LONDON UNDERGROUND (TUBE) NAMES

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My name has appeared over articles in Word Ways since its initial appearance in the late 1960s. Between then and now my name has appeared over eight different addresses, six of them in or near the outskirts of London. After I had finally settled in the county of Cumbria in early 2004, I decided to tackle a project that had been a vague idea for a number of years, one that would link in with my longtime London residency.

Like many other large cities, London has an underground railway network, probably the oldest such network in the world, with its origins dating back to the 1860s. The London Underground is widely known as "the Tube" with its trains and stations being Tube trains, Tube stations, etc. There are approximately 300 stations on the Tube network, each having a unique name. Because London doesn't go in for numbering its streets (as, for example, New York City), there are hardly any Tube station names using numbers. With just a couple of exceptions, London's Tube station names are all composed of letters (plus the inevitable spaces and some punctuation marks).

I decided to take each of the 300 or so Tube station names and examine it (or perhaps a part of it) to see what logologically interesting property the station name possessed. Many years of travel on the Tube network had convinced me that there was probably something interesting or significant about most—if not all---of the Tube station names. Once I had left the London area, I felt a need to tackle this piece of work once and for all!

Here are some health warning notes. The station names include some stations which are not really part of the London Underground, but which are usually shown on maps of the London Underground. The station names here also include a few stations which are currently being built.

Presented below are my observations about each of the Tube station names. Many of the observations relate to transposals, transdeletions (subtract a letter and transpose) and transadditions (add a letter and transpose), but many relate to other logologically significant properties. A transndeletion is a transposal after deleting n letters, and a trans-n-addition is a transposal after adding n letters. A substitute-letter transposal is a transposal after deleting one letter and adding another letter. Cryptogram means having the same letter pattern (as *bamboo* and excess).

I make no claim that my observations are the most significant for any or all of the names—they are merely ones which have taken my fancy. Improve on them if you will, or maybe conduct a similar exercise on train station names in your nearest big city.

Full name	Item of logological interest for Word Ways
Acton Central	Trans-3-addition: COUNTERCLAIMANT
Acton Town	Transposal of WONNACOTT
Aldersgate	Transadds to DEFLAGRATES
Aldgate	Transadds to GALEATED, GLADIATE, TALLAGED
Aldgate East	First 7 letters are the name of another Tube station, ALDGATE

Alperton	Beheadment of SALPERTON, a place in Gloucestershire, England
Amersham	Transdeletions are HAMMERS and SHAMMER
Angel	Multiple transposals: AGNEL, ANGLE, GALEN, GENAL, GLEAN, LAGEN, LANGE
Archway	Transadds to CHAIRWAY
Arnos Grove	Transdeletion is GOVERNORS
Arsenal	Transposal of RANALES
Baker Street	Transposal of BRAKE TESTER
Balham	Transadds to LHIAMBA and MAHALEB
Bank	Equal shortest Tube station name (with OVAL); also, transposal of NABK
Barbican	Transadds to CARIBBEAN and RABBINICA
Barking	Transposal of BRAKING
Barkingside	First 7 letters spell out another Tube station; also, transposal of DISK-BEARING
Barons Court	Transposal of COURT BARONS and COURTS BARON
Bayswater	Substitute-letter transposals: BETRAYALS, TEARAWAYS and WATERWAYS
Beckton	Transadds to BLONCKET
Beckton Park	Substitute-letter transposal: BACKPOINTER
Becontree	Transadds to BENECEPTOR
Belsize Park	First word has transadditions SEIZABLE, SIZEABLE and OBELIZES
Bermondsey	Substitute-letter transposal: BURDENSOME
Bethnal Green	First word is a transposal of BENTHAL
Blackfriars	Spoonerism pair: FLACK and BRIARS
Blackhorse Road	First word transadds to BLEACHWORKS
Blackwall	Etagram (7th letter change) of BLACK WILL
Bond Street	Transadds to DEOBSTRUENT and SOBER-TINTED
TOWN TO COMPANY OF THE PARK OF	Transadds to DEOBSTROENT and SOBER-TINTED
Borough Bounds Green	Transdeletion is DUNGEONERS
Bow Church	Alphagram (1 st letter change) of LOW CHURCH
Bow Road	Transposal of BARWOOD Substitute letter transposals BUDDETONIES CONSODIEDS
Brent Cross	Substitute-letter transposals: BURRSTONES, CONSORTERS, CONSTRUERS, CURBSTONER, CURBSTONES and INTERCROSS
Brixton	Transadds to BRONXITE
Bromley-by-Bow	First word is a transposal of EMBRYOL, an abbreviation for EMBRYOLOGY
Brondesbury	Trans-5-addition: BERMUDA SNOWBERRY
Brondesbury Park	The first word is the name of another Tube station, BRONDESBURY
Buckhurst Hill	Substitute-letter transposal: BUCKBRUSH
Burnt Oak	Transadds to BANKER-OUT
Caledonian Road	Substitute-letter transposal: CARDINAL DEACON
Caledonian Road &	This is the equal longest name of all the London Tube station names, the
Barnsbury	other being CROSSHARBOUR & LONDON ARENA
Camden Road	Transdeletion is ANDROMEDA
Camden Town	Substitute-letter transposals: CONDEMNATE and DEMICANTON
Canada Water	One of few Tube station names to contain the name of a country, Canada
Canary Wharf	Cryptogram of AIMING POINT, FIRING POINT and SILICA BRICK
Canning Town	Substitute-letter transposal: SWANNINGTON
Cannon Street	Transadds to NEVER-CONSTANT
Canonbury	Trans-2-addition: CONCUBINARY
Canons Park	Spells out two 5-letter words - CANON and SPARK
Chalfont & Latimer	The final word is a transposal of LAMITER, MALTIER and MARLITE
Chalk Farm	Transadds to FLANK MARCH
Chancery Lane	Trans-2-addition: HACKNEY CENTRAL, the name of another Tube station
Charing Cross	The first word is a transposal of ARCHING and CHAGRIN
Chesham	Transposal of MESHACH
Chigwell	Substitute-letter transposal: WELCHING
Chiswick Park	Cryptogram of EXTRATENSION, the only such word in WEBSTER'S THIRD
Chorleywood	Substitute-letter transposal: HOLLYWOODER

