

PRESS RELEASE

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London Transport Museum shares secrets of the Underground in new YouTube video series 'Hidden London Hangouts'



- **Learn about London's 'ghost' stations and hear curious stories about hidden sites across the Capital**
- **Meet the team behind London Transport Museum's exclusive 'Hidden London tours' of Underground locations rarely seen by the public**
- **New weekly episodes of the mini-series premiere every Saturday at 6pm on the Museum's YouTube channel, hosted by self-confessed 'Tube geek' Alex Grundon**
- **Sign-up to the Museum newsletter to be the first to hear about new online content and receive a weekly dose of curious stories, fun facts and online shop offers**

London Transport Museum's Covent Garden doors may be closed, but the Museum is finding new ways to bring its exhibitions and events to life online to be enjoyed by the public from home.

The Museum's latest virtual offering is a brand-new online video series called 'Hidden London Hangouts'. Hosted by self-confessed 'Tube geek' and broadcaster Alex Grundon, each episode is a light-hearted, informal discussion with members of the Museum's Hidden London team. Viewers can tune in to hear about their work creating tours of secret sites across the Capital, and the intriguing tales and historical facts they have to share about these fascinating places.

Hidden London is the Museum's programme of exclusive tours and events at locations rarely seen by, and usually off limits to, the public. Venturing beyond secret entrances and

unassuming doorways, visitors are led on atmospheric journeys into disused 'ghost' stations and concealed spaces on the Tube network, and to places steeped in history hidden in plain sight around the city.

Each episode of 'Hidden London Hangouts' focuses on a different site in the Hidden London tour catalogue, giving viewers a taste of some of the historical tales and titbits that are revealed on the tours, and a chance to get to know the team who create them.

From Clapham South's eerie passageways, once a subterranean shelter for those seeking refuge during World War II and a temporary home to Caribbean migrants arriving on the Empire Windrush, to the wilderness of Highgate station, a railway now reclaimed by nature, or Piccadilly Circus – an iconic station whose tunnels were once used for the top-secret storage of priceless artefacts – the series will bring these 'abandoned' places into the limelight to reveal the incredible stories they tell about London's past.

The first two episodes of the Hidden London Hangouts series are now available on the Museum's YouTube channel, and explore the history of Aldwych and the disused spaces of Charing Cross Underground station.

- Watch episode one: <https://youtu.be/-71qEuroYcs>
- Watch episode two: <https://youtu.be/1QcvMoBMUj4>

Viewers can tune in at 6pm this Saturday (18 April) to catch the third episode on Clapham South's intriguing deep-level shelter. Search Hidden London Hangouts on YouTube to watch.

For those looking for more ways to enjoy the Museum from home, new content will be shared regularly on the Museum's website and across its social media channels:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ltmuseum>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ltmuseum>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ltmuseum/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ltmuseumvideo>

For a weekly dose of transport trivia, fascinating facts, competitions and online retail offers straight to your inbox, [sign-up to the Museums enewsletter](#).

People wanting to bring the mystery of Hidden London to their home can head to London Transport Museum's online shop for exclusive artworks, posters, homeware and the recently published Hidden London book. Lavishly illustrated with previously unseen archives,

architectural drawings and photographs, this is a must-have for any London aficionado's coffee-table: <https://www.ltmuseumshop.co.uk/gifts/hidden-london>

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About Hidden London Hangouts

Hidden London Hangouts is an online mini-series hosted weekly on London Transport Museum's YouTube channel by broadcaster and self-confessed 'Tube geek' Alex Grundon. The series features members of the Museum's Hidden London team, and occasionally special guests. Members of the Hidden London team who appear in the series include:

- Hidden London Project Manager, Laura Hilton
- Hidden London Engagement Manager and co-author of *Hidden London: Discovering the Forgotten Underground*, Sidy Holloway
- Assistant Director of Collections and Engagement and co-author of *Hidden London: Discovering the Forgotten Underground*, Chris Nix

About London Transport Museum

- London Transport Museum's purpose is to ignite curiosity to help shape the future. The Museum is situated in the heart of Covent Garden and filled with stunning exhibits; the Museum explores the powerful link between transport and the growth of modern London, culture and society since 1800. Historic vehicles, world-famous posters and the very best objects from the Museum's extraordinary collection are brought together to tell the story of London's development and the part transport played in defining the unique identity of the city.
- The Museum is a charity and the world's leading museum of urban transport and a place for everyone to come to understand and enjoy the story of London's journey. No other capital city is defined and shaped so much by its transport as London. Yet the scale of influence of transport can be invisible to those who use it every day. The Museum's collections, together with its lively events and learning programme are a window into the past, present and future

of how transport keeps London moving, working and growing, and makes life in our city better. The Museum's charity number is 1123122.

- London Transport Museum is supported by public funding from Arts Council England.

In line with the latest advice from the Government and Public Health England, and to ensure the safety of the public, Museum staff and volunteers, London Transport Museum and its Depot in Acton Town are temporarily closed until further notice. Upcoming events, including **Hidden London tours**, talks, Lates, and heritage vehicle outings taking place between now and **Sunday 31 May** will not be going ahead.

During closure London Transport Museum will be sharing inspiring content from its collection online – from Google Arts and Culture exhibits to social media quizzes and a 'Hidden London Hangouts' video series on YouTube.

The public can follow the Museum's social media channels and sign-up to its enewsletter for weekly updates by visiting www.ltmuseum.co.uk and can browse its online shop <https://www.ltmuseumshop.co.uk/>.