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Private views A gallerist's perspective on why Lisson Grove is an inspiring place to be.

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In this issue we take you on a voyage of discovery around your neighbourhood, inviting you to experience everything from great local walks and hiddengem parks to the best shops, bars and restaurants to while away the weekend with friends.

There is so much to explore in Lisson Grove, and with the Carrick Yard show apartment open for viewings, now's the perfect time to come and see what's new.







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Home is where the art is

Lisson Grove's thriving creative community is its life and soul, and the world-famous Lisson Gallery is well cemented at the heart of this. Its Head of Content, Ossian Ward, discusses the area's enduring appeal and offers advice on how to start building an art collection of your own.

These streets have seen a great deal of change since Lisson Gallery moved in during the '60s. Why do you think it's still an inspiring place to be for artists and creators?

The life of the area is very much lived out on the street, whether in the market, on the high street or by the new canal-side developments. Although we have moved around and opened galleries in Mayfair, Milan, New York and Shanghai, the Lisson Gallery is still on the same street as it was when it opened in 1967. As a student, our founder Nicholas Logsdail was looking for somewhere to live near to the Slade Art School and saw a sign in the window on Bell Street. He met the owner in a local pub to do the deal and has never looked back.

There's been a lot of really positive regeneration in and around the area recently, while keeping its all-important local flavour. What changes have made the biggest difference to your day?

One of our galleries has its entrance on Lisson Street, which has just been beautifully developed and partially pedestrianised, allowing a different kind of open space to explore in the area. It has retained its character, perhaps more noticeable because of developments in neighbouring Marylebone and Paddington. But the skyscrapers haven't reached Lisson Grove.



We love that Lisson Grove is so central and well-connected, yet feels protected from the hubbub of Central London life. What are your favourite things about the area?

It has an incredible liveliness and diversity, and the history of many of the buildings on Edgware Road have been a point of interest for gallery artists such as Liu Xiaodong, who came from China to paint locals in the pubs, restaurants and shisha joints. The area's walking possibilities allow you to be in Central London or Regent's Park within minutes, and then there is the ease of getting out of town and away from it all to the west.

Let's say that you're showing someone around the neighbourhood for the first time. Where would you take them for a bite to eat?

We have everything from high-end restaurants such as Dinings, the Japanese favourite on Harcourt Street, to some of the best street-food spots and Lebanese cuisine, as well as the historic Jewish deli Panzer's, which is just north of Lisson Grove.

A brief guide to buying art

Where to start when buying art? Ask a former art critic. Here, Lisson Gallery's Ossian Ward shares his key advice on how to start building your contemporary art collection.

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BUY IT BECAUSE YOU LIKE IT

Buying art shouldn't feel like a forced purchase or something you have been advised to buy for investment purposes – just fall in love with the kind of work that you want to live with.

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VISIT CONTEMPORARY ART FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

When Frieze Art Fair is in town, it is the best one-stop shop for getting a sense of what kind of work is out there and selling.

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EXPLORE THE LOCAL AREA

A good bet for first-time art buyers is the limited editions sold by the great local institutions such as The Showroom, our near neighbour, the Serpentine Galleries or Camden Art Centre.







Add a personal touch with handmade pieces

"Where things are being displayed, we like to use handmade pieces," says Vesna. Drawing upon the FLINT team's passion for ceramics, the apartment features the work of some of their current-favourite London makers. For the kitchen and living room coffee table, the team chose several teapot sculptures by Central Saint Martin's graduate Omer Oner, who uses Victorian and Art Deco ironmongery castings to create the distinctive shape of his designs. Elsewhere, handmade bowls and beakers by Studio Pottery London add interesting texture and a pop of colour.

Teapot Sculpture

Omer Oner | omeronerceramics.co.uk



Mix finishes and fabrics

For a contemporary update on the feature wall, FLINT chose to cover a single wall in a subtly textured wallpaper. "For the bedrooms, we wanted people to come in and feel like they're in the most luxurious hotel," explains Vesna. "The textured wallpaper is very discreet, yet it has a presence, like a luxurious fabric." Abstract prints by William Scott complement the bedroom's serene vibe.

Art William Scott, 1962 Prints | williamscott.org

Lamp

Kelly Wearstler | kellywearstler.com



Personal touches and creative flourishes abound at Carrick Yard's new show apartment. Here, Vesna Aksentijevic of FLINT, the London studio behind the building's interior design, explains why individuality is in the details, and offers inspiration on how we can all create a home that reflects our style and personality.



colour of nature into the apartment, which is why we've chosen greens, yellows and soft tones as a background," explains Vesna, and it's a trick that can be applied to any home, whether or not it enjoys a link to the outside.

