

= Arnos Grove tube station =

Arnos Grove is a London Underground station located in Arnos Grove in the London Borough of Enfield, London. It is on the Piccadilly line between Bounds Green and Southgate stations and is in Travelcard Zone 4. The station opened on 19 September 1932 as the most northerly station on the first section of the Piccadilly line extension from Finsbury Park to Cockfosters. It was the terminus of the line until services were further extended to Oakwood on 13 March 1933. When travelling from east of Barons Court and through Central London, Arnos Grove is the first surface station after the long tunnel section of the Piccadilly line. The station has four platforms which face three tracks.

The station was designed by architect Charles Holden, and has been described as a significant work of modern architecture. On 19 February 1971, the station was Grade II listed. In 2005, the station was refurbished with the heritage features also maintained. In July 2011 Arnos Grove's listed status was upgraded to Grade II*. The station was awarded with the Best Newcomer and the Best Overall Garden in the Underground in Bloom 2011 competition and also in the London in Bloom competition.

= = Location = =

The station is located in Arnos Grove, near Arnos Park on Bowes Road. It is the first surface station after the long tunnel section which starts east of Barons Court and passes through Central London. The station and surrounding neighbourhood of Arnos Grove take their names from the Arnos Grove estate, which was to the north of the station. The station is part of the Arnos Grove group of stations, comprising all seven stations from Cockfosters to Turnpike Lane, and the management office for the group is in Arnos Grove station. Linked to the station by a lineside passageway is Ash House, which is a drivers' depot.

= = History = =

The Great Northern railway (GNR) and its successor, the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER), for many years refused consent for any extension into the suburbs of Haringey and Enfield. Eventually, public opinion became strong enough to force the matter and in the 1930s the line was rapidly extended from Finsbury Park to Cockfosters via Arnos Grove. The station was opened on 19 September 1932 as the most northerly station on the first section of the Piccadilly line extension. It was the terminus of the line until services were further extended to Oakwood on 13 March 1933. Its name was chosen after public deliberation: alternatives were "Arnos Park", "Bowes Road" and "Southgate".

On the night of 13 October 1940, during the Blitz, a lone German aircraft dropped a single bomb on houses to the north of Bounds Green station. The destruction of the houses caused the north end of the westbound platform tunnel to collapse. As a result, train services between Wood Green and Cockfosters were disrupted for two months. On 11 August 1948, a passenger train was derailed when the front and rear bogies of a carriage took different routes at a set of points at the station. On 7 July 2005, a bomb was exploded on a train travelling between King's Cross St. Pancras and Russell Square. As a result, train services between Hyde Park Corner and Arnos Grove were disrupted until 4 August of the same year.

= = Station building = =

Like the other stations Charles Holden designed for the extension, Arnos Grove was built in a modern European style using brick, glass and reinforced concrete and basic geometric shapes. A circular drum @-@ like ticket hall of brick and glass panels rises from a low single @-@ storey structure and is capped by a flat concrete slab roof. The design was inspired by the Stockholm City Library and Swedish architect Gunnar Asplund. The centre of the ticket hall is occupied by a disused ticket office (a passimeter in London Underground parlance) which houses an exhibition

on the station and the line .

= = The station today = =

Three parallel train tracks pass through the station , with two double @-@ sided platforms between the central track and the outer tracks . The edges of the platforms are labelled platform 1 and 2 , and platform 3 and 4 , in such a way that the two outer tracks are accessible from platforms 1 and 4 , and the central track , usually used by trains that terminate and reverse at Arnos Grove station , is accessible from platforms 2 and 3 . Platforms 1 and 2 are designated for trains to Cockfosters while platforms 3 and 4 are for trains to Central London .

In July 2011 Arnos Grove became a Grade II * listed building . The building is one of the 12 " Great Modern Buildings " profiled in The Guardian during October 2007 . Arnos Grove Drivers ' Depot won Best Newcomer and Best Overall Garden in the Underground in Bloom 2011 competition for their new project which also got them an award in the London in Bloom competition . Their website tells the whole story with photographs of the garden and the awards ceremonies .

= = = Station improvements = = =

In 2005 the station underwent a refurbishment programme including improvements to signage , security and train information systems . General repairs and redecoration were carried out , flooring was renewed , and better lighting , an improved CCTV security system and Help Points were installed , with the latter being suitable for people with limited hearing . Some of the original signs are in a ' petit @-@ serif ' adaptation of the London Underground typeface , Johnston Delf Smith Sans . This typeface was designed by Charles Holden and Percy Delf Smith , a former pupil of Edward Johnston .

During the refurbishment programme , all these heritage features were maintained as well :

The circular ' Sudbury box ' red brick building with overhanging crenellated concrete roof and vestibule to front and left @-@ hand elevations

Dark red brick walls extending to either side of building and also on bridge parapet wall and also on the other side of Bowes Road

Bronze @-@ framed silhouette roundels with reinstated 1930s graphics on concrete backing panels on brick walls at either end of bus slip road

Flag pole mounted silhouette roundel with reinstated 1930s graphics on vestibule roof

Full height windows

= = Services and connections = =

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A journey between Arnos Grove and Southgate typically takes slightly more than four minutes . Train frequencies vary throughout the day , but generally operate every 3 @-@ 9 minutes between 07 : 07 and 01 : 07 eastbound , and every 2 @-@ 6 minutes between 05 : 19 and 00 : 06 westbound . When operational problems occur on the line , Arnos Grove station may act as a temporary terminus of a reduced service ? either a shuttle service between Arnos Grove and Cockfosters or a truncated service from Central London . The station has a set of seven sidings to its south for stabling trains .

= = = Connections = = =

London Bus routes 34 , 184 , 232 , 251 , 298 and 382 and night route N91 serve the station . New Southgate railway station is a ten @-@ minute walk from Arnos Grove .

= = Nearby places = =

Bounds Green
Muswell Hill
New Southgate
Palmers Green
Southgate

= = In popular culture = =

The station building appears as " Marble Hill " tube station in the episode " Wasps ' Nest " of the Agatha Christie 's Poirot TV series with David Suchet as Hercule Poirot .

Arnos Grove is often noted for its station cat (a rarity on the London Underground network) , called Spooky , who now (as of 2014) occupies the station car park after being evicted due to the introduction of UTS gates .