

# AMP Kingston; Art, Music, Pop Fashion

1960s–1990s and Beyond



## Museums & Galleries



Bowie and Beyond © Stuart Tree

At **Kingston Museum**, you can see bootleg vinyl recording of David Bowie, live from Kingston Polytechnic on 7 May 1972 – just a few months after Bowie had first unveiled his Ziggy Stardust alter ego at The Toby Jug pub in nearby Tolworth. At **Stanley Picker Gallery**, you can see a Hall of Fame of alumni from the prestigious School of Art.

You can also visit **Dorich House**, in Kingston Vale, which would become an unlikely nucleus of Kingston rave culture following the occupation of the House by squatters and ravers when owner Dora Gordine passed away in 1991.

In nearby Twickenham, you can visit **Eel Pie Island Museum**, telling the story of the legendary music venue that would go on to change the lives of many young music people in the borough through music.

## Introduction



Did you know that some of the world's most famous bands of the '60s to the '90s cut their teeth at the Kingston Polytechnic? That David Bowie unveiled his Ziggy Stardust persona at the Toby Jug pub in Tolworth for the first time or that Mary Quant's Gala cosmetic factory was just down the road in Hook?

Working closely with Kingston's community of residents, musicians, venue owners and promoters, educational institutions, and fans, we have developed a heritage trail across Kingston and neighbouring areas, to showcase this rich legacy and inspire and support our next generation of artists.

AMP Kingston is a National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) supported project, exploring and celebrating Kingston's rich music heritage. Focusing on themes of Art, Music & Pop Fashion, the ideas continue the legacy of Kingston RPM (Records, People & Music), delivered by Creative Youth in 2017.

Unfold the map to follow the trail across multiple sites including **FUSEBOX, Rose Theatre, Kingston Museum, Kingston University, The Grey Horse, The Fighting Cocks, The Lamb Surbiton, Dorich House Museum, The Stanley Picker Gallery** and the **Eel Pie Island Museum**.

The trail runs until 23rd March 2024, but will remain available to enjoy online at [creativyouthcharity.org/amp](http://creativyouthcharity.org/amp)

## Rose Theatre

Rose Theatre is the largest producing theatre in South West London, delivering world-class theatre, fully engaged with the local community.

Visit the venue to see our Timeline of key moments that mark Kingston's cultural history from the 1960s' 1990s and listen to the oral history testimonies of some of our local community members, as they reflect on the lively musical history – as well as the future – of the area.

You can also check out our Hall of Fame and Music Poster timeline, illustrating the evolution of the design of the music poster, as well as Sue Smallwood's handmade promotional posters from her time as bassist in local, post-punk band, The Trudy.

## Libraries

At seven of our libraries across the borough, you can browse specially curated book displays, covering the history of art, music and fashion of the 1960s to 1990s as well as local history. Libraries are Hook and Chessington, Kingston, New Malden, Old Malden, Surbiton, Tudor Drive and Tolworth.

- Hook & Chessington • KT9 1EJ
- Kingston • KT1 2PS
- New Malden • KT3 3LY
- Old Malden • KT4 7RD
- Surbiton • KT6 6AG
- Tudor Drive • KT2 5QH
- Tolworth • KT6 7DJ

## FUSEBOX



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FUSEBOX is a new multi-arts space run by Creative Youth – a Kingston-based charity who enable young people to get involved in innovative, original and ambitious projects and realise their creative potential.

Here you can watch our 'Gogglebox' film, capturing the reactions of young viewers to some groundbreaking music performances across the decades; browse through our LP Listening Station of seminal albums linked to Kingston, read the intergenerational reviews and listen to the albums on our record players; walk through our 'Lyric Forest' to connect more closely with the song-writing of the times; and learn about the evolution of street styles across the decades in our fashion display. You can also listen to oral history testimonies covering a small selection of Kingston's music venues, from the internationally acclaimed acts of the Toby Jug to the quirky cult nightclub Bacchus.

## Kingston University Town House



© Kingston University

Before becoming Kingston University in 1992, the Kingston Polytechnic – known as 'The Poly' – would prove to be pivotal in putting Kingston firmly on the music heritage map. Burgeoning artists on the cusp of world fame, such as Queen, The Smiths and New Order came to play some of their first gigs on the humble stages of the University campuses.

At Kingston University Town House, you can learn more about the colourful history of the Student Union, check out our Gig Timeline and Hall of Fame and listen to oral history testimonies from those who attended – and organised – some of these legendary performances.

You can also learn more about the successful history of the School of Art's Fashion courses under Daphne Brooker.

## Pubs & Live Music Venues



Toby Jug 1985 © The Francis Frith Collection

Kingston's rich music heritage owes much of its lustre to the various pubs, clubs and live music venues that have kept the music alive, some of them for over a century. Visit our stops at **The Grey Horse, The Fighting Cocks, The Lamb Surbiton**, and the former sites of **The Swan, The Toby Jug and Sir Robert Peel**, to learn more about how Kingston became a beacon for some of the biggest names in music history, including John Lee Hooker, The Rolling Stones, The Smiths, Genesis, Siouxsie and the Banshees, Fleetwood Mac and Elton John, as well as fostering the careers of local, homegrown artists such as Kula Shaker, Dodgy and Eric Clapton.

We have also collected and recorded a range of oral history testimonies that recall a wide range of Kingston's legendary music venues and ponder the future of the live music scene in the wake of national venue closures.

