The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

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Introduction to Chelsea walk

It would be difficult to find a better introduction to our walk than Thomas Carlyle’s description of Chelsea in 1834. A singular heterogeneous kind of spot, very dirty and confused in some places quite beautiful in others, abounding in antiquities and traces of great men. Leaving the busy King’s Road behind and heading towards the Thames we will discover historic heart of Chelsea.

Walking at a reasonable pace and pausing to look at the many interesting buildings the walk will take about one and half hours. Carlyle House, the Physic Gardens, the National Army Museum and the Royal Hospital Museum are open to the public and time to visit one or all should be included. Opening times vary so please check before setting out.

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