Clapham Common Clapham North	Trans-2-deletions: CHAMPACOL and OMPHALOMA Substitute-letter transposal: ALANT CAMPHOR
Clapham South	Substitute-letter transposals: HYPOTHALAMUS and ANOPHTHALMUS
Cockfosters	Can be spelled out from the names of two major films: One Flew Over the
COUNIUSIEIS	Cuckoo's Nest, and Close Encounters of the Third Kind
Colindale	Transadds to CARILLONED, ENDOCLINAL and HELLANODIC
Colliers Wood	Substitute-letter transposal: SOLID-COLORED
Covent Garden	Substitute-letter transposal: ANDROGENETIC
Crossharbour & London	This is the equal longest name of all the London Tube station names, the
Arena	other being CALEDONIAN ROAD & BARNSBURY
Croxley	Transadds to CEROXYLE and LEUCORYX
Custom House	Substitute-letter transposal: UNCOUTHSOME
Cutty Sark	Substitute-letter transposal: TRACKSUIT
Cyprus	Transposal of SPRUCY
Dagenham East	Transadds to MASTHEAD ANGLE
Dagenham Heathway	First word is a transposal of HAND GAME
Dalston Kingsland	Trans-4-deletions: KNOTS LANDING and TONGA ISLANDS
Debden	Transposal of BENDED
Deptford Bridge	Transadds to DEPORTED, PROFITED and PIEDFORT
Devons Road	Each word has a transposal: DOVENS and ORAD
Dollis Hill	Cryptogram of KILLER CELL and YELLOW POLL
Ealing Broadway	Each word has a transposal: GENIAL and WAYBOARD
Ealing Common	Trans-2-deletions: ANEMOLOGIC, COGNOMINAL, GNOMONICAL and MNEMONICAL
Earls Court	Transadds to UTEROSACRAL
East Acton	Transposal of ANTECOSTA
East Finchley	Substitute-letter transposal: LANCET FISHES
East Ham	Transposal of HAMATES
East India	One of few Tube station names to contain the name of a country, India
East Putney	Substitute-letter transposals: PENTASTYLE, ANTEPECTUS, UNISEPTATE and UNSEPTATED
Eastcote	Transposal of ECOSTATE and COESTATE
Edgware	Transposal of RAGWEED, RAW EDGE and WAGERED
Edgware Road	Each word has one or more transposals: RAGWEED, RAW EDGE and WAGERED + ORAD
Elephant & Castle	Ignoring "&", has a trans-2-deletion: TELENCEPHALA
Elm Park	Trans-2-additions: PLATEMARK and PLAYMAKER
Elverson Road	Substitute-letter transposals: DORSOVENTRAL and VENTRODORSAL
Embankment	Contains the name of another Tube line station, BANK
Epping	Transposal of PIGPEN
Euston	Transposal of OUTENS
Euston Square	
Lusion oquare	Cryptogram of DIAGONALIZED and LEPIDOPTERAL, the only two such words in Webster's Third
Fairlop	Transadds to PALIFORM and PARAFOIL
Farringdon	Substitute-letter transposal: FAIRGROUND
Finchley Central	First word transadds to FRENCHILY
Finchley Road	Can be spelled out from OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY
Finchley Road & Frognal	The last word transadds to FROGLAND
Finsbury Park	Spells out three common 4-letter words: FINS, BURY and PARK
Fulham Broadway	Second word is a transposal of WAYBOARD
Gallions Reach	Substitute-letter transposal: ARACHNOLOGIES
Gants Hill	Transadds to NIGHTFALLS
Gloucester Road	Substitute-letter transposal: STRANGE-COLORED
Golders Green	Substitute-letter transposal: DEGRINGOLERS
Goldhawk Road	Spells out three common 4-letter words: GOLD, HAWK and ROAD
Goodge Street	Spells out three 4-letter words: GOOD, GEST and REET
Gospel Oak	The 3 rd to 8 th letters can be transposed to EL PASO
Grange Hill	Substitute-letter transposals: GALLERYING, GRAVELLING and CHARGELING
Great Portland Street	Contains the letters of ALDERSGATE, another Tube station
	Tomano and lotters of ALDENGOATE, another Tube station