Sofa Soho Home | sohohome.com



Create multi-purpose spaces

"What we're seeing now is a new need for spaces to be adaptable" says Vesna. "We're designing more spaces where bedrooms can become workspaces, living rooms have niches for desks, or bedrooms and offices that lead into the living room to create longer views, whilst maximising daylight. This particular room is all of these things – it could be a bedroom, but opens onto the living room with a sliding door, so you have a more fluid feel." Here, a pair of bold prints by Swedish artist Sofia Lind offer an interesting view from the living area.

Art *Sofia Lind* | *sofialind.se*

Feasts from the east

Enjoy a taste of the area's unique local flavour with our pick of the neighbourhood's must-try Middle Eastern eats, from a secret side-street café to the coolest spot for brunch.



Ali Baba

That Ali Baba is so popular with Egyptian expats says a lot about its authentic take on the country's comfort food. Order koshary, Egypt's national dish of rice, lentils and pasta, along with generously-sized grills, stuffed vine leaves, salads and lots and lots of fluffy Egyptian bread. Insider tip: you can bring your own bottle with no corkage.

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32 Ivor Place, London NW1 6DA ★ 15 mins walk alibabarestaurant.co.uk

Kurdistan Café

If the lunchtime queue doesn't get your attention, the smell of piping hot, perfectly puffed-up flatbread straight from the oven certainly will. Kurdistan Café has become a local institution, cheerfully serving up everything from healthy wraps and kebabs to Middle Eastern classics such as lentil soup. Fresh, tasty and easy on the pocket, little wonder the locals like to keep it to themselves.

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59 Church Street, London NW8 8EU

Patogh

Tucked down a side street off Edgware Road, this tiny Persian café has a hole-in-the-wall vibe and a small, kebab-focused menu to match. The house specialty is koobideh, long Iranian mincedmeat kebabs grilled on a flat skewer over coals, and you can see the chefs at work in the open kitchen at the back. Take your appetite and plenty of photos - the flatbreads are famously huge.

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8 Crawford Place, London W1H 5NE patoghlondon.com

Paramount Middle Eastern Kitchen

Edgware Road may be lined with Lebanese cafés but keep walking just a few minutes' more for an authentic Beirut-style lunch close to Paddington station. Service is fast and the menu is a mix of the mezze, salads and shawarma you know and love, plus lesser-known dishes like kebbeh, a sort of deep-fried meatball. Get there early it's small and popular.

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26 London Street, London W2 1HH paramountlebanesekitchen.co.uk

★ 16 mins walk

Delamina

If anything is going to get you up and out at the weekend, it's the brunch menu at Marylebone's Delamina. Think eggs and bread with an exotic eastern Mediterranean twist inspired by the owner's Tel Aviv roots, from fried-egg breakfast shawarma, a Levantine spin on eggs benedict and epic shakshuka, perfectly topped off with a spiced bloody Mary.

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56–58 Marylebone Lane, London W1U 2NX delaminakitchen.co.uk

★ 25 mins walk





★ 3 mins walk

★ 13 mins walk





The thrill of the purchase

The villagey neighbourhood around Marylebone has long been a destination for those seeking a shopping experience with a difference, and a mix of interesting and independent brands. Here we hone in on fresh finds for your home and under-the-radar fashion brands, inspiring reading and fine food.

BEST FOR: HOUSEPLANTS

A wonderful new addition to Marylebone High Street, JOY specialises in rare and unusual houseplants that you won't find anywhere else. Take your pick from sculptural cacti and succulents, beautiful trailing plants and exotic palms of every size and style that'll instantly breathe life into every corner of your apartment. The good people at JOY will even send you away with a simple care guide to help make sure your plants thrive in their new home.

🕺 21 mins walk

94 Marylebone High Street London W1U 4RG joyatportobello.co.uk

BEST FOR: FOODIES

Chiltern Street Deli

This delightful independent deli off Baker Street is as addictive as they come. Browse shelves lined with temptations from small-batch brands, with treats ranging from artisan coffee, canned delicacies and condiments galore, as well as freshlymade salad boxes, sandwiches and scones of epic proportions. The breakfast hamper, filled with a pair of butter croissants, jam, fresh orange juice and tea bags is the ultimate weekend pick-me-up.

