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## Improving our parks and green spaces

*The Norbury Park Action Team of Ola Kolade and Blake O'Donnell has been talking about parks and green spaces with many residents recently, writes Ola.*

In the past six months, we've held a series of public meetings open to all residents of Norbury Park as a means to improve engagement between residents, local businesses, elected members, the police and community groups such as residents' associations and neighbourhood watch schemes.

Mrs R attended one of these meetings we held in January; she spoke passionately about the lack of investment and upkeep of local parks and open spaces in the area. A lot of residents echo Mrs R's concerns, and unfortunately existing Labour Norbury councillors have not been responsive to these valid concerns. Mrs R had raised this issue with her local councillor in April 2016 but did not get a response until I raised the issue at a council meeting.

I spoke to a resident of Osterley Gardens who spoke of how 'desolate' Northwood Road Playground had become, he was very disappointed by the lack of maintenance of the council owned playground.



Croydon's 'Local Plan' was adopted by the Labour council in February. Whilst the plan has some commendable policies it has also become clear that Labour has not been listening on some important things. The plan has left 31 of Croydon's green spaces and parks with no local protection from development; this includes Green Lane Sports Ground and Northwood Road Playground.

If elected to represent you as your local councillors, we will keep listening to residents and devolve more powers so that decisions are made more locally. We will ensure the council is responsive to your opinions and concerns. We also pledge not to develop on any of the 31 parks and managed green spaces that are in council ownership which now find their protection removed.



## Conservatives to launch 'Fly Tip Busting' teams

Nothing ruins an otherwise pleasant street more than unsightly rubbish and fly tips – and you don't need to be an expert statistician to see that it's been on the rapid rise in recent years!

If the Conservatives win control of Croydon Council on May 3rd, we will introduce 'Fly Tip Busting' teams to proactively patrol the borough looking for fly tipping, major litter problems, graffiti and areas where council contracts for maintenance are not being properly implemented.

While it's great that so many residents play their part in reporting fly tipping, it's time for the Council to get proactive in dealing with it.

## Contact your local Conservative Action Team for Norbury Park ward



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# On most doorsteps the concerns are the same

*Residents up and down Norbury Park share the same concerns about crime, gangs, and the opportunities for young people, writes Conservative Action Team member Blake O'Donnell*

Over the last six months, we have been knocking on doors throughout Norbury Park talking to residents and listening to their concerns. One gentleman I met on the doorstep was concerned about crime in the area and wanted to do something about it. His house had been burgled and he had also called the police on a group of men who were acting suspiciously on the street. When the police arrived, they fled and were apprehended. It turned out that they all possessed illegal firearms.

I informed him about the police outreach to the Norbury community with their Drop in surgery at Norbury LPT base and "Cuppa with a Copper" meetings at COSTA on London Road which are designed so that residents can give local police information about crime in the area. I followed up by letting him know he could be added to their information list by emailing the Safer Neighbourhood Team on [Norbury.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Norbury.snt@met.police.uk) and he can also provide information to the police on Twitter at [@MPSUpperNorwood](https://twitter.com/MPSUpperNorwood).

Another man I met on the doorstep indicated that he was concerned about crime on his street and wanted to join a local residents association in order to help. I put him in contact with the Neighbourhood Watch on St. Oswald's Road who are extremely active in the area.

We would encourage all residents to consider joining or forming a neighbourhood watch. If you need any assistance please contact us.

A lady I met on the doorstep indicated that she was passionate about setting up a local community organisation called "Young Empowered Parents" to inspire young parents (both mothers and fathers aged up to 30), to lift their aspirations to widen their career prospects. I will be assisting the organisation in setting up, hosting events and co-working spaces over the coming months.

*If you have a concern about some aspect of life in Norbury Park, please let us know using the contact form below. We look forward to being able to help.*

## PHOTO DIARY

The team out talking to residents



Doing a community litter-pick

Ola and Blake at the public meeting with the Borough Commander in December



## Contact Us

### Can we help?

Please use this form to tell us about any local issues that we can help deal with

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