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0181-975 9700

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## SERVICES

### for East Finchley

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**Legal Advice.** Advice Service, 42 Church Lane - Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm.

## House Prices Rising

In what is good news for home owners but not so good for buyers, prices of flats and houses in East Finchley and North London generally, are now rising.

Even flats are rising to a new high recently a 2nd floor two bedroom flat in Fortis Green was sold for £133,500.

### The Place to Live

It is reported that East Finchley has become one of the most sought after areas in North London with its proximity to the underground network and public transport. So it's good news and bad news depending on which side of the fence you are on.

### The Future

When asked to predict what would be the mortgage rate for 1997, Bradford and Bingley and the Woolwich predicted the lowest rate at 7.99 per cent rising to a high rate of 8.75 per cent. The housing market has improved significantly in 1996 and further growth is expected.

## Council Taxes Up

**Barnet can expect a rise in council taxes next year because of Government spending cuts on local councils.**

The upper limit in the council's spending means there will be a £17.5 million gap between what the Government allows and what Barnet wants to keep up it's services.

Now the council will have to make very hard decisions on the level of spending on social services. The decision on the Council Tax levels is to be made on March 16 1997.

## A million bulbs for the millennium

**A million bulbs for the millennium - that's Barnet's ambitious plan to brighten the borough for the 21st century.**

The council gave its commitment for at least 200,000 more bulbs every year and the Chair of the Leisure and Arts committee, Councillor Katherine McGuirk, and councillor Allan Turner helped to plant daffodils in one of the local parks as the first stage in the greening of the borough.

### Want to join in

Local residents, groups, schools and Friends of Parks are to be invited to assist by becoming involved in bulb planting. In this plan to create a brighter greener borough. "We would welcome local schools and families to come forward and help in their areas" said Katherine McGuirk.

## War on Drugs

**A major drive to fight drug abuse amongst young people is to be launched by Barnet's Health Authority, uniting the Police, Probation, Social and voluntary services, in an effort to combat the use and effects of drugs especially among young people.**

This launch of the project called "Tackling Drugs Together", was held at an East Barnet school, chosen because of it's part in promoting this initiative.

### It can't be ignored

Councillor Linda McFadyen, Vice Chair of Social Services, told the Drug Action Team they are tackling what is the most important health issue facing youth today. "It would be short-sighted to think that only deprived youngsters from the inner city face the temptation of drugs.

The problem is nation-wide and young people are at risk wherever they live and whatever their background"

### The Plan

The Barnet Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) has outlined an Action Plan on strategy from now until 1998.

## High Road Restrictions

**As part of the council's commitment to improve the safety and parking situation in the borough's roads, the council is carrying out a review of all the waiting restrictions in the borough.**

The review also involves investigating new and existing locations. All of the planned revisions to the waiting restrictions will be on display at East Finchley library (High Road), from Tuesday 28th January to Friday 21st February 1997.

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