

Kings Cross Clues trail 2020

The trail is just under two miles long and should take a maximum of two hours. The route takes you around the area just north of Kings Cross and into the two mainline stations. The route can be easily split into two parts by turning left under the station along Pancras Road and then Goods Way after question 11 to return to the start.

The questions are in sequence and relate to the directions preceding them. (Answers on right). The photos, which were a separate section originally and in random order have been added to the main quiz.

When you reach Goods Way, cross the road at the pedestrian crossing. Take the bridge across the canal to return to Granary Square.

1. When was the Granary Basin built? 1851
In the paving
2. How many jets in the each of the three fountains? 10 x 27 =270



This represents 4 in which Chappe telegraph
method of signalling? info board by slope to Coal Drops Yard

Leave the square along the high level Bagley Walk to the left of the slope to Coal Drops Yard. Cross the second right bridge to walk along the upper left level of Coal Drops Yard. Go down the steps at the end and turn left. Keep the grey gas holders on your left.

3. Which policeman arrested a 'dangerous character'? Policeman Sibthorpe
Cartoon on hoarding

Head towards the reddish building and enter the black gas holder by the wide entrance near the wooden benches and exit by the canal. Walk left along the canal and fork left up the slope to cross the canal on the Somers Town Bridge.

4. The black gasometer was known by its number what was/is it? number 8
To right of entrance to gasometer



These all telescoped in 1880 but 1867
when was the first one erected? grey gasometer

5. What is the (currently closed) nature reserve called? Camley Street Nature Reserve
Over entrance gate

Cross over the road and turn right under the railway bridge. Go through the gates and up the steps into St Pancras Gardens. Turn immediately left along the wall, and left again to loop right round a group of tombstones clustered tightly around a tree. Continue on to the monument surrounded by a black fence. Take the path left just past the reddish monument erected for Jane Grundy and follow it to a pale green fenced monument. Go anticlockwise round this before walking over to the church.

6. What did the novelist Thomas Hardy study in London 1862-67? Architecture Board by Hardy Tree

7. This is one of two grade I listed monuments in London. Which is the other one? Marx's tomb Board by Soane mausoleum



Feminist, author and mother of Mary Shelly. When did Mary Wollstonecraft die? 10 September 1797 Tomb near Soane mausoleum

8. Johann Sebastian Bach had 11 sons. What was the youngest called? Johann Christian Bach Stone by fence of Burdett Coutts sundial

9. What suggests Baroness Burdett-Coutts liked dogs? 2 lion statues replaced by dogs

10. Who were they hiding the treasure from when they lost it? Cromwell's troops. History of the old church

Go down the steps to the road and turn left. Cross the pedestrian crossing and continue left to the Crick Institute. Cross back over the road and go through the doors into St Pancras station.



What do they do by hand here? Hand Pressing

Shop window

11. Where will you find ladies wearing wigs of feathers? Window of Relic Antique Warehouse

12. What gives a respectful nod to the industrial heritage of the area? Weathering of steel Paradigm Outside Crick Institute

Turn immediately right and go past the down escalator and the lift to take the up escalator. At the top, turn to walk the length of the champagne bar and up to the end of the station.



This is part of something much larger. Who made it?

Dent
The large clock in St Pancras

13. Who do we miss the most? Those we take for granted
John Betjeman floor plaque

14. What do you think happened to the 'Incandescent burner attendant'? Died in WW1
memorial on side wall by the Booking Office

15. Where was the Butterley Company based? Derbyshire
On end of roof girders

Go left and walk round the large statue of a couple embracing. Retrace your steps but turn first right to go past a second statue before heading down the stairs.

16. It was fashionable then but her friends would laugh if she used it today. What is she holding? Early mobile phone
Frieze around statue base

17. Which station did St Pancras twin with in 2019
Bordeaux Saint Jean
floor plaque



Who is this untidy dresser with a shoe lace undone?

John Betjeman statue in St Pancras

Keep going and walk right through the Eurostar departure area to exit the station. Cross the road and enter Kings Cross Station opposite. Go straight ahead to the main concourse. Turn left and walk towards to the platforms at the far end of the departure area.

18. He's holding a copy of the Locomotive with one of his designs on the cover. Who is he?

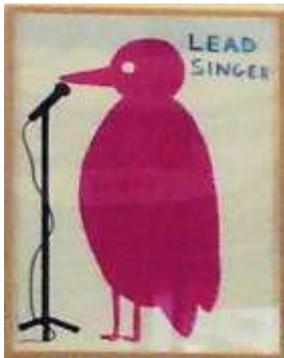
Sir Nigel Gresley
Statue between departure boards

19. The roof of the departure area curves down to how many 'legs' at floor level?

five

20. What is balanced on top of the trunks being pushed on the trolley entering Platform 9¾?

Bird cage
Platform 9 ¾ (removed during lockdown)



What is pictured to the right of this?

Pair of glasses.
Inside 4 Pancras Square

Take the exit on the far left. Go to the left of the bird cage and, by the second traffic lights, go right along the far side of the German Gymnasium before turning first left up into Pancras Square with its water features. Go up the left side then turn right across the end of the square to Kings Boulevard. Turn left by Jigsaw and walk to the road, Goods Way and cross over to return to the start.



In which passage could you get rid of your dust and ashes here?

Clarence Passage
along German Gymnasium

21. Which major tech company has its offices here?

Google

22. When is this branch of Camden Library normally open Mon-Fri?

8.00 – 8.00