

DALSTON / STOKE NEWINGTON · E8 / N16

DALSTON & STOKE NEWINGTON

edgy / village.

Where nightlife meets green spaces,
Turkish grills meet natural wine bars,
music venues meet family vibes.

A Eat & Drink

B Nightlife

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Eat & Drink

A

Turkish ocakbasi legends. Natural wine bars. Brunch spots. Modern fusion.



■ TURKISH OCAKBASI

01

Mangal 1

10 Arcola Street, E8 2DJ

The OG. 30+ years legend, lively no-frills BYOB. Succulent lamb shish best city. Amazing kebabs, best bread. Queue worth it always.

02

Mangal 2

4 Stoke Newington Road, N16

Contemporary relaunch 2020, Phaidon cookbook 2024. Homemade kofte, grilled lamb chops, deep-fried chicken livers, courgette fritters. Modern Turkish East London lens.

03

Cirrik

34 Stoke Newington Road, N16

Charcoal ocakbasi BBQ meats. THOSE balsamic grilled onions, THAT fresh bread (unlimited). Lamb chops specialty. No frills, go hungry.

04

Umut 2000

Kingsland High Street, E8

Killer lamb chops, chicken shish. Reliable Turkish grill, proper mezze. Part Turkish community fabric Dalston.

TURKISH DALSTON

Strong Turkish/Kurdish community decades. Kingsland Road feels little Turkey. Mosques, barbers, grocery stores, restaurants. Aziziye Mosque 1983. Turkish food capital London. BYOB many spots. Not truly know Dalston until visited bunch Turkish restaurants, formed strong attachment favorite.

MODERN RESTAURANTS

01

Little Duck Picklery

68 Dalston Lane, E8

Fermenting kitchen Ducksoup team. Menu changes monthly, seasonal. Make ferments/pickles/drinks - buy jarred. Natural wine list. Kitchen counter centrepiece.

02

Angelina

56 Dalston Lane, E8

Italo-Japanese fusion. 13-course Kaiseki changes every 5 weeks. Creative menu pushing envelope. Dalston sophisticated dining.

03

Jolene

Newington Green, N16

Bakery + restaurant + natural wine cellar. Menu changes weekly. Sourdough hunks butter. Sister restaurants Primeur/Westerns Laundry.

04

Oren

Shacklewell Lane, E8

Middle Eastern-inspired seasonal. Stone-baked flatbread, pickled veg, tzatziki standout. Whole pork chop roast garlic. Everything really very good.



■ BRUNCH & CAFES

01

Fink's at Clissold House

Clissold Park, N16

Adult daycare vibes best kind. Milky drinks, cakes. Clissold House 18th-century mansion, cafe great park views. Perfect after walk.

02

The Good Egg

93 Stoke Newington Church St

Middle Eastern + New York breakfast-to-dinner. Shakshuka, sabich, challah french toast. Weekend brunch busy, worth queue.

03

13th Floor Coffee

St Mary's Church, Stokey

Converted horse box coffee van. Coffee by Tate. Changing bakes, vegan options. End of Road festival people. Community vibe.

04

Esters

170 Stoke Newington Church St

Favorite brunch London. Thoughtful seasonal dishes genuinely crave. Hidden gem back streets. Not typical eggs-avocado.



01

Parasol

92 Stoke Newington High St

Speakeasy-style bar underneath. Sun Tavern team. Disco ball, DJ weekends. Korean Jesus cocktail, Baklava bourbon. Open 2am.

02

Cadet

Newington Green, N16

All-star team wine importers. Wine list entirely their selection. Natural wines focus. Charcuterie, small plates.

03

The Marquee Moon

Kingsland High Street, E8

The Cause team 2024. Music-forward, 3am licence. One martini becomes 2am. Asian-inspired small plates. Sexily low-lit basement.

04

Yield N16

Stoke Newington Church St

Natural wine specialist. Romantic outdoor area. Small plates, cheese. Flickering candles, intimate Stokey.



Nightlife & Culture

B

Music venues, clubs, LGBTQ+ icons. Wakes early, sleeps late (if at all).

■ MUSIC VENUES & CLUBS

01

EarthH

11-17 Stoke Newington Road

Former cinema, 650-cap hall + 200-cap basement. Indie bands, electronic, comedy, film. Stunning art deco restored. East London cultural hub.

02

Shacklewell Arms

71 Shacklewell Lane, E8

Best pub London live music. Solange/HAIM/King Gizzard started here. Victorian pub restored, grassroots venue.

