

# BOXING ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP

Mention the name Ashley Theophane and few people outside the local Westminster community would have known who he is. But after a stellar year at the top of the boxing profession, Ashley is being tipped as a world title contender.

**I** have lived in Westminster my whole life and wouldn't want to live anywhere else in London. I was born in Paddington hospital on Harrow Road and lived on the Lisson Green estate. I went to local schools and learnt how to box at All Stars gym in Paddington," said Ashley.

Ashley set off to New York aged 25 to fight in the small halls across the world, training intensively, sparring with the very best, learning the art of winning and beginning the long road back to Wembley and his recent British title fight victory.

However, if there's one thing he will remember, it's his roots here in Paddington.



"Many good friends from my time at school and college in Westminster always support me when I fight and it means everything to me to make them proud. Wherever I fight in the world, it feels great to have the support of 'where I came from'. I always miss Paddington when I'm away and I'm proud to be a resident of Westminster"

To find out more on Ashley Theophane and see him in action for the first title defence of his British Londonale belt in July, visit his website on [www.ashleytheophane.com](http://www.ashleytheophane.com) or follow him on Facebook and Twitter.