

A TALE OF TWO
OUTER LONDON BOROUGHES

Using my home in Bromley as a
way into Redbridge

I. Places that we passed in Redbridge
and their Bromley equivalents

REDBRIDGE



Ilford High Road and Market town centre since late 1600s

BROMLEY



Bromley High Street and Market active market since 1205

market is good for cheap christmas presents
Topshop and Primark are main attractions

REDBRIDGE



The North Circular crossing the A12
aka Redbridge Roundabout
completed 1987

BROMLEY



The Sidcup Bypass crossing the A224
aka Crittall's Corner
completed 1986

The place you fear the most when
you're learning to drive

REDBRIDGE



Redbridge Central Library
run by Vision Redbridge, Culture and Leisure
opened 1986

BROMLEY



Bromley Central Library
run by Greenwich Leisure Limited
opened 1977

Always packed around exam season
- my friends tell me, I never used it much

REDBRIDGE



Kenneth More Theatre
opened 1975

BROMLEY



Churchill Theatre
opened 1977
(same building as Library)

I've gone to the pantomimes here for
as long as I can remember

REDBRIDGE



Suburban Housing

BROMLEY



Suburban Housing

All my friends in primary school lived in places like these

REDBRIDGE



footbridge over Seven Kings line
bridge here since around 1890

BROMLEY



footbridge over Petts Wood line
bridge here since around 1980

All the kids wave to the train drivers,
they toot the horn if you're lucky

II. Places that matter to me in Bromley and their Redbridge equivalents

REDBRIDGE



Exchange Ilford
90 shops
opened 1991

BROMLEY



The Glades
135 shops
opened 1991

Going shopping there after school, on the weekend, meeting friends. There was collective dismay when it turned to 'intu Bromley' and relief when it reverted

REDBRIDGE



Valentines Park

BROMLEY



Goddington Park

Picnics after school in summer.
Louise and Meryl falling off the
zipwire, crying laughing

REDBRIDGE



Fairlop High Street

BROMLEY



Orpington High Street

A charity shopper's paradise.
Some great restaurants too, a new
cinema and even a Nandos nowadays

REDBRIDGE



Central Line Underground

BROMLEY



Southeastern Trains

The gateway to London, trips to the west end, oxford street, covent garden, the southbank

III. Assets of Community Value in Redbridge
(ACVs) from redbridge.gov.uk



Al-Qasr family restaurant/The Bell
Ley Street



The Cricketers
Woodford Green



The Avenue/Masala 910
Eastern Ave
closed



Oakfield Playing Fields
Fencepiece Rd



Children's Play Area
Christchurch Green



Mayfair Venue
Chadwell Heath

IV. Miscellaneous infrastructures
I noticed in Redbridge



balloons on a front door that mean there's a party



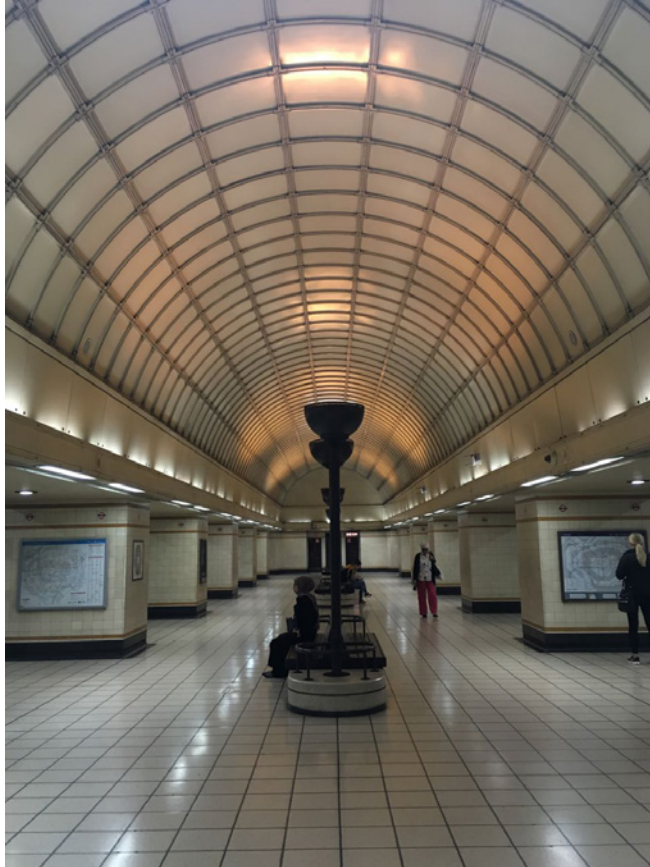
the bins are blue instead of green



A new quietway cycle route through Valentine's park



very nice public toilets at Valentine's Park



a nice ceiling at Gants Hill tube stop



new turf at Barnado's cottages
(dreamy but no proper path out to get to Sainsbury's)



a window full of plastic bottles advertising a drinking fountain



high security suburbia



newly redone public space,
much less buzzing than the bus stop opposite

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Crittall's Corner (Sidcup Bypass over the A224):

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