

A walk through Brockley's Historic Mews



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Our walk starts at the Wickham Arms, at the corner of Upper Brockley and Ashby Roads, SE4 1TF. Behind it is Ashby Mews' northern entrance.

Go south down Ashby Mews, noting its eclectic mix of old and contemporary buildings, with views over back gardens and trees.

At the bottom turn left on to Geoffrey Road. Cross Manor Avenue, passing two examples of modern architecture, left and right.

Turn left into the overwhelmingly green Wickham Mews by BA Blues Autos.

Walk along the leafy track past wild plants, magnificent trees in back gardens and buildings which vary from dilapidated to smart storage.

Ital-Cutlery and five small modern houses are at the end. Cross Ashby Road and continue north past several working units.

At the end you will see garages and former stables to the left. Turn right, passing on the left the former coach house, now residential, and small modern houses on the right.

At the end, the entrance to the modern residential Breakspears Mews (not

part of this walk) can be seen opposite. Turn right on to Wickham Road, walk to the corner and cross the road.

Turn left on to Ashby Road. The small northern section of Breakspears Mews contains unremarkable garages and sheds. The unmistakable, COR-Ten steel-clad 'Rusty House' marks Breakspears Mews' southern entrance.

Turn right into Breakspears Mews, which contains storage and several working units in the first section and right-hand fork, and views into the long gardens and trees on the left.

Take the left fork to access the unconventional Breakspears Mews Community Garden.

Alongside the garden are a working business and an out of commission Victorian building, storage units, and a privately owned, dilapidated coach house on buddleia-resplendent land. The garden is framed by magnificent tall trees along the railway line. Displays of the mews' recent history, when it was full of fly-tipping, dumped tyres, and abandoned cars will show how dramatically it has changed.

Note: During Open House 2020 Breakspears Mews Community Garden will be open only 12-4pm. The lease requires committee members to be present.



From top: Ashby Mews looking north; 'Invisible House' and Cedar Mews in Geoffrey Road (between Ashby and Wickham Mews); 'Rusty House' at entrance to Breakspears Mews

Join an in-depth history walk through Brockley Conservation area and some of its mews:
Brockley Historical Walk led by **Gillian Heywood, MBE**
Sunday 15 November 2020, 11am-12.30pm.
Meet: Pistachio's Hilly Fields cafe, SE13 7JN
