

Islington U3A Shorter Walks Group	
Walk/Distance	Hanwell to Richmond via Syon Park and Isleworth 6.3 miles
Date/Time	Friday 24 th October. Meet at Hanwell Station at the bottom of the stairs to platform 2 for 10.25am. We will be leaving promptly at 10.30.
Meeting up & travel	The Elizabeth Line goes to Hanwell from Farringdon, Liverpool street or Tottenham court Road. There is a 9.57am train from Farringdon to Hanwell, arriving at 10.23. Please note that not all trains stop at Hanwell, particularly those for the Reading section of the line. Make sure that you check the Elizabeth line timetables and the service information on the platforms. Returning from Richmond either on the Weaver Line, London Overground or District Line. All within the Freedom Pass Zone.
Route & Terrain	This walk goes through woodland, grassland paths and pavement to join the Brent Riverside path and Grand Union Canal towpath. We follow the towpath to Brentford from where we then proceed to Syon Park where we will break for refreshments at the garden centre café. We will then walk across Syon Park and on through Isleworth. From here we follow the Thames footpath through to Richmond, crossing over Richmond Lock Bridge where there are steps to climb and descend. Finally we walk over Richmond Green to Richmond Station. Most of this walk is flat apart a small steep footbridge over the canal and steps at Richmond Lock Bridge.
Pace	Moderate.
Potential hazards	Cyclists, joggers and dogs on towpaths. Uneven paths. Most of this walk is along paths and footpaths but the woodland path can be muddy after wet weather.
Timing	Walking time is approximately 2.5 hours plus lunch break and travel time.
Clothing/footwear	Comfortable walking shoes. Adjust clothing to suit weather conditions.
Toilets	Available at Hanwell Station on Platform 1, only one toilet which needs a key from station staff. Toilets also at Syon Park and Richmond Station.
Shortening the walk	Trains are available from Brentford Town back into Central London. Self-guided.
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Links	Exploring the Elizabeth Line by Jeff Lock.
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