

## Appendices



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**Fig 5**

## Police clean up canal bridge blighted by dealers

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By Jack Griffith

Officers collect 50 bags of rubbish as part of operation to rid secluded Grand Union Canal towpath stretch of "undesirables", and make it safer for cyclists and walkers



PCSO Charlotte Yates of Hillingdon Safer Transport Team holding an hypodermic needle found under the North Hyde Gardens bridge over the Grand Union Canal

**Fig 6**

# Grand clearing up session in trouble spot

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**POLICE** are reclaiming a canal towpath that had become a no-go area, frequented by rough sleepers and drug dealers.

Hillingdon's Safer Transport Team (STT) says it is driving out 'undesirables', reducing anti-social behaviour and making the area safe once again. Two people have been arrested in connection with drugs offences.

The Grand Union Canal towpath close to North Hyde Gardens, in Hayes, has been a well-known trouble spot for some time.

Officers have been patrolling in recent weeks and said they discovered a stash of weapons hidden in

the undergrowth - a kitchen knife and a makeshift spiked truncheon made from a roll of clingfilm with screws sticking out of it.

Officers also filled about 50 rubbish bags on Wednesday morning last week.

PC Kris Scigalski, of the STT, co-ordinated the operation.

"The problems here were brought to our attention by local businesses and residents who walk there," he said.

"Officers have been on proactive patrols and dispersed groups, and our presence acts as a deterrent.

"There is a gate to the canal that normally remains open, but we have spoken to the landowners, who agree it is a problem and they will be keeping this gate locked at night.

"This will be an ongoing

**■ EYESORE:** (Top) A former storage area had become a general dumping ground, (right) PCSOs Charlotte Yates and Gurpreet Saran and colleagues filled 50 bags with rubbish

operation as we want the community to feel comfortable using this towpath."

Sergeant David Turner added: "It is all part of our work to make Hayes a safer place for cyclists to ride in."

The canal clean-up was a joint operation between Hillingdon Council and the Canal and River Trust.



**■ BAGGING UP:** PC Kris Scigalski and PCSO Antony Cox clear rubbish from a pathway

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# Canal clean-up a safety boost

## People praised for Grand Union efforts

by Alan Hayes

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**EVERYONE** involved in a scheme to make a corner of Hayes safer, tidier and more accessible has been praised and thanked.

For years, the stretch of the Grand Union Canal close to Station Road, through North Hyde Gardens, was a hang out for drug users and street drinkers, and became filthy and litter-strewn with hypodermic needles scattered around.

Graffiti also covered many structures in the area. Community organisations, the police and local people pitched in.

Now the area is cleaned up, a majority of local people polled say they feel safer there, according to recent opinion surveys.



■ **HANDS-ON:** PC Kris Scigalski and PCSO Antony Cox clear a path

Photo by Toby Vandavelde  
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The body that runs the nation's waterways, the Canal and River Trust, has praised all involved

and the scheme won a silver award for the Hillingdon Safer Transport Team at the annual Problem Oriented Partnership Awards, handed out by the Met Police in November.

Dick Vincent, a Canal and River Trust towpath ranger, said: "We're delighted the work to improve North Hyde Gardens has been so successful. I'd like to thank the police and all those who have worked so hard to improve it.