🖈 18 mins walk

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27 Chiltern Street London W1U 7PJ chilternstreetdeli.co.uk



BEST FOR: STYLISH MENSWEAR STAPLES

Trunk has become the thinking man's fashion destination

for a considered and contemporary take on classic pieces. You'll find a refined edit of globally-sourced menswear brands,

plus their own-label designs ranging from cosy knitwear to

sharp tailoring, all selected for their high quality and timeless

appeal. Think wardrobe staples with an elevated edge, matched

Trunk

by personal service.

★ 19 mins walk

8 Chiltern Street

London W1U 7PU

trunkclothiers.com

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BEST FOR: CURIOUS MINDS

Daunt Books

Marylebone's magical, proudly independent store was the world's first custom-built bookshop, and it retains its beautiful original Edwardian oak-lined galleries and pretty stained glass windows. Arranged over three floors, there's a book for everyone – plus a programme of talks and events – but the travel section is what it's really famed for, and one of the best you'll find anywhere. It's impossible not to be inspired here, but if the perfect book eludes you then pick up the store's iconic cotton tote bag.

🖈 25 mins walk

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84 Marylebone High Street London W1U 4QW dauntbooks.co.uk



Retro Living

This smart interiors store around the corner from Carrick Yard on Church Street is a favourite of those in search of high quality, one-of-a-kind vintage pieces. You'll find a fabulous collection of vintage lighting, from statement table lamps to modernist chandeliers, as well as an eclectic mix of mid-century furniture, mirrors, antique rugs and decorative objects to spruce up your space. The boutique's owner, Malcolm, is incredibly knowledgeable and personally sources each piece.

🕺 1 min walk



7A Church Street London NW8 8EE

retroliving.co.uk



A very good evening

Marylebone is home to some of London's best restaurants and bars. From pre-dinner cocktails to a show at The Cockpit, here's our guide to going out close to home.

Cocktail hour



Pachamama

For a truly authentic pisco sour, it has to be Marylebone's resident Peruvian bar and restaurant. The lively Latin American vibe is matched by the fun and punchy cocktail menu, which is studded with the bar's signature pisco -Peruvian grape brandy – as well as familiar local favourites in the form of tequila, rum and mezcal. There's a menu of delicious nibbles to accompany your tipples too, so even if you're heading out for dinner afterwards, don't leave without trying the heavenly crab churros.

🖈 24 mins walk

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18 Thayer Street London W1U 3JU

pachamamalondon.com

Purl

Descending the steps of Purl is to be transported to a hidden world of prohibition-era glamour. Inspired by the decadent drinking dens of old, start the evening with a drink amongst chandeliers, squishy Chesterfield sofas and cosy alcoves. Cocktails are classic-with-a-twist, so be prepared for yours to arrive accompanied by fog, foam or liquid nitrogen, and served in a jazzy vessel. Swing by on Fridays for live music, and if you'd like to know how to create Purl's elaborate concoctions at home, try the mixology masterclass.

🕏 19 mins walk

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50–54 Blandford Street London W1U 7HX purl-london.com



Kol Mezcaleria

A sleek, subterranean homage to Mexico's mezcal bars, Kol's evolving cocktail menu is inspired by five ingredient pairings - think flavour combos like quince and chilli, coffee and meadowsweet - shaken into martinis, sours, negronis and a modern riff on the classic Old Fashioned. If you've come for the mezcal, there's a dizzying choice imported from the best producers in Mexico, so order a mezcal tasting flight and a few plates from of Antojitos ('little cravings'), a menu of light bites to complement the savoury notes of the agave.

★ 19 mins walk

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9 Seymour Street London W1H 7BA kolrestaurant.com

Tables to book



Chiltern Firehouse

Still one of the most-wanted tables in town (now, thankfully, with a chance of actually bagging one), the restaurant at Chiltern Firehouse combines charming British cosiness with a slick New York brasserie-style menu and polished, attentive service. During winter, the best seat in the house is by the open log fire, while the year-round courtyard offers the most stylish outdoor dining around.

🖈 19 mins walk

0 1 Chiltern Street London W1U 7PA chilternfirehouse.com

The last laugh

The Cockpit

Only a couple minutes' walk from Carrick Yard, The Cockpit makes the night's perfect final stop. This legendary local venue and bar offers an eclectic programme of independent theatre productions, live music, comedy shows and cabaret, as well as classes and workshops inspired by Lisson Grove's vibrant and close-knit creative community.

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Gateforth Street London NW8 8EH thecockpit.org.uk





The Harcourt

Thanks to a Finnish chef and Swedish mixologist, this refined take on the classic gastropub comes with a dash of Scandi cool. Within this revamped pub you'll find welcoming, countrified interiors and a variety of spaces for eating and drinking; the cosy dining room has the original bar, there's an airy garden room and private dining rooms for intimate gatherings with friends. Choose from a menu of elevated comfort food classics, cocktails made with Nordic spirits, and craft beers on draft.

