

who?  
YOU ARE HERE  
where?

X Locale / 1. a place 2. the place where something happens or has happened [French, from Latin locus place]

X Locals (Edmontonians) / The people of Edmonton Green perceive the people of Edmonton Green to be: apprehensive, bored, boring, busy, caring, casual, colourful, committed, closed, creative, curious, different, distrustful, diverse, engaged, evangelical, fair, faithful, fragmented, frank, generous, giving, happy, helpful, hurried, intriguing, interesting, kind, knowledgeable, knowing, loud, quiet, relaxed, sceptical, shy  
SEE ALSO Languages, People



# The EDMONTON MAPPING PROJECT

## An Alternative Guide To Site

"Space defines landscape.  
Space combined with memory  
defines place"  
- Lucy Lippard

"It is not down on any map;  
true places never are"  
- Herman Melville

Maps are more than geographical representations of a space and its position in relation to the surrounding world. A map, however objectively it tries to represent a place, cannot hold all information; it cannot include everything. As someone will always have to decide what gets included over what gets excluded, any map will always carry evidence to the practice, choice and preference of its maker. As a consequence, it matters who makes the map.

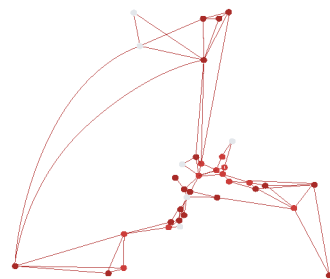
I, Marianne Holm Hansen, am an artist and I have made this map. I have made it in collaboration and conversation with the permanent and transitory inhabitants of Edmonton Green, North London. The purpose of the map is to highlight how the people who live, work and visit here, see and experience the area. As such, the map does not try to fully or objectively represent this part of the world. Instead, it aims to function as an alternative guide to site: a guide that encourages you to look at, use and explore Edmonton Green differently. It plots the things, observations, and thoughts that the people who participated in the project deemed worthy of putting on the map. Another project, another group of people or, even just, another conversation on another day, may have produced a, perhaps altogether, different impression of what this place is like.

This map, as any other map, is not complete. What you do with that is up to you - and it matters.

- Marianne Holm Hansen

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- 1 Allotments / a place to grow and to compare what you grow (here, we compete like brothers): Turkish oregano v. Irish lemon thyme v. Polish horseradish v. Kurdish mint v. Cypriot rocket (tastes like English sorrel) / there's been vandalism; policewomen suggest a higher fence, allotment-resident suggests a young people's growing project
- 2 Art / I live in Southgate, I study art in Southgate and I never used to come to Edmonton - now, I come to get my art materials at the Scrap Store and the market. I did an art placement here and have made lots of contacts. I never used to come but now I value Edmonton as a place for art
- 3 Bakery / cakes, beautiful cakes
- 4 Bakery / one jam doughnut each every Saturday after shopping
- 5 Belonging / I recognize the dress codes, the hats, the scarves, the patterns from West Africa. The colours are always carefully co-ordinated. I love seeing many of us - even those I don't know - dressed like this. It makes me feel at home, I belong
- 6 Bounces Road / meeting FRIENDS 4 LIFE - they will always be there for me
- 7 Bridge Road / where my son was conceived and where my relationship with his father fell apart
- 8 Cafes / mercimek çorbası (lentil soup)
- 9 Cavendish Road / my first home and my home for 40 years. I left the area but still come back whenever I can
- 10 Community House / many different groups share this place and, I'm sure, many other things that we don't even think about
- Connections / 16:04:2009 one of many possible ways of looking at it



- 11 Craigs Park / play [hidden exercise] and picnics / we all go together; me and my kids, their friends, my friends, their kids
- 12 Edmonton County School / we sing and we once performed at the Royal Festival Hall
- 13 Edmonton Fields / summer
- Edmonton Green / I 'heart' you / I have

been here for 33 years, my mum all her life

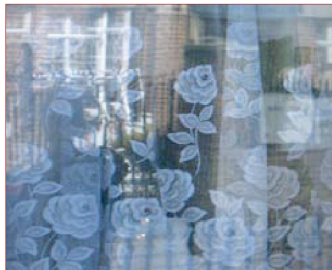
Edmonton GREEN / we moved here on doctor's recommendation. My wife had bronchitis and needed fresh air. There were lots of green areas then - there still is

Edmonton Green Public Library (1897 - 1991) / I always thought of it as a place for thinking; for freedom of thought and thinking

Edmonton Green Shopping Centre / I have lived here since 1993 and still love coming here for a walk around the shops / it's cool, even on hot summer days

Eley Industrial Estate / for the production of gas appliances, electrical components and furniture made by timber transported on the waterways. Named after the Eley Brothers - manufacturers of firearms cartridges / the craters left by test explosions made an excellent playground

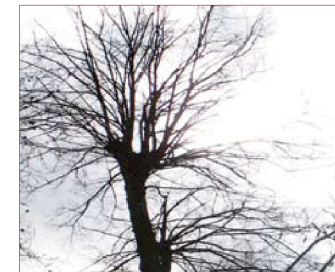
Flowers / here and everywhere you look; on windowsills, in gardens, on tablecloths, and through cracks in the pavement