03

Brilliant Corners

470 Kingsland Road, E8

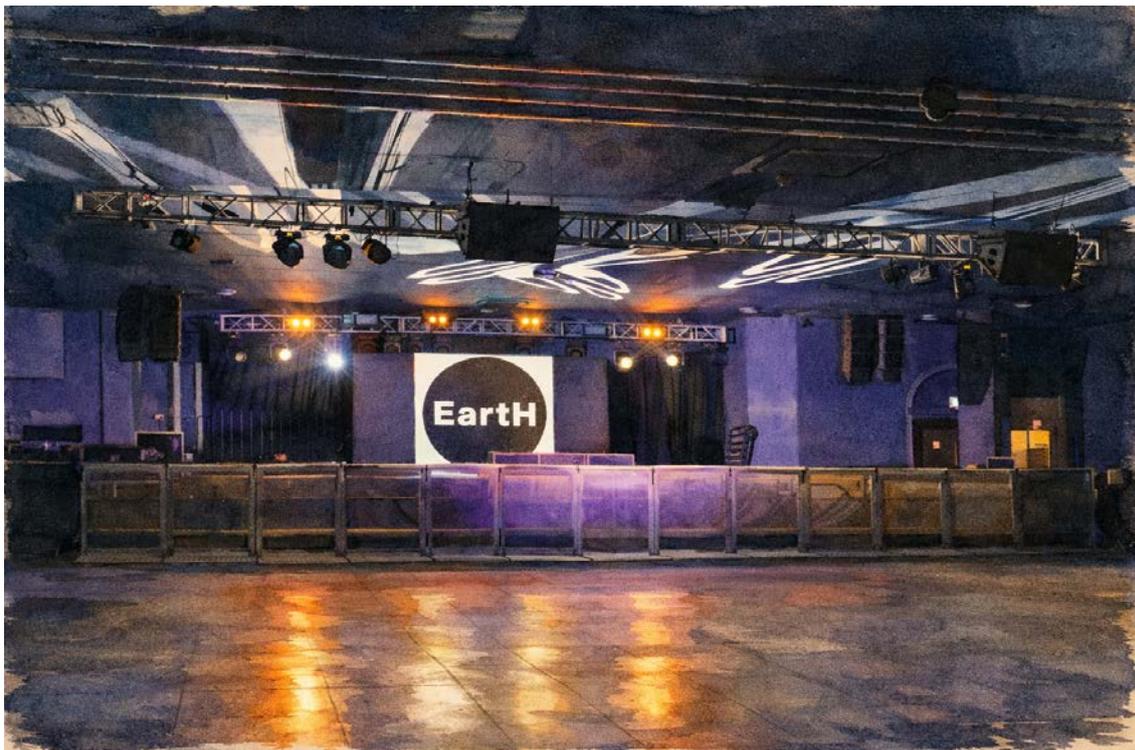
Japanese izakaya + DJ sessions. Sushi, sashimi, plant-forward. Survived decade+ Dalston. Winning mix continues.

04

Dalston Superstore

117 Kingsland High Street

Iconic LGBTQ+ venue. Best queer parties city. Club nights, pop-up kitchens. Ground-floor bar, basement club.



■ MORE NIGHTLIFE & CULTURE

01

The Karaoke Hole

95 Kingsland High Street

Dalston Superstore sister. Karaoke dive bar. Incredible performers, themed nights. LGBTQ+ fabulous. Sing hearts content.

02

Ridley Road Market Bar

Ridley Road Market, E8

Famed happy hour, tropical dive vibes. Retro 70s ambiance. Weekends dancefloor ready. Source ingredients locally.

03

Rio Cinema

107 Kingsland High Street

Gorgeous listed building, Art Deco. Independent cinema gem. Classic/new films. Community hub, cafe/bar.

04

Abney Park Cemetery

Stoke Newington High St

Magnificent Seven Victorian cemetery. Restored 2024. Gothic monuments, overgrown paths. Cemetery-arboretum-nature reserve.



Active

C

Clissold Park deer and lakes. New River Path. Green space surprise Zone 2.



■ CLISSOLD PARK & GREEN

CLISSOLD PARK

Heart Stoke Newington, beloved locals. Sprawling leafy expanse lakes, deer, old mansion (now cafe). Tennis courts, bowling green. Big enough good stroll. Grade II-listed Clissold House cafe great views. Only urban parks home animals: goats, deer, swans, terrapins, aviaries, fallow deer. 18th-century mansion. Paddling pool, playgrounds. Sheer green space makes Stokey different much inner London. Families love, everyone uses. Rose gardens, wisteria.