Green Park	GREENBARK is a substitute-letter transposal and a zetagram (a 6 th letter change)
Greenford	Substitute-letter transposals: FOREIGNER, CONFERRED, DEFERRING, REFOUNDER and REFRINGED
Greenwich	Transposal of RECHEWING
Gunnersbury	A cryptogram of PYRROLIDYLS, the only solidly spelled word in Webster's Third with the same letter pattern
Hackney Central	Trans-2-deletion: CHANCERY LANE, the name of another Tube station
Hackney Wick	The only Tube station name using the digram CK twice
Hainault	Transadds to LITHUANIA
Hammersmith	Transadds to SHEMIRAMOTH
Hampstead	Transposal of HEADSTAMP
Hampstead Heath	Trans-10-addition: PHOSPHATIDYLETHANOLAMINE
Hanger Lane	Substitute-letter transposal: LANGERHANS
Harlesden	Transposal of REHANDLES
Harrow & Wealdstone	Transdeletion of WEALDSTONE is ENDOSTEAL
Harrow-on-the-Hill	Shortest word occurring in any Tube station name (along with "by" in Bromley-by-Bow)
Hatton Cross	Substitute-letter transposal: CARTOONISTS
Heathrow Terminal 4	Only Tube station name involving a single digit
Heathrow Terminals 1, 2, 3	Only Tube station name involving multiple digits
Hendon Central	Substitute-letter transposal: HOWLAND CENTER
Heron Quays	Substitute-letter transposal: SQUARE JOHN
High Barnet	Substitute-letter transposal: BLATHERING
Highbury & Islington	Final word is a transposal of ILSINGTON and INGLISTON
Highgate	Substitute-letter transposal: LIGHTAGE
Hillingdon	Transdeletion is INHOLDING
Holborn	Trans-2-additions: HONORABLE and HONORABLY
Holland Park	One of few Tube station names to contain a country name, Holland
Holloway Road	Cryptogram of MILLIHENRIES and MISSIONATING, only two such words in Webster's Third
Homerton	Transdeletions are HORMONE and MOORHEN
Hornchurch	Transadds to NORTHCHURCH
Hounslow Central	First word transadds to SLOWHOUND
Hounslow East	Substitute-letter transposal of another Tube station name, HOUNSLOW WEST
Hounslow West	Substitute-letter transposal of another Tube station name, HOUNSLOW EAST
Hyde Park Corner	EPHYDRA is a transdeletion of HYDE PARK
lckenham	Is a single-letter beheadment of TICKENHAM and a double-letter beheadment of TWICKENHAM
Island Gardens	Substitute-letter transposal: SALAD DRESSING
Kennington	Deltagram (4th letter change) of KENSINGTON, place in west London, occurring in several Tube station names
Kensal Green	Deltagram (4th letter change) of KENDAL GREEN
Kensal Rise	Transadds to WARLIKENESS
Kensington (Olympia)	Trans-4-deletion: MENINGOSPINAL
Kentish Town	Substitute-letter transposal: KNIGHTSTOWN
Kentish Town West	Trans-4-deletion: WINNOW SHEET
Kenton	Transposal of NEKTON
Kew Gardens	Trans-3-deletion: EDGWARE, name of another Tube station
Kilburn	Trans-2-addition: KNUBBLIER
Kilburn Park	First word has a trans-2-addition: KNUBBLIER
King George V	Only Tube station name involving a Roman numeral
Kings Cross St Pancras	Contains three successive S's
Kingsbury	Transdeletion is BURYINGS
Knightsbridge	Sequence of 6 consonants: GHTSBR. The only other such English placename appears to be HAMPSTHWAITE. Also, this is the longest single word appearing in any Tube station name, equalled only by

