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## New play area opens

By Ann Bronkhorst

After several years of planning and consultation, spanking new play facilities on Muswell Hill Playing Fields were officially opened on Sunday 3 October. In spite of the drizzle, children were making the most of Haringey's latest play provision while councillors, parks staff, representatives of community groups and local parents watched, delighted at the scheme's success.

Tributes were paid to the main sources of funding, Wimpey Homes and Play-builder, and to individuals who worked on the consultations and the designs.

### Fun and exercise

In the older children's area, natural materials such as fallen trees and other wooden structures coexist with challenging apparatus such as a zipwire. Younger children have a low-fenced play area with a variety of child-friendly, colourful equipment.

Separate but nearby is a skate park, designed as a "plaza" and the first of its kind in such a setting.

Experienced skateboarders made the design choices so it should prove more attractive than the unsuitable streets and courtyards often used locally. There is a fenced multi-use games area, too, which can

be floodlit and is available for private hire most evenings.

### Access

The sports pitches and the new play area can be reached from Coppett's Road and the estates north and east of the Fields. From East Finchley, the easiest access for walkers is through Coldfall Wood (a natural play area in itself) and across the football pitches to the northern end of the long field.

## Wood opening hours

From 8 November 2010 to 9 January 2011 the park gates at Cherry Tree Wood will be locked at 4.30pm.

## Second armed robbery at Iceland

By Janet Maitland

The management of Iceland is reviewing security after the second armed robbery at the High Road store this year. The Flying Squad is investigating the latest raid, but no arrests have yet been made.

At about 7.30pm on 20 September, two white men wearing balaclavas burst into the supermarket and threatened staff with a gun. They made off with a large quantity of cash, escaping by the back door, the same way they'd come in. No one was injured, although the staff were terrified.

Robbers in balaclavas held up staff with a firearm in a similar incident only four months ago. "It's not clear at this stage if the two robberies are linked," said a police spokesperson, but confirmed that this is one line of enquiry.

A statement from Iceland head office said: "We put extra CCTV in the store after the incident earlier this year and are reviewing all our options now. The safety of our staff and customers is of the utmost importance and we are helping the police with their enquiries."

If you have any information, please call police on 0300 123 1212. If you want to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.



Dan Rantala and his son proudly show off their signed shirt.  
 Photo by Martin Addison

## Home from home for Barnet FC fan

One of Barnet FC's furthest-flung fans is the proud owner of a signed Bees shirt after he bid £100 at a charity auction in aid of a new minibus for the Ann Owens Centre in Oak Lane.

Dan Rantala flies in from Stockholm three or four times a season to watch a Barnet home game and follows the club avidly through the club website throughout the season, as well as supporting his local club Solberga Bollklubb, who also wear an orange and black home strip.

He was presented with his shirt on the day of Barnet's home game against Hereford. Age Concern is raising funds for a new minibus to take senior citizens from their homes to the centre, where special activities can be the only social contact they have.

To contribute to the fund, visit [www.ageconcernbarnet.org/](http://www.ageconcernbarnet.org/) donations or call Grace Fensome on 020 8445 1808.

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