🖈 9 mins walk

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32 Harcourt Street London W1H 4HX theharcourt.com



Jikoni

Jikoni's cheerful pink awnings offer a taste of things to come. Inspired by flavours from East Africa, the Middle East and Asia - with a little bit of Britishness added into the mix - the menu is a colourful and original interpretation of heart-warming, moodlifting comfort food. Feast on dishes such as venison samosas and prawn toast Scotch eggs, spiced scallops and okra fries in an intimate atmosphere that seeks to recreate the experience of enjoying a homecooked meal amongst family and friends.

★ 20 mins walk



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19–21 Blandford Street London W1U 3DH jikonilondon.com

A walk in the park

Get out and about with our five favourite walking routes, all starting out from **Carrick Yard and doable either in a** few minutes, an hour or two, or longer if you fancy stopping off for lunch. So, where would you like to go?





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Regent's Canal

Take a walk to the top of Lisson Grove and you're soon on the Regent's Canal towpath. Where you head next is up to you: take a left for Little Venice and Portobello Road or right to Primrose Hill, Regent's Park and Camden. The pubs and cafés of Regent's Park Road are the perfect place to break your journey. ★ 4 mins walk

Lord's Cricket Ground

Pop over the canal and you're met by the imposing sight of Lord's Cricket Ground. The most famous ground in the world, book a tour for great views of its perfectly manicured pitch and to see inside its historic buildings. Just past the ground you'll find St. John's Wood church gardens, a peaceful landscaped park.

★ 16 mins walk



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Regent's Park Boating Lake

There's something wonderfully nostalgic about messing around in boats. Enjoy one of London's loveliest parks from the water at Regent's Park's iconic lake, where from April to October you can hire a rowing boat or pedalo by the hour and take a relaxing trip past swans and beneath weeping willows.

★ 18 mins walk

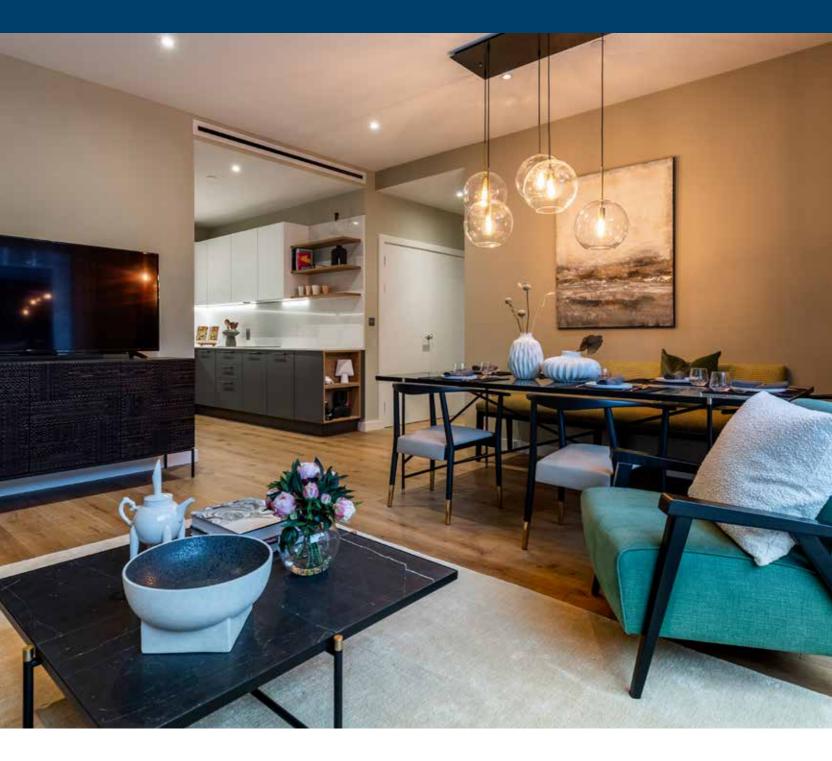


Primrose Hill

Follow Regent's Canal north and in less than 25 minutes you can be atop Primrose Hill enjoying some of the best views across London. If the weather's on your side pack a picnic, bring a bottle and hang out all afternoon. And if you're feeling virtuous it makes a great running route, too.

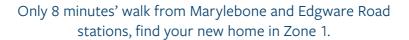
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