Ladbroke Grove	First word transadds to BOARDLIKE
Lambeth North	First word has a transdeletion - ELTHAM, a district in south east London
Lancaster Gate	Transposals of ANCESTRAL and GEAT, GETA
Latimer Road	Transadds to MODERATORIAL
Leicester Square	First word is a transposal of ELECTRISE
Lewisham	Transposal of LIMEWASH
Leyton	Transadds to ANOLYTE, ELYTRON, NOTEDLY, NOVELTY and YMOLTEN
Leytonstone	Substitute-letter transposals: SELENODONTY and LOONEY TUNES
Limehouse	Substitute-letter transposals: LITHESOME, HOMELIEST and SOMEWHILE
Liverpool Street	Substitute-letter transposal: EAST PORTERVILLE
London Bridge	Trans-3-addition: LOWER BODDINGTON
London City Airport	Trans-4-deletions: INCORPORATION and INDOCTRINATOR
Loughton	Is a beheadment of CLOUGHTON
Maida Vale	Substitute-letter transposal: MEDIAEVAL
Manor House	Transadds to RANDOM HOUSE
Mansion House	Trans-2-addition: HARMONIOUSNESS
Marble Arch	Substitute-letter transposal: CHAMBRANLE
Marylebone	Transdeletion is EMBRYONAL
Mile End	Transposal of IDLEMEN
Mill Hill East	The first two words form a second-order reduplication, MILL HILL
Monument	Transdeletion is OMENTUM
Moor Park	
Moorgate	Substitute-letter transposal: DARKROOM Transdeletions are MOORAGE POOTAGE and TEADOOM
Morden	Transdeletions are MODERN MODRAGE, ROOTAGE and TEAROOM
	Transposal of MODERN, MORNED, NORMED and RODMEN
Mornington Crescent Mudchute	First word transadds to NONMOTORING
	Trans-2-addition: UNSMUTCHED
Neasden New Cross	Transposal of ENNEADS
New Cross	Transadds to CROWNLESS
New Cross Gate	Transadds to CONGRESS WATER
Newbury Park	First word transadds to WRENBURY
North Acton	Transadds to NORTH CANTON
North Ealing	Trans-2-addition: CHARLESTONING
North Greenwich	Second word is a transposal of RECHEWING
North Harrow	Is a zetagram for NORTH BARROW (6 th letter change)
North Wembley	Substitute-letter transposal: BROMETHYLENE
Northfields	Substitute-letter transposals: FINGERHOLDS and UNITHOLDERS
Northolt	Trans-2-addition: BRONTOLITH
Northwick Park	First word transadds to THICK-GROWN
Northwood	Transposal of THORNWOOD
Northwood Hills	First word is a transposal of THORNWOOD
Notting Hill Gate	Trans-3-deletion: THILANOTTINE
Oakwood	First half, OAK, is a type of the second part, WOOD
Old Street	Transposal of DOTTERELS
Osterley	Transposal of TYROLESE
Oval	Shortest Tube station name (with BANK); also, Transposal of VOLA
Oxford Circus	First word is a beheadment of BOXFORD, FOXFORD and YOXFORD
Paddington	Beheads to ADDINGTON, a place in south east London.
Park Royal	Only dictionary word containing all the letters is the trans-7-addition SHAKESPEAROLATRY
Parsons Green	Substitute-letter transposal: NONPASSENGER
Perivale	Transadds to PREVAILED, PREVIABLE and REPRIEVAL
Piccadilly Circus	The longest trans-n-deletion is the trans-5-deletion: SALICYLURIC
Pimlico	Transadds to IMPOLICY
Pinner	Beheadment of SPINNER
Plaistow	Transadds to PLATO-WISE
Pontoon Dock	PONTOON DOCK is actually an entry in Webster's Second
Poplar I	Transadds to POPULAR, PROPALE and PROPYLA
Preston Road	Transposal of PARROT-NOSED

