

# Safer Finsbury Park

How the police and the council are making your neighbourhood safer

Summer 2009



## You've told us your priorities include:

- anti-social behaviour by young people on estates
- anti-social behaviour involving drugs
- anti-social behaviour involving street drinkers

Finsbury Park Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) and Islington Council are working together to make your local area a safer place. If you have any concerns about crime or anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood, please let us know (see back page for contact details).

### Did you know?

- In the last year total crime in Finsbury Park ward fell by 18%

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## ASBOs on the Andover and Six Acres Estates

Islington Council and Finsbury Park Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT) have got injunctions and powers of arrest against 16 young people who had been tormenting residents and their families on the Andover and Six Acres Estates for two years.

Residents were afraid of coming forward with information, but thanks to Finsbury Park SNT all members of the group were identified and the council was able to put injunction orders and powers of arrest in place.

Now residents are enjoying their estates without being intimidated, and children can now enjoy the basketball courts that had been taken over by the group. Islington Council and Finsbury Park SNT rely on information from local residents to help us tackle crime and anti-social behaviour. If you have any information please contact Finsbury Park SNT.

## Offenders payback at Muslim Welfare House

Offenders sentenced to community service orders are carrying out refurbishment and decorating at the Muslim Welfare House in Seven Sisters Road, as part of the Community Payback scheme. Community Payback is run by Islington Council in partnership with London Probation and Safer Neighbourhoods Teams. Offenders do unpaid work in the community as part of their punishment. Offenders are low risk, and fully supervised by probation and police officers.

If you know of a local community project and would like to find out about getting Community Payback offenders cleaning, clearing, painting or gardening, please contact [janice.grant@islington.gov.uk](mailto:janice.grant@islington.gov.uk)

## Arrests at Finsbury Park station

Islington Police's Finsbury Park Transport Hub Team led a crime-busting operation, which resulted in the arrest of 10 people at Finsbury Park station. Officers used specialist drug dogs and knife arches in the crackdown.

In total, 110 people were stopped by police. Of these, 20 people were spoken to by police, 90 were searched and 10 people were arrested for offences including possession of Class A drugs, immigration offences, threatening behaviour, handling stolen goods and fare evasion.

## Putting a stop to street drinking

Islington Council is committed to working with street drinkers, and we know that in the summer months street drinking often increases. We recently delivered a ten-week outreach project to reduce street drinking. Two local charities, the Pilion Trust and New Horizons, were given extra funding to focus on street drinking hotspots, including the Nags Head where 29 people were identified as needing support. Nearly half accepted help for housing, drug and alcohol problems. The police are taking action against six people who wouldn't engage with services and have continued their anti-social behaviour.

Islington Council and the police continue to monitor the situation. If you have any concerns about street drinkers in your area, please contact Finsbury Park SNT.

## Get ready for this summer's Heatwave!

Kids have no need to be bored this summer – from trampolining to treasure hunts and football to film making, there is loads to do and something for everyone. Get more information at [www.islington.gov.uk/heatwave](http://www.islington.gov.uk/heatwave)

## People's power

People in Finsbury Park have voted to put £28,000 into working with young people in the community.

Islington Council's People's Project is the first project of its kind. We asked residents to choose one of three local causes to receive extra money and the winners, with 54% of the votes, were Islington Somali Community and St Mark's Church.

They will spend the money working with young people on estates, running activities and trips, and helping to tackle the causes of anti-social behaviour.

## All work and lots of play on the Andover Estate

Children living on Islington's Andover Estate are enjoying a new outdoor play area with swings, a slide, seesaw and a climbing frame.

The old concrete play area with worn out equipment has been replaced by a new landscaped area for the estate's children.

All the hard work redeveloping the play area was done by Groundwork London, Homes for Islington and the Andover Tenants and Residents Association.

Richard Schunemann, Chair of the Andover Tenants and Residents Association, said:

*"It makes me very happy to see so many children enjoying this new playground. It's modern and quite different. My four-year-old grandson loves the thrill of the new slide!"*



## Remember

If you are worried about your child or their friends becoming involved in crime, get in touch with Islington Council's youth workers for help. You can contact [jenny.duggan@islington.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.duggan@islington.gov.uk) or call 020 7527 7060 / 7050 for more advice.

To find out more about how Islington is tackling youth crime, contact [catherine.briody@islington.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.briody@islington.gov.uk)

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# We are listening to you

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## You see it, hear it, report it. We deal with it.

Help us by reporting any problems so that we can take action.

Graffiti, fly posting, dog fouling, fly tipping:  
Islington Council - **020 7527 2000**

Anti-social behaviour or drug dealing:  
Finsbury Park SNT on **020 8721 2778**

Noise nuisance: Islington Council - **020 7527 3229**

For non-emergencies, or to report a crime which has already taken place call **0300 123 1212**.

Remember in an emergency always dial **999**.

If you are Deaf or have hearing difficulties you can use a textphone, dial **18000** in an emergency, or if your call is not an emergency - **18001 0300 123 1212**.

## Tell us what you think and you could win £100

This is the second Safer Islington newsletter produced by the police and Islington Council. We want to keep you informed of crime and safety in your area and how we are tackling it. Please complete our online form at **[www.islington.gov.uk/safer](http://www.islington.gov.uk/safer)** and you will be entered into a prize draw to win **£100 Marks and Spencer vouchers**. Contact Finsbury Park SNT for a hard copy of the evaluation form.

## How can you get involved?

Finsbury Park SNT wants to hear your views and concerns.

- come along to one of our regular ward panel meetings and tell us your concerns
- fill out one of our feedback cards with any concerns you have and mark an 'X' on the map to show where the crime or anti-social behaviour takes place. Give us a call if you haven't had a card through your door
- join your local Neighbourhood Watch
- sign up for local crime and safety news emails at **[www.met.police.uk/islington](http://www.met.police.uk/islington)**

Contact Finsbury Park SNT for more information.

### TEAM MEMBERS

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You can find a map of your ward and details of other Safer Neighbourhoods teams by using the online postcode search on **[www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods](http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods)**  
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