



Putney Society Modern Buildings Walks

East Putney. A selection of interesting modern buildings

Do look and admire from outside but please note that the buildings listed are generally private – even ‘public’ buildings like schools.

Ashcroft Academy (formerly Mayfield School), West Hill / Portinscale Road

The 3 storey buildings designed by Powell & Moya (famed for the Skylon) were described as ‘One of the best modern buildings in Britain’ when new in 1955. Overclad in their current green in 2010, but the generous landscaping remains.



Buttermere Drive off Portinscale Road

A good example of a standard LCC small scale infill estate from the 1950's. Simple plain brick terraced houses and three storey flats. Spot more of these all over Putney, often on one time bomb sites.

Millbrooke Court, Keswick Road

Built in 1932, originally with the factory for Allard Cars occupying the ground floor space now Howdens. Note the decorative brickwork on each end, the extraordinary double height entrance, and recent (2018) extra storey – not as integrated as some.



SW15H, Sainsbury's (72-74 URR) and Putney Place.

SW15H (above the Co-op) is the earliest of the 21C developments on the Upper Richmond Road, and as a result the calmest of these. Sadly modern marketing means that blocks of flat now need to look better as CGI's than in the after sale reality. But the two storey pillars and pointy balconies at least make sense above Sainsbury's.



Oakhill Park flats, Oakhill Road, 2017

We admit that the Society opposed this, mainly for replacing the council owned Olive Haines Court sheltered housing, but the resulting flats turned out to be a cut above the rest both in scale and materials.

Turn back down Woodland Way (passing the Woodlands Gate flats), cross the railway, then right and left.

Brandlehow Primary School, Brandlehow Road, 1950, Grade II listed.

One of only two schools using the system devised by Hungarian émigré Erno Goldfinger designer of Trellick Tower (and a friend of Ian Fleming). Recent contrasting timber clad extensions by Team 51.5 Architects



118 Putney Bridge Road / 100 Deodar Road

offers a lesson in why timber cladding is not a good idea in London.

Hurlingham School, Putney Bridge Road

By contrast the recent frontage buildings here face up to the road in a form that combines Georgian proportions, which work well with the height of the classrooms and reflect the 2030's pub opposite, with clearly modern glazing marking the entrance. Spoilt by the unresolved left hand end.

Carlson Court, Putney Bridge Road

Going soon? This and adjacent Blades Court try all the tricks available – set backs, stair towers etc. to disguise their scale, and instead emphasise it.

84 Deodar Road, 2004

Single family house by Carnell Green keeps to two storeys against adjacent terraces with a modern take on the corner turret and blocks of white render referencing the three storey Blades Court opposite.



From the nearby corner of Wandsworth Park you can see downstream to the ‘Riverside Quarter’ (just outside SW15, so no walk guide) or upstream to Putney Bridge and the Putney Wharf tower and the start of another walk.