Prince Regent	Transdeletion is PRE-ERECTING Contains three consecutive L's
Pudding Mill Lane	Contains three consecutive L's Trans 2 addition: POULTRY REFERENCE
Putney Bridge	Trans-3-addition: POULTRY BREEDING
Queen's Park	Two 5-letter words: QUEEN and SPARK
Queensbury	Trans-3-deletion: SUNBURY, a place in London (without a Tube station)
Queensway	Trans-5-addition: HEMINGWAYESQUE
Ravenscourt Park	Substitute-letter transposal of first word: RECURVATIONS
Rayners Lane	First word is a transposal of YARNERS
Redbridge	Transposal of REABRIDGED
Regent's Park	Substitute-letter transposal: SUPERTANKER
Richmond	Transadds to MONORCHID
Rickmansworth	Longest single word appearing in any Tube station name, equalled only by KNIGHTSBRIDGE
Roding Valley	Substitute-letter transposal: OVERDARINGLY
Rotherhithe	Transadds to OTHERWHITHER
Royal Albert	Substitute-letter transposals: ELABORATELY, ELABORATORY, PORTRAYABLE and TALLOWBERRY
Royal Oak	Trans-4-addition: KARYOLOGICAL
Royal Victoria	Contains name of another tube station, VICTORIA
Ruislip	Transadds to PLURISIE
Ruislip Gardens	First word transadds to PLURISIE
Ruislip Manor	Substitute-letter transposal: MORRIS PLAINS
Russell Square	The only term in which the letters of this name appear seems to be QUASI- STELLAR RADIO SOURCE
Seven Sisters	Transadds to ASSERTIVENESS, RESISTIVENESS and RESTIVENESSES
Shadwell	Transadds to HELLWARDS, SHALLOWED, SWELLHEAD and WELLHEADS
Shepherd's Bush	The only Tube station to incorporate the surname of the current US president in its name, BUSH
Shoreditch	Transdeletion is SHRITCHED
Sloane Square	Two 6-letter words, both having the pattern S??A?E
Snaresbrook	
South Acton	Substitute-letter transposal: BROKEN CROSS Transadds to AUTOCHTHONS
South Ealing	
South Harrow	Transposal of LEIOGNATHUS
	SOUTH BARROW – a zetagram, or 6 th letter change
South Kensington	Trans-3-addition: KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES, also a place in London, but without a Tube station
South Kenton	4 consecutive letters removed from SOUTH KENSINGTON, another Tube station name
South Quay	Trans-2-addition: YOUTHQUAKES
South Ruislip	Transdeletion is RUSSOPHILIST and SPIRITUOUSLY
South Wimbledon	Second word transadds to MINDBLOWER
South Woodford	Second word has a substitute-letter transposal: LORDWOOD
Southfields	Trans-2-addition: HYDROSULFITES
Southgate	Substitute-letter transposals: GATEHOUSE, SOUTHEAST and SHOGUNATE
Southwark	SOUTHWARD is an iotagram (9 th letter change)
St James's Park	First 6 letters can be transposed to JETSAM; and last 6 letters transposed to SPARKS
St Johns Wood	Ignoring the spaces, is the only cryptogram of SPREADSHEET
St Paul's	Transadds to PULSATES, SPATULAS and SPATULES
Stamford Brook	First word Transdeletion is STARDOM and TSARDOM
Stanmore	Transposal of MONASTER, MONSTERA, MONTERAS, ONSTREAM, OSTERMAN, STOREMAN, TONEARMS and TRANSOME; this is the most transposable of Tube station names
Stepney Green	Transadds to ENTYPIES and NEOTYPES
Stockwell	Trans-2-addition: WELL-STOCKED
Stonebridge Park	
Stratford	Transadds to OUTBREEDINGS Substitute letter transactor DOCTDATED LAGEDOTUSE
Sudbury Hill	Substitute-letter transposals: ROSTRATED and ASTROTURF First word has a trans-2-addition: UNDERBUYS