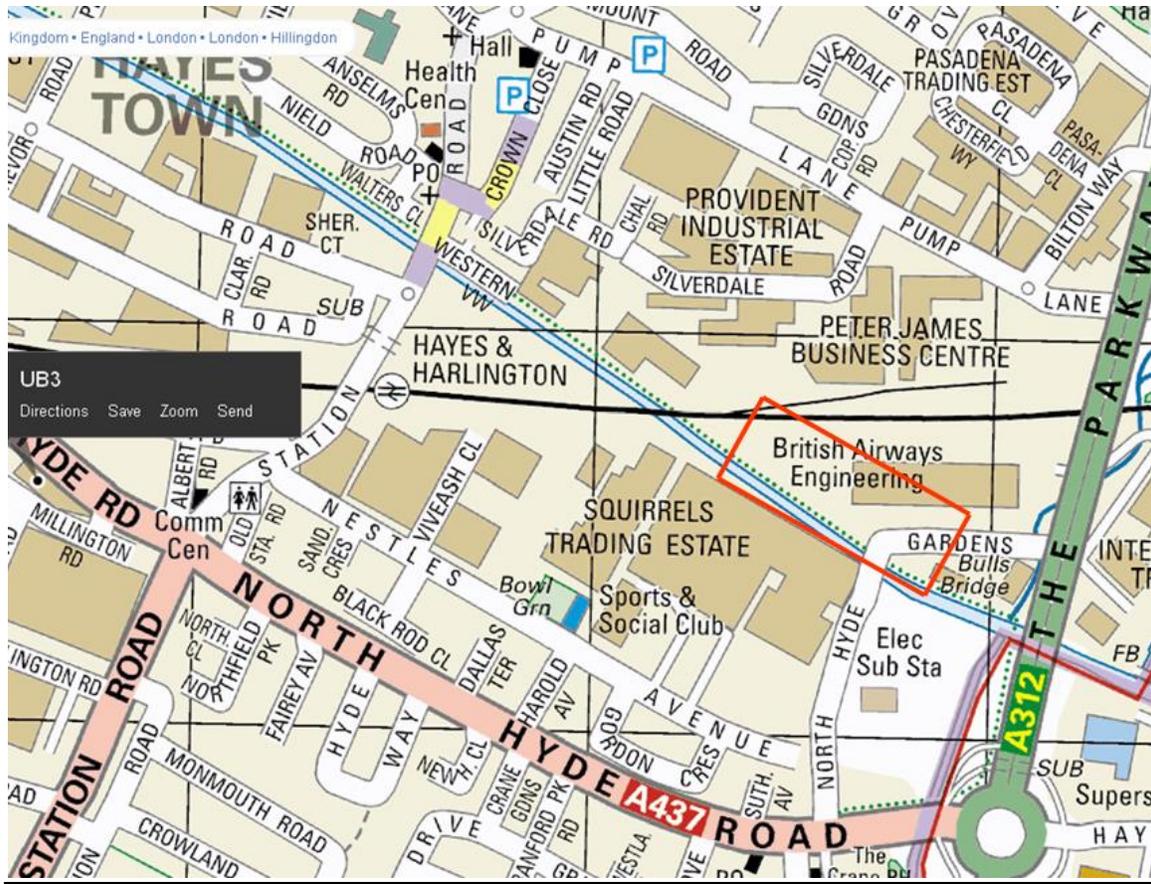
"Local people using the area have noted that the work done there has had a real impact. It's a great example of what can happen when organisations work together to problem solve.

"The towpath is now clean, safe and well looked after."

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**FIG10**



**FIG14**

## Survey of 100 Canal Users (February 2014-April 2014)

Pre Intervention	Yes		NO
Do you feel confident/safe about using the canal tow path?	10		90
	AM		PM
What times do you feel unsafe?	10		90
Are you worried about graffiti?	85		15
Are you worried about drug taking?	73		27
Are you worried about being robbed?	93		7
Are worried about street drinkers?	70		30
Are you worried about litter	75		25
Do you regularly see police on the towpath?	10		90
Are you confident about police actions on the tow path?	15		85

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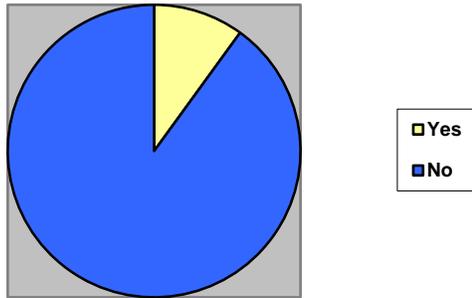
## Survey results (June 2014-September 2014)

Post Intervention	Yes	NO
Do you confident/ safe do you feel about using the canal tow path?	75	25
	AM	PM
What times do you feel unsafe?	10	90
Are you worried about graffiti?	15	85
Are you worried about drug taking?	40	60
Are you worried about being robbed?	55	45
Are worried about street drinkers?	20	80
Are you worried about litter	10	90
Do you regularly see police on the towpath?	35	65
Are you confident about police actions on the tow path?	70	30