- Gareth's Drive / it went like this: the trees were protected so the developers had to build around them. As a result, we now have three lovely community areas 'round the houses
- Grampian House / 2 rabbits live happily on the 7th floor balcony
- Growing Thyme / growing time - SEE ALLOTMENTS
- Homeless Resource Centre / I believe we are here to help each other: some people are down on their luck and don't know where to turn. It is simple, we volunteer, we try to help and don't expect anything in return
- Jubilee Park (N9) / established 1939, soon to be 70 years old and still providing the site for 1. the fast paced Tuesday morning 'talk the walk' walking group 2. young friends meeting friends 3. runners, playing children and picnicking families / 4. memories: 40 years ago, we spent 30 minutes on a bench here, discussing whether or not to buy a house in the area. We did, and we're still here but the bench is gone (we want it back!)
- Languages / the area has developed to become a truly multi-cultural site. Last census revealed that people from 16 ethnic groups live here. It's exciting - you can sit in one of the open places and hear all kinds of different languages being spoken by those passing by.

- I try to identify those I can and sometimes ask about those that I cannot
- Leisure Centre / the swimming pool has the first ever waterslide in Enfield!
- Montagu Road Recreation Ground / for a feeling of open space
- Market Square / life, there's all kinds of life here / I still like buying vegetables here but I miss the Farmer's Market where we used to buy greens in bulk to share amongst friends / the atmosphere is lovely, there is always something new to look at, some new people to meet. SEE ALSO Rooftops, Shops
- Mind in Enfield / nice food, people, place
- Monty / a metal horse on Montagu Road
- Old Town Hall / when I was 10, my painting of a clown was exhibited at the Edmonton Town Hall. The Town Hall is no longer here, instead, we have a police station
- Pennine House / for the funniest times I've had; jumping in the lift until it stopped
- People / it is not the place; it's the people that make me feel like I belong, people that support me, people I support. SEE ALSO Bounces Road, Connections, Languages, Locals (Edmontonians)
- Pet Shop / I like Sandy in the Pet Shop
- Poles Hill / for a walk towards Chingford / watch the herons on the way, then climb to the top for a view back from where you came
- Pymmes Brook / a small river linking me to the River Lea Navigation, to the Thames, to the North Sea and the rest of the world
- Pymmes Park / site for geese, ducks, herons, squirrels - lots of squirrels / memories / my grandma gave me a cup from 1869 to keep safe - it is decorated with a picture of Pymmes Park / 1979 and 14 years old, we bunked off school and carved our names into the see-saw / the site of my childhood; the old theatre, the oak tree / the boating pond; carefree catching of sticklebacks, our nets getting caught in the weeds
- Rooftops (Edmonton Green Shopping Centre) / as you walk along the balcony in the Market Square, look up at the girders and the beams that hold up the roof and down to the bustling market below, with the smells of fish and plastic bags, launderettes and coffee houses. Then, walk out onto the roof of the centre, a surreal 60's heath land with houses and three tall towers guarding you as you look down across the rail and bus station
- Seven / Seven Sisters: our neighbours down the road / Seven raffia baskets - like Russian dolls, one bigger than the next, all overflowing with goods, treasures and food; fish, meat, yams, and the smallest one with money - presented when asking for a daughter's hand in marriage. It is tradition 'back home', but it also happens here
- Shops / I used to have to adapt and improvise my cooking according to what was

- available, but now the new shops, selling produce from all over the world, provide me with all the original ingredients I need for my traditional dishes and, all in one place
- Starks Field Primary School / a good place to be, inside and out
- Syd's Bench / 'in memory of passing clouds' / a place to sit and talk or stare
- The Development / 'In a Borough such as Enfield with much of its housing build in Victorian times or between the wars, the appearance of a street can easily be spoilt when extensions are built in unsuitable materials and styles' ('House Extensions', LB of Enfield, Planning Office, 1960's)
- The Green / our ancestor was a slave here, sheparding the animals when the Green was still a Green. One day he was kidnapped, but as slaves were considered property, the person responsible was only prosecuted for theft. We're still looking for the actual records and evidence, but we know it happened. We know that we've been here for a long time and we want to recognise our ancestors' contributions to where we are
- The Navigation / In the year 894, the Danes sailed 20 miles up the Lea
- The Parade / where people actually stop to take their time
- This n' That / old shop sign that makes me smile and reminds me of what we never thought would change, but did
- Tottenham Park Cemetery / quiet but colourful - full of evidence of the different people who once lived; of faiths and cultures
- Tree / 1. a plant having a permanently woody main stem or trunk, usually developing branches at some distance from the ground. 2. Mathematics, Linguistics. tree diagram or map 3. family tree 4. Christmas tree SEE ALSO Pymmes Park, Jubilee Park, Gareth's Drive and, practically, everywhere you look



- Unit 17-19 North Mall / a temporary space for art, collaboration and conversation / on 10:04:2009 measured, by Hussein, to be approximately 42' x 42'
- You / add your own entries, make your own map /



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"A map is like a story. We all tell it differently: If I tell it, I'll draw out the parts I like, I'll emphasise them. The ones I don't I won't. That does not mean that they are not there, just that they are not my interest or focus"

- Margaret Obomanu  
Edmonton Green Resident

*Tell your own story  
- make your own map!*

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