

Finsbury Gardens

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We have been successful in a major grant application to Haringey's Making The Difference to restore and repaint the Finsbury Gardens Railings - £9,500 agreed grant. Haringey Parks Dept has agreed to match this sum. For the first time for decades – probably since before the last war – the original late Victorian railings and gates are to get love and attention and a coat of paint

Work should start on site on August 9th and will last c.8-10 weeks.
The hedges will have to be cut back in places to let the painter paint the railings

We have a problem where the cars bash the railings on Clarence Road. We don't want beautiful 'new' railings to be damaged. The solution is either to provide bollards or move the railings inside the hedge - discussions are ongoing. No more money is available from Haringey – so we might need to do further fund-raising for this. **We may need YOUR help.**

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The Company was established in 1960 by the present owner's father and is therefore celebrating 50 years in business this year. The Company was originally based in London Colney near St Albans and carried out general engineering. However, during the 1970s and 1980s Architectural Metalwork and restoration of railings become more fashionable and Metalcraft moved in 1973 to Durnford Street, Tottenham, London N15 to be nearer to the work in Central London. Metalcraft is still based in Durnford Street today.

Over the years the Company has built a reputation for reinstating the railings around London gardens and Squares where they were removed during the Second World War for the war effort, and has carried out more than any other company. Over the years Metalcraft has won many awards for this work and is currently reinstating the railings around Temple Gardens on the Embankment for the City of Westminster and Arundel Gardens London N7 for the London Borough of Islington.

Metalcraft has also undertaken the manufacture and installation of metalwork at other prestigious locations such as The Tower of London, 10 Downing Street, The Royal Albert Hall, The Royal Observatory Greenwich, Windsor Castle and Westminster Abbey. The Company also carries out smaller domestic work such as railings and gates, fire escapes and staircases, balconies, balustrading, guardrails, grilles and general metalwork.



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