ABNEY PARK & NEW RIVER

Abney Park: Magnificent Seven Victorian cemetery. Restored 2024, cafe/workshops. Get lost overgrown paths, gothic monuments. Cemetery-arboretum-nature reserve. New River Path: Follow old waterway to Islington, greenery/wildlife. See stream some sections. Unique London only see foot. Leafy quiet streets.

GYMS & FITNESS

West Reservoir climbing centre (Victorian pumping station saved, locals campaign won). Gym Group Dalston (budget 24/7). Better Gym Clissold (council-run, pool). Yoga/boutique studios. Outdoor: Clissold Park running, New River Path cycling, village streets good walking.

Practicals

D

Transport, character. Where Dalston's grit meets Stokey's green, both thrive.

DALSTON EDGY

Nightlife + Diversity

Hipster heyday 2009-2015. Still edgier than Islington, more youthful than Stokey, grungier than Hackney Central. Strong Turkish/Kurdish community (Kingsland Road little Turkey). Music venues Earth, Shacklewell Arms. LGBTQ+ icons Dalston Superstore. Ridley Road Market Afro-Caribbean/South Asian hub. Rio Cinema art deco. High-energy balancing old/new. Wakes early sleeps late. Jazz/gay/market bars. Multicultural coexist, bit expensive but bargain shops between natural wine bars.

STOKEY VILLAGE

Green + Independent

Village feel, refuses be pinned down. Church Street leafy charm, local character. Independent spirit: curated businesses not chains. Residents hostile big brands (took ages Pret arrive). Clissold Park heart (deer/lakes/mansion cafe). Abney Park Cemetery-arboretum. New River Path. Mix young families (strollers!), professionals, creatives. Turkish/West Indian/Jewish communities thrive. Natural wines, artisanal everything, organic focus. First north London gentrification effects but not lost creative/liberal/bohemian feel.

NO TUBE = CHARACTER

Cut Off Magic

Stokey famously lacking Tube. Overground trains, buses, long walk Finsbury Park/Dalston connections. Dealbreaker some, magic others. Helped maintain village feel, slightly apart London frantic rush. Cut-off gives village vibe. Weekdays quiet, weekends/evenings busy people surrounding areas arrive. Yet continue drawn. Independent spirit, green spaces, rich history, still manages surprise. Never just another neighborhood.

BOTH THRIVING

Reality Today

Dalston edgier but decent neighborhood: hugely diverse multicultural, all find bit expensive. Excellent bargain shops/cheap eats between growing natural wine bars/luxury boutiques. Stokey gentrified but creative/liberal/bohemian remains. Natural wines, florists, gelato, bakeries, organic everything, independent shops, craft beer, endless coffee, cute brunch. Great vegan/gluten-free, just as great meat eaters. Living here: young professionals (bought first flat Dalston, graduated Stokey house - harder now prices jumped). Families drawn (schools/parks/community). Market buoyant. Conservation areas dominate.

WEEKDAYS

Village Calm

Stokey Church Street village vibe. Independent shops, cafes, quiet. Dalston less frantic, Turkish restaurants lunch, coffee shops freelancers. Clissold Park dog walkers, families, joggers. Abney Park peaceful. Both feel neighborhood-y, locals going about business. Ridley Road Market Mon-Sat, community atmosphere. Real London living.

WEEKENDS

Mixed Energy

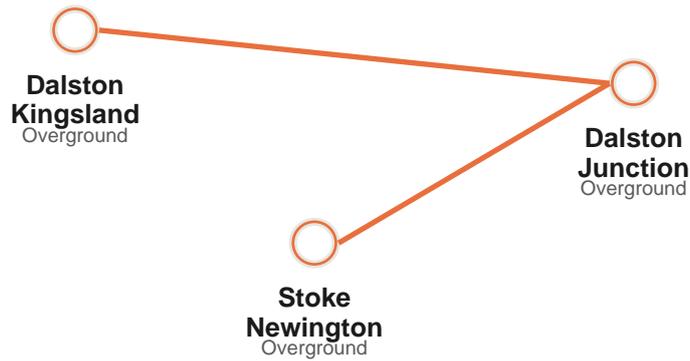
Stokey: Church Street busier, brunch queues, Clissold Park packed families. Farmers' market Saturdays. People Islington/Dalston walk/bike sunny days. Feels day-trippers mixed locals, rare see tourists. Dalston: Kingsland High Street heats up. Ridley Road Market Saturday busiest. Music venues gear up. Bars/clubs Thursday-Saturday full swing. Marquee Moon, Superstore, Brilliant Corners. One martini becomes 2am.

