

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

### WHY NOT BECOME A MEMBER TODAY?



The Finchley Society is always happy 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 look for like-minded people who care about the Finchley and Friern Barnet areas. The larger the membership, the more influence the Society has.

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; 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! – our Membership Application Form is overleaf.

#### 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 interest in our area and its cultural heritage.

#### 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's views are well respected and it tries to influence change for the better. In this regard, it often works with the London Borough of Barnet on projects and consults other neighbouring amenity groups. It also campaigns in support of local shopkeepers and local services and gives "Environment Awards" to other groups that enhance the environment through their own projects.

#### THE SOCIETY'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Society campaigns have helped save historic buildings from demolition or owner's indifference and also played an important part in preventing College Farm from becoming yet another housing estate. It has been instrumental in the establishment of Conservation

Areas. It has helped the local environment by organising rubbish clearances, planting trees and gardening.

It also actively supports Stephens House & Gardens that maintains this picturesque community centre and its grounds. It is also 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. It has erected other plaques that reflect aspects of local history and has set-up information panels at Finchley Central and East Finchley tube stations.

The Society has also published books:

*Finchley Remembered* and *Finchley Remembered Part II* - compilations of members' recollections; *Finchley Sketchbook* by Mari l'Anson; and *Reverend Thomas Reader White* – his story, all of which are available through the Society website and most at local shops.

Further information can be obtained from:  
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