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for East Finchley

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Forest Aid

The sum of £120 was donated by the pupils of Martin Junior School towards sponsoring six acres of Rain Forest in Nigeria. The children collected the money by holding a series of fund raising activities.

Homeless Survey

In a survey by Barnet Housing Aid of people sleeping out on the streets in Barnet, it was found that the biggest number are men in the 45-55 age group.

It was also found that many young people who, because of housing benefit cuts, can not afford their rents and are faced with eviction and forced to sleep rough.

The Housing Aid, which has moved to Woodhouse Road, North Finchley, has been flooded with calls from desperate young people ever since the housing benefit restrictions were introduced.

The restrictions, which limits the amount of benefit that can be claimed on the average cost of a room in shared accommodation, are forcing many out on the streets. The council is hoping to extend its rent deposit scheme to help them move into accommodation they can afford.

Hearing Aid

In a new deal to help the deaf and hard of hearing in our community, a new information pack is to be made available from Barnet Council.

This pack will include information about hearing aids, services and equipment, and help will be available to those seeking employment. Anyone who would like a pack should call 0181 359 3669 or the minicon number 0181 359 3623.

Moving Support

Victim Support, which have their offices in Hertford Lodge, East End Road, are to move to Avenue House, East End Road. Their number is 0181 343 4435.

Crackdown on Anti Social Behaviour

Barnet council is to take tough new stance on anti social behaviour in the borough, particularly drug dealing, intimidation and vandalism.

A new clause in tenancy agreements has been agreed

making tenants responsible for the behaviour of those who live with them.

Crack Down

Any home found to be involved with drug dealing or being used by drug dealer's will have action taken by the council together with the police for repossession. Councillor Alan Turner, Chair of the Housing Committee has said "The message is clear to anti social neighbours and criminals that we will not tolerate you living in or using our estates."

Secure Tenancies

The council is to invest in a security strategy to provide adequate lighting and fencing and to secure empty properties. Loud music or noise, rubbish dumping, threatening behaviour and damage to property will be targeted in this new anti nuisance charter. Racist behaviour and racist graffiti will be dealt with firmly.

Fire Engine

Fire on a Northern Line train recently left commuters stranded and stopped all services between West Finchley and Archway.

This happened around 7.30am just before the morning rush hour had started. Passengers on the train and commuters waiting at Highgate station had to be evacuated.

The electricity supply was turned off so London Underground could investigate the cause which was found to be in the train's braking mechanism.

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