WHO LIVES HERE

Creative + Families

Young professionals (bought first flat Shoreditch/Dalston, graduated Stokey house - harder now). Families (schools/parks/community). Creatives, artists, writers (literary tradition). Turkish/Kurdish families (community established). West Indian, Jewish, Irish, Afro-Caribbean (multicultural defines). Students, recent grads (cheaper than central). Mix young/old, established/new, working-class roots + gentrified newcomers. Dalston more transient/edgier/younger. Both: people value independent spirit, green spaces, culture, surprise. Rent £1,600-2,000 1-bed, buy £450k-600k 1-bed.

■ Transport



YOUR STATIONS (OVERGROUND)

Dalston Kingsland

Overground Lea Valley

Main Dalston hub. Kingsland High Street. 13-19 min Liverpool Street. Busy, central.

Dalston Junction

Overground

South Dalston. Ridley Road Market. 15 min Liverpool Street. Slightly less chaotic.

Stoke Newington

Overground Lea Valley

Stokey station. Church Street, Clissold Park. 13-19 min Liverpool Street. Quieter village.

■ NO TUBE = VILLAGE

Stokey famously no Tube. Overground trains Liverpool Street 13-19 min.

Buses: 67 (Shoreditch), 73 (Oxford Circus).

Walking culture strong. Manor House Piccadilly 15-min walk. Finsbury Park Northern/Piccadilly/Victoria 20-min.

Cut-off helps maintain character. Magic some, dealbreaker others. Village preserved.

■■ COMMUTE TIMES

Liverpool Street - 13-19 min

Overground direct. Financial district.

Shoreditch - 5-10 min

Walk or 1 stop. Tech scene.

Old Street - 10-15 min

Overground + Northern. Silicon Roundabout.

Bank/City - 20 min

Overground Liverpool Street, walk/Northern.

King's Cross - 25 min

Overground + change. Eurostar.

■ ■ Best Streets

Kingsland High Street

Dalston Main Artery

Turkish restaurants, music venues (Earth, Shacklewell), bars (Superstore, Marquee Moon), Rio Cinema. Turkish barbers, groceries, mosques. Melting pot cultures. Most party-ready high street east London.

Stoke Newington Church Street

Village Heart

Independent shops, cafes, bakeries, wine bars. Thoughtfully curated locals not chains. Original hamlet developed. Two historic churches. Farmers' market Saturdays. Edgy-elegant-back. Winds Clissold Park. Stokey character embodied.

Ridley Road

Market Energy

Historic market since late 1800s. Mon-Sat 150+ stalls. Afro-Caribbean/South Asian ingredients best. Warm community atmosphere. Market Bar tropical vibes. Post-war immigrants legacy. Real Dalston not sanitized.

Dalston Lane

Indie Cool

Little Duck Picklery, Angelina, Corrochio's. Mix restaurants/bars/creative. Dalston Junction to Kingsland. Less frantic, still buzzy. Vintage stores, art galleries. Grungy cool.

Newington Green

Stokey Sophisticated

Jolene, Cadet, Primeur nearby. Leafy green center. More upscale, less village-y. Young professionals, couples. Wealthier Stokey.

Shacklewell Lane

Music + Turkish

Shacklewell Arms (Solange/HAIM/King Gizzard started). Oren Middle Eastern. Residential/Turkish/creative mix. Less touristy, more local.



Turkish Community

Kingsland Road little Turkey. Strong Turkish/Kurdish community decades. Mangal 1 OG 30+ years. Mangal 2 Phaidon cookbook. Cirrik best. Turkish grocery stores, barbers, mosques (Aziziye 1983). Gozleme restaurants every corner. BYOB culture. This IS London Turkish food capital.



Music Heritage

EarthH (art deco 650-cap). Shacklewell Arms (Solange/HAIM/King Gizzard started). Brilliant Corners decade+ survivor. Dalston Superstore LGBTQ+ icon. Rio Cinema listed. Marquee Moon 2024 new era. Grassroots venues, legendary. Music-forward defines Dalston.



Green Space Luxury

Clissold Park heart - deer, lakes, cafe, animals. Abney Park Magnificent Seven restored 2024. New River Path greenery walk. Zone 2 with this much park rare. West Reservoir climbing (Victorian saved). Village preserved partly green. Families cherish. Worth no Tube trade-off.



Independent Spirit

Church Street independents not chains. Residents hostile brands. Literary Festival since 2010. Communist meetings post-war, 1960s squatters/artists/radicals. Natural wines, artisanal, organic. Never just another neighborhood. Refuses be pinned down. Village character preserved gentrification. Both: independent spirit, diversity, surprise.

Where nights are edgy.
Where days are village.

Explore Dalston & Stoke Newington.

HOMES FOR SALE

HOMES TO RENT

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