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Julia Hines has sent in this fantastic photo of her son, centre, playing rugby for our 2012 calendar.

## Send us your photos

**THE ARCHER** Calendar 2012 is coming together nicely but we still need more of your photos, please. Every penny we raise from sales of the calendar will be going to a local charity, to be announced.

As it will be Olympics year, we're looking for photos of games, sports or activities - outdoors or indoors - in East

Finchley or close by. Any type of activity is fine by us, and our judges will pick the best 12 photos.

Please send your high-resolution images to [the-archer@lineone.net](mailto:the-archer@lineone.net) along with your contact details and a short note on where the photo was taken by **31 August**. Anyone whose photograph is chosen will receive a free copy of the calendar. Thank you.

## Thousands of pounds found in Coldfall Wood

By Janet Maitland

**Police are trying to identify the owner of thousands of pounds found hidden in Coldfall Wood. The substantial sum was uncovered in the woodland off Creighton Avenue and details were released in early July.**

However, anyone claiming the money will have to provide a considerable amount of information in order to prove it is theirs. This will include the amount of money, the denominations, exactly where it was hidden and how they came to have it.

Police are giving very little away in order to make sure the rightful owner comes forward. At this stage, we're unable to say how much was found, where it was located or who found it.

There is speculation that the cash could be the takings from some form of criminal activity but the police have not commented on this and nothing is confirmed.

If the cash is proved to be

the proceeds of crime it can be seized and put back into crime fighting under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

There has been a tale of treasure buried in this ancient woodland for many years. Could someone have unearthed it at last? Now, if the police had asked for the weight of gold coins instead denominations of banknotes...

Anyone with any information about the latest cash find, or who wants to claim it as theirs, should contact DS Russ Gayler of the Haringey Payback Unit at Tottenham Police Station on 020 8345 0890. If you want to remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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## Police team to share its leader

By Janet Maitland

**The Metropolitan Police are planning to lose 150 of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) leaders across the capital following a London-wide review of policing. One of the teams affected is our local team on the High Road, who will have to share Sergeant Mark Kelly with the Hampstead Garden Suburb SNT.**

"Anybody who tells me that in some of the wards in London a sergeant cannot appropriately supervise two teams, then, frankly, I do not believe it; that would be nonsense," said Sir Paul Stephenson, the then Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, during a heated debate at the Metropolitan Police Authority AGM on 30 June.

### Cost-saving plan

The decision has been taken in order to save on management costs. Some of those attending the AGM thought that the plan could have been much worse,

given the climate of cuts. But others felt strongly that it showed a misunderstanding of the sergeant's role.

"It's said that they're managers, but my experience is that they're out on the street patrolling, doing street briefings, and attending community forums," said Joanne McCartney, Enfield and Haringey's representative on the London Assembly.

### Temporary moves

All teams will retain their existing levels of police constables and police community support officers (PCSOs) but

there are plans to deploy officers to other wards temporarily when local crime priorities make this necessary. Assurances have been given that, when this happens, no team will be left with less than one constable and one PCSO to provide a service.

This proposal proved to be equally controversial at the AGM. "For the first time in 50 years the community had a user-friendly responsive system," said Valerie Shawcross, Lambeth and Southwark's representative on the London Assembly.

Barnet Borough Commander Neil Basu said under these proposals every ward in the borough would continue to have its own SNT. He said: "I will continue to ensure they are being used in the right way to work with local people to help keep communities safe. I want to reaffirm the Met's strong commitment to community policing."



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