

Furzedown Safer Neighbourhoods Team

COMMUNITY BULLETIN September 2009

- **Ongoing Burglary Initiative:** For the last six weeks, Furzedown Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have been working extended shifts, later into the night in order to provide a high visibility presence, in an effort to tackle an increasing residential burglary trend on the Ward. This has been implemented, alongside a number of other tactics, such as Crime Prevention Surgeries, Wandsworth Borough Council FLASH referrals (Fire, Locks and Safety at Home) for vulnerable residents and unmarked vehicle patrols. Police Officers have also been conducting home visits on persistent burglary offenders in the area, and enforcing night time curfews for subjects arrested for burglary in and around Furzedown ward. This has seen a marked reduction in Burglary offences across the ward, with the expectation that offences will continue to fall and offenders will be prosecuted. The team are being actively encouraged to make contact with local residents, shop keepers and businesses on the ward whilst out on their patrols, and challenge any suspicious behaviour. Residents can support the team, by remaining vigilant with regard to home security, and reporting any suspicious behaviour. To arrange a property marking event in your road, or if you are interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, then please contact the team.
- **Get Active Event:** On the 5th September the SN Team took part in a 'Get Active Event' at Furzedown Primary School. The event was organised by Wandsworth Borough Council Social Services, supported by a number of different organisations within the youth sector and focussed on empowering young people in care to be active and healthy. The event provided the young people with an insight into healthy eating, exercise and they received a variety of different inputs from youth organisations. A good number of people turned out for the event, which was enjoyed by all and the team hope to be involved in a number of other events across the ward in coming months.
- **Anti Social Behaviour:** Furzedown SNT prides themselves on working with partner agencies in order to tackle issues of anti social behaviour affecting residents in the area. The team have been proactive in implementing a number of different tactics to resolve these issues, such as the use of Anti Social Behaviour Orders, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and issuing Penalty Notices for Disorder for those identified as acting in an anti social manner. As with all similar interventions, this action is often reliant on residents coming forward to report these incidents and documenting what they have witnessed. If you have concerns in relation to anti social behaviour, then please contact the team.

Community Initiatives and Engagements

- **22nd September 2009** Public Meeting 7.30pm Furzedown Project Moyser Road.
- **7th November 2009** Property Marking Event 12pm Furzedown Recreation Park

Other News

- PC Mark Saunders has recently joined the team. Mark is an experienced Officer, who has worked on Wandsworth Borough for a number of years. PC Phil Eade and PCSO Orla Conlan have also recently joined the team, to take up a School liaison role within Graveney School. This takes the team strength to 1 Police Sergeant, 3 Police Constables and 4 Police Community Support Officers.