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SO YOU WANNA LIVE IN... PARSONS GREEN

# Like a village, only stylish

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PARSONS GREEN is an oasis of calm between the hectic New King's Road and Fulham Road. Although it is not going to be challenging Shoreditch for the crown of hippest London neighbourhood, its flourishing cafe and bar trade has led to it being hailed as the "coolest part of Fulham" by admiring locals.

Parsons Green's popularity, however, is nothing new. It has long been the most sought-after part of SW6, providing residents with respite from the perennially busy Fulham Broadway.

Buyers welcome splashes of open space, and they also love the quiet streets full of tidy period homes.

Jo Eccles of property search agent Sourcing Property says that Parsons Green has managed to establish its own identity within the Fulham area: "It has an intimate village feel with a range of boutiques, cafes and restaurants, as well as independent shops."

Eccles adds that property in Parsons Green is cheaper than in neighbouring areas.

Victorian terraced houses, ranging from three to six-bedroom properties, are the order of the day. The most desirable properties are those on the Peterborough Estate. They are known locally as the Jimmy Nichols lion houses

**WHERE IS IT?**



<b>HOUSE PRICE AVERAGE</b>	
1-bed flat	£370,000
4-bed house	£1.5 million
<b>RENTAL AVERAGE (monthly)</b>	
1-bed flat	£1,500
4-bed house	£6,600
<b>COUNCIL TAX AVERAGE</b>	
1-bed flat	£1,194 (Band D)
4-bed house	£1,989 (Band G)
<b>COST OF A CAB FROM OXFORD CIRCUS</b>	
	£23



**LOCAL** | The White Horse gastropub in Parsons Green is nicknamed the Sloaney Pony – for obvious reasons

after the architect who designed them. Georgian houses with a view of Parsons Green often sell for more than £2 million.

Quarrendon Street and Chisstead Street are popular addresses, and the prices of family homes there are between £2-3 million.

The area is popular among wealthy young professionals

who take the District line to the City.

About 60 per cent of the properties are flats and period conversions, and a two-bed garden flat will set you back £500,000.

Flats on Munster Road, however, are a cheaper alternative—you can still grab a one-bedroom apartment there for less than £300,000.

**What's good about Parsons Green?**

It's quiet and residential yet central, with stunning houses.

**What's bad about it?**

Family homes are expensive and council tax is high.

**Your neighbours**

City boys and girls, and wealthy execs with families.

**Famous residents**

Leslie Grantham, Neil Fox.

**You know you're a local when...**

You're a regular at The White Horse gastropub, nicknamed the Sloaney Pony.

**Transport**

Parsons Green is on the District line in zone 2.

**Crime**

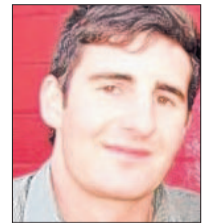
Levels of burglary and theft are above average, but rates of robbery are low.

**Schools**

Holy Cross RC and New King's primaries perform well. Lady Margaret and the London Oratory secondaries are two of the best-performing schools in the capital.

**living in the hood**

**DAVID MARKS**



David Marks, a 25-year-old accounts manager for a design company, bought a two-bed maisonette last year in Parsons Green. Similar properties sell for £600,000.

**He says:**

"I love Parsons Green because it has that village feel in the centre of town with some great independent shops, such as the Elizabeth King deli. The pubs in the area are all easy to get to, and in the summer you can wander out with a jugs of Pimm's, which I think is just fantastic. My flat is a maisonette conversion with two bedrooms and a roof terrace. It is one of the traditional Parsons Green lion houses, which are absolutely beautiful. They are incredibly unique and I love the sense of local history attached to them."

**wish of the week**



**WHITTINGSTALL ROAD, SW6, £1,299,950**

A stunning six-bedroom Victorian house located off Fulham Road. The property has three reception rooms, three bathrooms, wooden flooring, bay windows and a huge garden. The basement is laid out as a one-bedroom, self-contained apartment, with its own entrance, kitchen and bathroom.

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**other properties in the area**



**NEW KING'S ROAD, SW6, £339,950**

A recently refurbished one-bedroom flat that is in excellent condition for decorating. The apartment has a living room with wooden flooring, and a fully fitted kitchen. Parsons Green Tube station is just a few minutes' walk away.

CHARD: 0845 117 3816



**WHITTINGSTALL ROAD, SW6, £325,000**

This is a delightful two-floor converted flat on one of Fulham's premier roads. This one-bedroom apartment has a living room, kitchenette and a bathroom. The property is close to Parsons Green Tube station and nearby shops.

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