Sudbury Town	First word has a trans-2-addition: UNDERBUYS
Surrey Quays	Trans-6-addition: QUANTITY SURVEYORS
Swiss Cottage	Only Tube station name to contain an adjective, SWISS, pertaining to a
	foreign country
Temple	Transposal of PELMET
Theydon Bois	Substitute-letter transposal: STERNOHYOID
Tooting Bec	Substitute-letter transposals: BOYCOTTING, GNOTOBIOTE and GEOBOTANIC
Tooting Broadway	First word transadds to TOOTHING and TOOTLING
Tottenham Court Road	First word has several substitute-letter transposals: MOTH-EATEN, ANTOTHITE, COTTENHAM, NEATHMOST and TIMOTHEAN
Tottenham Hale	First word has several substitute-letter transposals: MOTH-EATEN, ANTOTHITE, COTTENHAM, NEATHMOST and TIMOTHEAN
Totteridge & Whetstone	Final word transadds to WHEATSTONE and WHITESTONE
Tower Gateway	Transposals of both words: WROTE and GETAWAY
Tower Hill	Transadds to WORTHVILLE
Tufnell Park	First word transadds to FLUENTLY
Turnham Green	First word transadds to TRUCHMAN
Turnpike Lane	Four 3-letter words: TURN, PIKE and LANE
Upminster	Transdeletion is TERMINUS; also, UPMINSTER is the TERMINUS station at the eastern end of the District line
Upminster Bridge	Trans-3-deletion is DISTEMPERING
Upney	Transadds to PUTNEY, a name occurring in two other Tube station names:
	Putney Bridge and East Putney
Upton Park	Spells out a 2-letter word, followed by a 3-letter word, followed by a 4-letter word: UP, TON and PARK
Uxbridge	Substitute-letter transposals: AXBRIDGE, OXBRIDGE and BIRDGLUE; the
	first two are also alphagrams (1 st letter changes)
Vauxhall	Trans-2-deletion: HALLUX
Victoria	Transadds to VORTICIAL
Walthamstow Central	The first word is the second longest English placename beginning and ending with W, the longest being WHITTINGSLOW
Wanstead	Transadds to SWEATBAND and WASTELAND
Wapping	Beheadment of SWAPPING
Warren Street	Each word has at least three transposals: REWARN, WARNER and
	WARREN, and RETEST, SETTER, TESTER
Warwick Avenue	First word is a transposal of WICKWAR
Waterloo	Transadds to WATER-COOL, WATER POLO and WATER-POOL
Watford	Transposal of DOWFART
Wembley Central	Trans-3-deletion: CEMENT LAYER
West Acton	Transadds to WATT-SECOND
West Brompton	Substitute-letter transposal: BROWN-SPOTTED
West Finchley	Second word transadds to FRENCHILY
West Ham	Transposal of MATHEWS
West Hampstead	The first 7 letters are the name of another Tube station, West Ham
West Harrow	Substitute-letter transposals: WATERWORKS, EARTHWORKS, EARTHWORKS, EARTHWORKS, OTHERWARDS, OVERSWARTH, WREATHWORK and WREATHWORT
West India Quay	Trans-4-deletions: INDUSIATE, QUANTISED; also, one of the very few Tube station names to contain the name of a country name, India
West Kensington	Trans-3-deletion: KNOWINGNESS
West Ruislip	Substitute-letter transposal: STIRRUPWISE
West Silvertown	Trans-3-deletion: SILVERSTONE
Westbourne Park	First word transadds to BUTTON SEWER
Westferry	The central letters, ESTFERR, transpose to FERRETS
Westminster	Transdeletion is STREWMENTS
White City	Substitute-letter transposal: ETHNICITY
Whitechapel	Substitute-letter transposal: PELAHATCHIE
Willesden Green	First word transadds to INDWELLERS and WILLEDNESS
Willesden Junction	First word transadds to INDWELLERS and WILLEDNESS

Wimbledon	Transadds to MINDBLOWER
Wimbledon Park	First word transadds to MINDBLOWER
Wood Green	Transposal of GREENWOOD, the publisher of Word Ways in 1968-69
Woodford	Two simple 4-letter words, both geographical terms: WOOD + FORD.
Woodside Park	Three 4-letter words: WOOD, SIDE and PARK

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