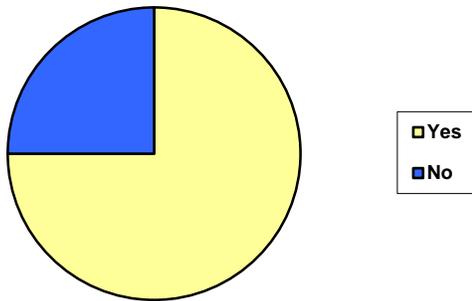
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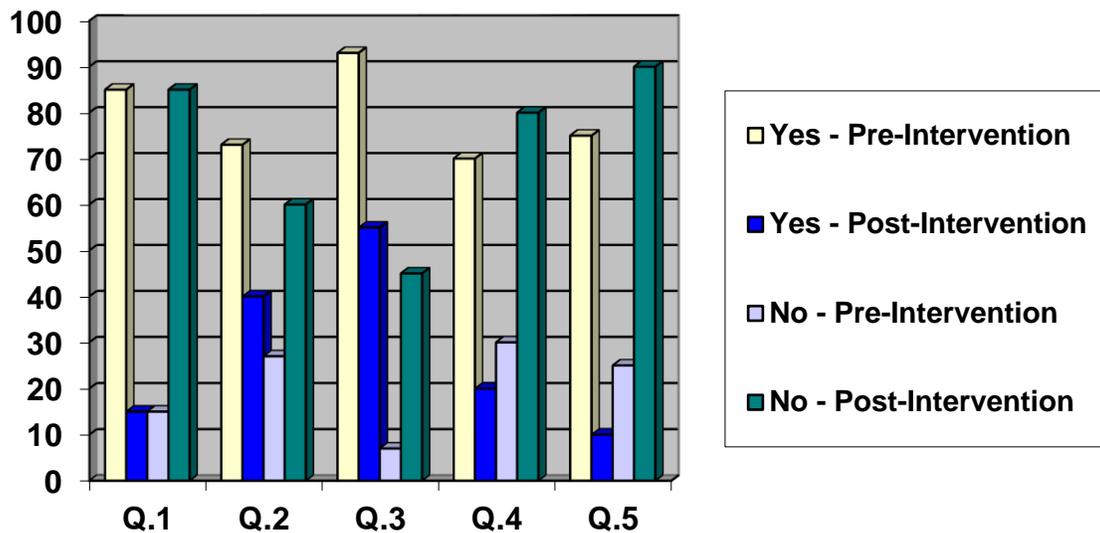
Do you feel confident/safe when using the canal tow path?  
Pre-Intervention



Do you feel confident/safe when using the canal tow path?  
Post-Intervention



	Pre-Intervention		Post-Intervention	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Do you feel confident/safe when using the canal tow path?	10	90	75	25

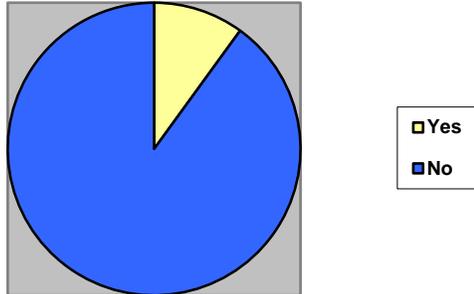


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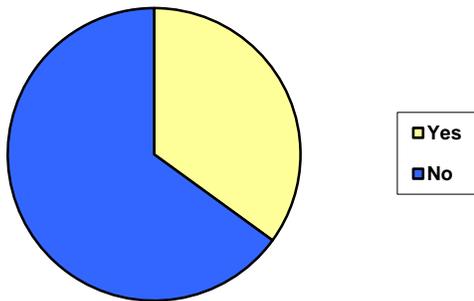
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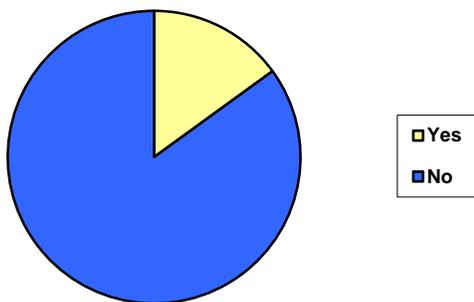


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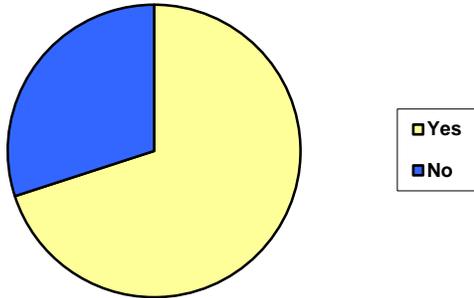


	Pre-Intervention		Post-Intervention	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Do you regularly see police on the towpath?	10	90	35	65

Are you confident about police actions on the tow path?  
Pre-Intervention



# Are you confident about police actions on the tow path? Post-Intervention



	Pre-Intervention		Post-Intervention	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Are you confident about police actions on the tow path?	15	85	70	30