovery Trail

Explore your local environment

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Addison Primary School with Hammersmith & Fulham Urban Studies Centre explored the local area of Brook Green to make this Discovery Trail. Look inside, follow the trail and answer the questions inside to discover the hidden histories of Brook Green.



**Q1: Augustine Road – Applegarth Studios.** Look at this interestingly shaped building. It is now a private home. What do you think it was once used for?

**Q2: Derry and Tom's Department Store Mural.**

This mural was made in 1933. It used to adorn their building on Kensington High Street.



**Q3: Stink Pipe.** These pipes provided ventilation for the sewage system built in Victorian times. They prevented the build up of gases. Why do you think it is built to be higher than people?



**Q4: Queen's Head Pub** was originally a coach house. It is rumoured that highwayman Dick Turpin was a regular visitor.

**Q5: St. Paul's Girls School** opened in 1903. It is

regarded as one of the finest Edwardian school buildings in London. **Gustav Holst** wrote the Planets Suite and other pieces while he was Director of Music at St Paul's School. Can you find the blue plaque? When was he born?



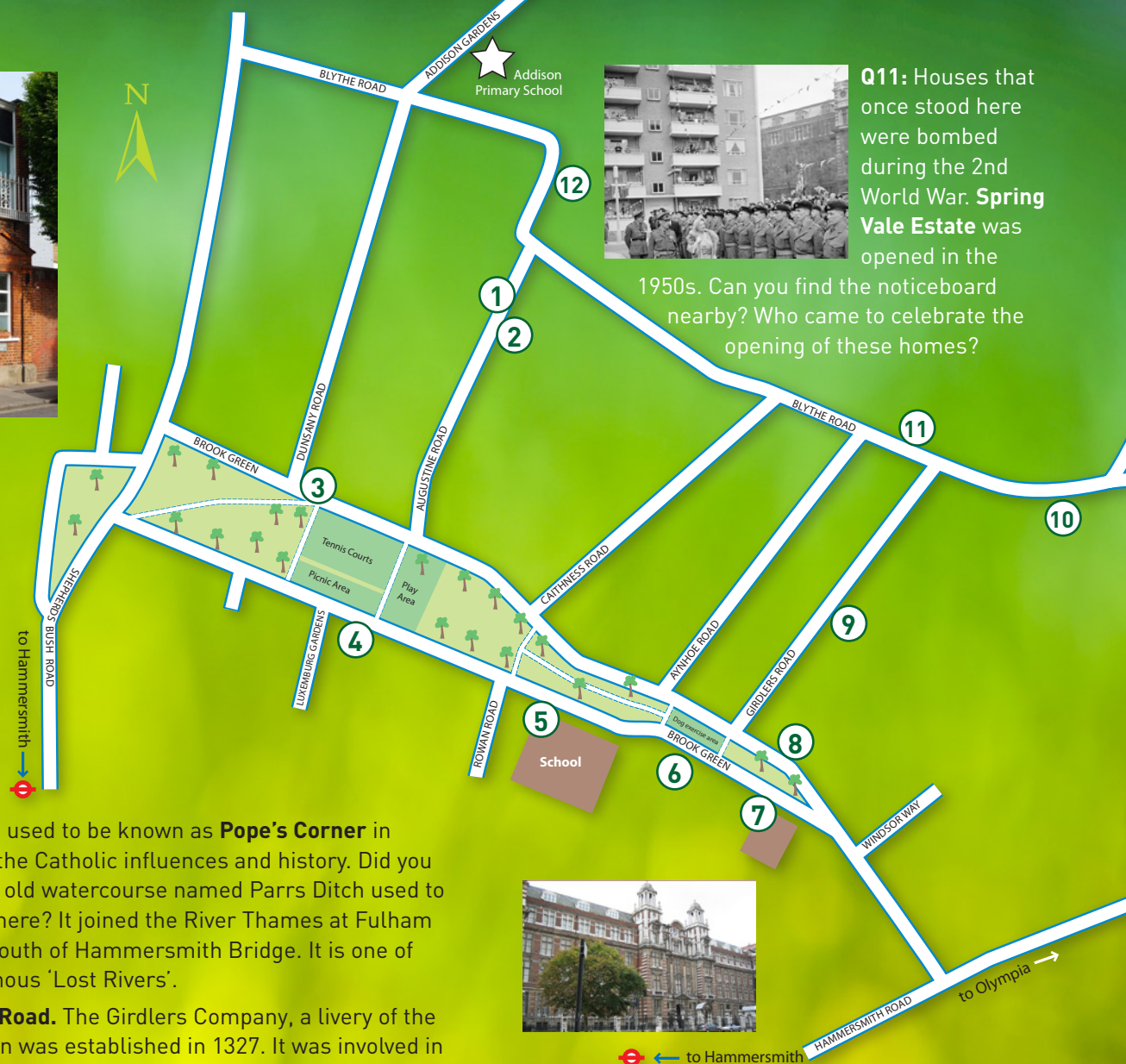
**Q6:** Look out for the **Georgian Houses** as you walk along Brook Green. What do you notice about how these are different from others surrounding the green?

**Q7: Holy Trinity Church & St James Almshouses.** The Victorian Gothic Revival style church was completed in 1852. In 1862 a tower was added. Next to the site of the church, a Catholic Almshouse was opened in 1851, St Joseph's House, to provide housing for elderly people. How many faces can you spot on the front of the church?

**Q8:** This area used to be known as **Pope's Corner** in reference to the Catholic influences and history. Did you know that an old watercourse named Parrs Ditch used to run through here? It joined the River Thames at Fulham Reach, just south of Hammersmith Bridge. It is one of London's famous 'Lost Rivers'.

**Q9: Girdlers Road.** The Girdlers Company, a livery of the City of London was established in 1327. It was involved in making belts (girdles). Perhaps people who made belts lived here? What is the total number of belts being worn by the group you are with today?

**Q10: Blythe House** (right) was built in 1899 as the Head Quarters of the Post Office Savings Bank. Men and women had separate entrances and worked on different floors. Now it is used as a store for many of London's big museums such as the V&A.



Houses that once stood here were bombed during the 2nd World War. **Spring Vale Estate** was opened in the 1950s. Can you find the noticeboard nearby? Who came to celebrate the opening of these homes?



**Q12: Berghen Mews.** This area used to be buildings full of laundries with slum housing surrounding them. Before her career in politics, former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher worked nearby as a chemist researching ice cream for food manufacturer J. Lyons and Co. What is your favourite flavour of ice cream?