

The Finchley Society

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Finchley Past

Finchley Present

Finchley Future

**WE CARE ABOUT FINCHLEY AND
FRIERN BARNET - DO YOU?!**

WHY NOT BECOME A MEMBER TODAY?



The Finchley Society is looking to recruit new members - could you be one of the people we are seeking? The Society works on behalf of the community to protect the local area and makes representations to the local authority, or other responsible agency, alerting the public to issues of concern through its newsletters, its website and the local press. We are looking for like-minded people who want to protect the Finchley and Friern Barnet areas. The larger the membership, the more influence the Society has.

WHAT THE SOCIETY DOES

An ugly building, an ill-planned road, even an advertising hoarding or badly sited traffic sign can adversely affect an area and the Society's constant vigilance on behalf of the community is necessary if the fabric and amenities of Finchley and Friern Barnet are not to be destroyed. The Society maintains an archive of local historical documents and photographs. It also encourages research

THE SOCIETY'S AIMS

Our principal concerns are promoting high standards of planning and architecture; conserving; protecting and improving features of historic or public interest and stimulating public interest in the area and its cultural heritage. The Society tries to influence change for the better and in this respect often works with the London Borough of Barnet on projects and consults other neighbouring amenity groups and Societies. It also campaigns in support of local shopkeepers and local services. Its views are well respected. Membership is open to all who agree with these objectives

THE SOCIETY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Society campaigns have helped save historic buildings from demolition or owner's indifference. It has been instrumental in the establishment of Conservation Areas. It has organised rubbish clearances and planted trees.

The Society also played an important part in preventing College Farm from becoming yet another housing estate and currently supports the College Farm Trust in its endeavours to bring life back to this great environmental asset.

It also actively supports Stephens House & Gardens that maintains this picturesque community centre and its grounds. Avenue House is the location of the Stephens Museum, founded by the Society but which is now a separately run museum. It comprises a display about the history of the house and about the life and work of Dr. Henry Stephens who invented the famous permanent ink.

The Society has funded the setting-up of information plaques at the statue known officially as 'La Délivrance' (and locally as 'The Naked Lady'), and at St. Mary's Parish Church, Hendon Lane, the oldest building in Finchley. The Society has erected other plaques that reflect aspects of local history and has set-up information panels at Finchley Central and East Finchley tube stations.

It has also published two books 'Finchley Remembered' a compilation of members' recollections, and 'Finchley Sketchbook' by Mari l'Anson, both of which are available through the Society website or at local shops.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Members have free entry to eight meetings every year with speakers on a range of topics and active discussions of current environmental concern; six Newsletters a year containing Society information and articles of local interest; invitations to occasional social events and visits to places of interest and the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting a well-respected local group that takes a great interest in the local environment and brings together like-minded people. We look forward to hearing from you!

Non-members are welcome at our monthly meetings for a nominal charge.

Further information can be obtained from 83 Wentworth Avenue, Finchley N3 1YN (Tel. 020 8346 5258) and our website: www.finchleysociety.org.uk