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Wander through Kingston's historic town centre, once home to Saxon kings, and stumble upon unexpected pockets of art and history including the famous “tumbling telephone boxes” and London's oldest bridge.

All Saints Church
The first King of England – Athelstan in 925AD – was crowned here making Kingston, arguably, the place where England began. Today this stunning church is a beautiful venue to explore complete with a small exhibition detailing some of the town’s rich royal history.

Who’s the Gold Queen?
The glorious gold statue that presides proudly over the Ancient Market Place is of Queen Anne and was created by the renowned English sculptor Francis Bird in 1705. The Market House building was built in 1840, and was Kingston’s town hall before the Guildhall was constructed in 1935.

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Cattle Market
Livestock had been sold in Kingston’s Ancient Market Place on Saturdays since 1603, when James I granted the rights to a market for the purpose. In 1923, the Cattle Market was moved to a new location at Fairfield supposedly due to a complaint by the local chemist about sheep entering the shop!

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Lovely Lovekyn
The Lovekyn Chapel is the only remaining free-standing chantry chapel in England. The oldest complete building in Kingston, the chapel was built in 1309 by Edward Lovekyn who gave his money in the hope that priests would sing for his soul after his death. Today it is used as a venue for music recitals and weddings.

“Out of Order”
Created by David Mach in 1989, “Out of Order” is the name given to 12 red telephone boxes tumbling like dominoes at the end of Old London Road.

“Paper Trail”
Installed in 2012, the “Paper Trail” sculpture of 54 swirling paper aeroplanes at Kingston College Roundabout was a gift from Kingston University in celebration of the role played by Kingston in the early development of the aircraft industry.

Find out more
You can find out more about Kingston's history and heritage at the Kingston Museum and All Saints Church.

Visit Kingston's website for more information.