

## My Chelsea

If I had to describe Chelsea to someone who had never been here before, I would tell them that it was unique in that it is colourful, yet peaceful. I am lucky enough to attend an outstanding primary school located here, but for me, Chelsea is so much more. If you have not visited this lovely part of London yet, why not read on to see what you've been missing.

To start off, the heart of Chelsea is in its famous high street - King's Road. It is said that King Charles II had the road built in 1694, in order to link St James's Palace to Fulham, and from Fulham to Kew. It was the King's private road and only he and his family were permitted to use it until 1830. Eventually, in the 1960's, the road became associated with glamour and fashion since with famous fashion houses opened up there and it has retained its stylish reputation ever since. Now, we are all lucky enough to be able to access the King's Road and there are so many of my favourite shops there like "My Old Dutch", Peter Jones and even "Five Guys".

Many famous people have lived in Chelsea as well, such as Enid Blyton (author), Mick Jagger (musician) and even Sir Thomas More. Many pretty blue plaques celebrating these individuals, and more, hang beautifully on the buildings and make any walk around the area such a pleasure. We also have excellent hospitals here in Chelsea, such as the world-famous cancer specialist hospital, The Royal Marsden, the heart specialist hospital, The Royal Brompton, and not forgetting the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.

All of that history is fine, I suppose, but one fact that cannot be found online is a description of how friendly and welcoming Chelsea feels. Maybe it is because of the church communities (Holy Trinity, Christ Church, Chelsea Old Church (where King Henry VIII attended)) that there is a community feeling where so many people

know each other and care for each other. Maybe it is because of all of the quite back roads with all their pretty, traditionally built houses, but Chelsea feels tranquil and that gives it a village feel to it which is so appealing.

Culturally, there is plenty to do here too. Theatres, (The Royal Court), Museums (The Army Museum), Nature (The Chelsea Physic Garden), Galleries (The Saatchi Gallery, where there is currently a famous exhibition on Tutankhamen and Ancient Egypt), and of course loads of stylish places to shop and eat!

So, if you have never visited Chelsea, London, before, you will not be disappointed and probably have a great day out. There are loads of things to see and do here and very pretty surroundings, so what are you waiting for - come for a visit!

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