AMP Kingston would not have been possible without the support and funding of the National Lottery Heritage Fund, The Foyle Foundation, Royal Borough of Kingston and Creative Youth.



Creative Youth is a not for profit registered charity that aims to enable young people to realise their potential through the arts.

Find out more at [creativyouthcharity.org](http://creativyouthcharity.org) and on social media @creativyouthuk

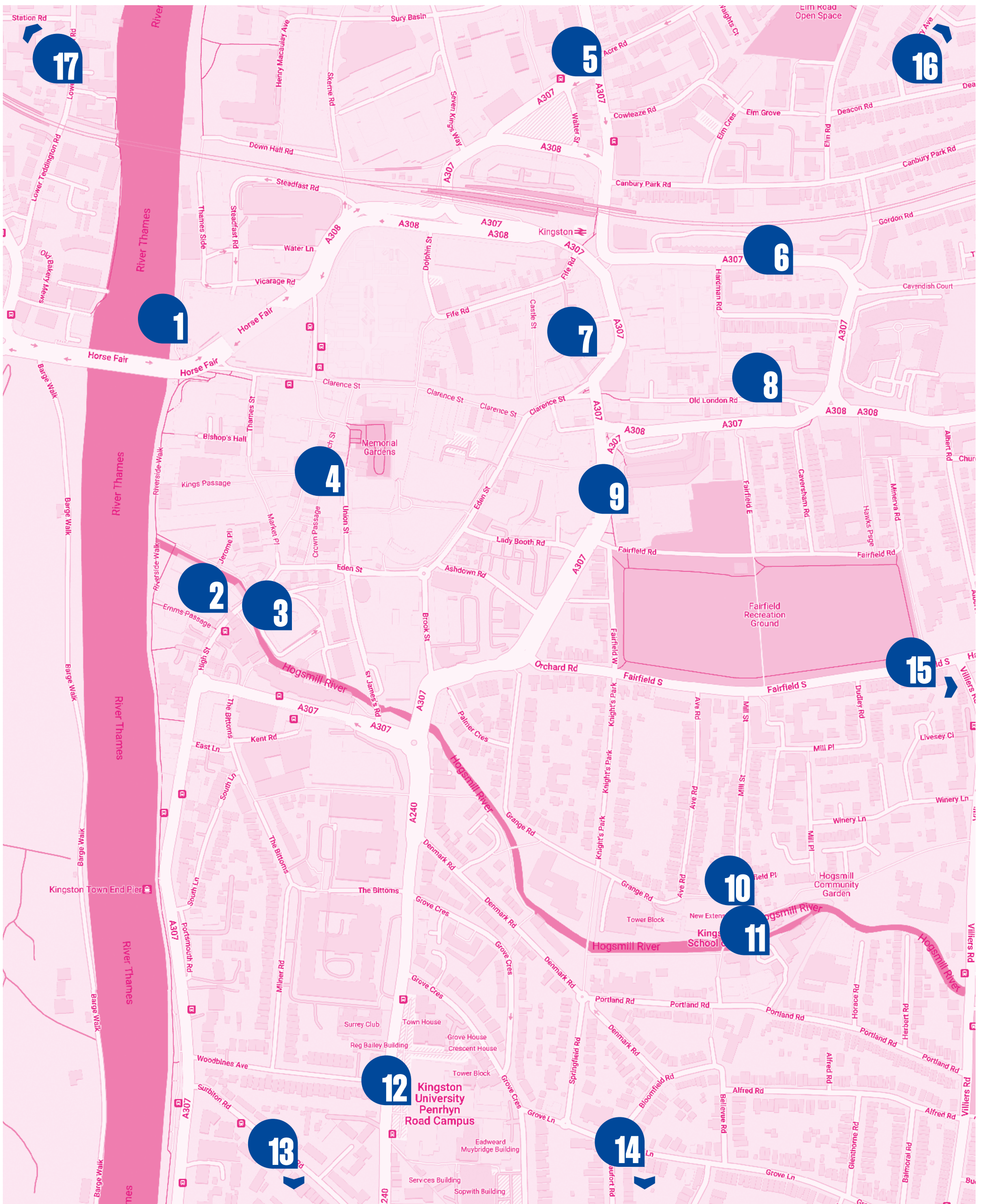


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Partner Organisations







**1. FUSEBOX**  
KT1 1TF

**2. Rose Theatre**  
KT1 1HL

**3. Kingston History Centre**  
KT1 1EU

**4. Bacchus**  
KT1 1RP

**5. The Grey Horse**  
KT2 5EE

**6. Site of Kaleidoscope**  
KT2 6RE

**7. Nipper Alley**  
KT1 1AR

**8. The Fighting Cocks**  
KT2 6QA

**9. Kingston Museum**  
KT1 2PS

**10. The Swan**  
KT1 2RG

**11. Stanley Picker Gallery**  
KT1 2SJ

**12. Kingston University  
Town House**  
KT1 2EQ

**13. The Lamb Surbiton**  
KT6 5NF

**14. Site of The Toby Jug**  
KT5 9PB

**15. Site of The Sir Robert Peel**  
KT1 3HH

**16. Dorich House Museum**  
SW15 3RN

**17. Eel Pie Island Museum**  
TW1 3AB

**Suggested Walking Tour**  
Follow numbers 1 to 13.  
Start at FUSEBOX and end  
at The Lamb Surbiton.

