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Hair by Steph at The Victoria

Not so much a salon as, well, a pub, actually. On the first Sunday of every month, this trendy, relaxed boozier offers snips to its predominantly young, artsy clientele along with a jumble sale of vintage clothing and bric-à-brac. There are no hair-washing facilities, and trims do tend towards the experimental, but with the cuts coming from an ex-salon snipper at £15 for men, £20 for women, it's astounding value for a top-quality cut. And you can always retire to the beer garden afterwards. **Tested by Alexi Duggins, pictured above.**
Hair By Steph at The Victoria, 110 Grove Rd, E3 5TH (8980 6609/ www.thevictoriae3.com). Mile End tube. Contact Steph for availability: uber_steph@yahoo.co.uk.

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forefront of trends. Their Clerkenwell salon is decked out in an eclectic blend of antique and vintage furniture, and all staff have more than ten years' experience. Men's cut and finish from £26, ladies' from £40, colour from £45 and extensions are available with price on request.

ESHK, 156 Goswell Rd, EC1V 7DW (7253 9592/ www.eskh-hair.com). Old St tube/rail or Barbican tube. 10am-8pm Mon-Fri; 10am-6pm Sat; 11am-6pm Sun.

Errol Douglas

Tucked away off Sloane Street, with a discreet back entrance and a private treatment room, the award-winning Errol Douglas's salon isn't one bit as pretentious as you'd expect from an A-list hair hotspot. It's chic but not swanky, sophisticated yet realistically priced, and there's not a branded hair range in sight. Instead, Errol's bubbly staff will transform your barnet from damaged to dazzling without you feeling like you need a Hollywood tan to match. Cuts are elegant and classic, the Matrix hair colours are superbly natural and their vast range of treatments particularly cater for Afro locks. Frizzy

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heads will relish their popular permanent blow-dry (£150-£450 upwards), while cuts range from £50-£200 for women and £35-£100 for men.
Errol Douglas, 18 Motcomb St, SW1X 8LB (7235 0110/ www.errol-douglas.com). Knightsbridge tube. 9am-6pm Mon; 9am-7pm Tue-Sat.

Karine Jackson

Karine Jackson is an expert in colour, and is something of a pioneer when it comes to organic dyes. Try out her

bright, friendly salon if you don't like the chemical odour of ordinary dyes – hers are derived from beetroot and liquorice, and smell lovely. Cuts and colours come with a glass of fizz, fancy crisps and a gossip mag. Downstairs are two top-notch beauty rooms for further treatments and all manner of therapies. Ladies' gloss colour highlights are from £42 with a graduate stylist and a cut and blow-dry is from £35.

Karine Jackson, 24 Litchfield St, WC2H 9NV (7836 0300/ www.karine-jackson.co.uk). Leicester Square tube. 10am-7pm Mon, Fri; 10am-9pm Tue; 10am-8pm Wed; 10.45am-late Thur; 9am-6pm Sat.

Richard Ward

Situated just off the King's Road, complete with in-house café, enormous TV screens and multiple treatment rooms, Richard Ward is designed to both impress and cater to the clients' every need. We tried the Pro Hair growth treatment (£60), which began with a short consultation with stylist Karen before the application of numerous unguents and lotions designed to unblock hair follicles and promote hair renewal. Results were squeaky-clean, shiny hair and one of the most glamorous – if ever-so-slightly Sloaney – blow-dries we've ever had.
Richard Ward, 82 Duke of York Square (7730 1222/ www.richardward.co.uk). Sloane Square tube. 9am-7pm Mon, Tue, Thur-Sat; 9am-8pm Wed.

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