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Barnet to clean up its act

New Broom

Barnet Council has a £2m campaign to clean up streets in the borough. The clean-up campaign is a direct response to a Barnet Council survey of local residents.

The survey found that improving the street environment was a top priority. It is to be carried out by the Clean-Up teams with new equipment, more staff and a Clean-Up Hotline, along with a commitment to sort out Barnet's streets, parks, shopping centres, pavements and public places.

A major problem is that graffiti on private property can only be removed if the owner agrees. Because there is such a lot of this the council

is offering private owners, including utility companies, a new solution - the chance to buy Barnet's graffiti removal services at cost price. Any request will be dealt with within two weeks.

White wash

Cabinet Member for the Environment Cllr Allan Turner said, "We've made graffiti removal one of our top priorities in the clean-up campaign because we know that's what residents want us to do. All residents can

help by letting us know if they spot graffiti - or the culprits!"

A Clean-Up Hotline has been introduced for the public to report graffiti, street litter, overflowing bins, fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, broken pavements and potholes. The council wants the public to use the Clean-Up Hotline to report graffiti vandals and it will press for prosecutions every time. The Clean-Up Hotline number is 020 8359 6035.

Farmers Market for East Finchley?

Just when we thought it was all over - it may be that the Barnet Farmers' Market project is still in

play. This time it bounces back with something new. The Archer has heard that some East Finchleyans are seriously considering starting a market in N2.

There is a site available here and Nina Planck, who pioneered farmers' markets in London, has been consulted. We have undertaken not to spill any more beans at the moment, but watch this space.

Meanwhile, although we know that many of you would welcome the chance to buy fresh produce direct from local farmers, it could be valuable to have some feedback from you. For example, are you interested in anything in particular? (Fruit, vegetables, honey, wine?) How do you see a weekly market supplementing shops and supermarkets? Let us know.

Bus Collision

An 83-year-old man was trapped under a 143 bus in the High Road on 6 October. The accident happened at 10.40am by the bus-stop outside Diploma Court.

The man was trapped under the rear nearside wheel by a leg, and all emergency services were called. The High Road was closed at the junction with East End Road and also at The Bishop's Avenue, in both northbound and southbound directions.

The man was released after thirty-five minutes, and was taken to the Royal Free hospital with leg and rib injuries. The hospital reported later that he had been transferred to an open ward, where he was "comfortable and stable".



Photo by David Tupman

Phoenix listed

The Phoenix, believed to be the oldest working cinema in Britain has been granted Grade II listed building status by English Heritage.

This gives the Phoenix the same architectural status as Avenue House. "We feel good about it" said Ruth Mulandi, the general manager, "it's great to know you're not the only ones who think the auditorium is worth preserving".

The possibility of being listed has been under discussion for some time and this award highlights the part that the Phoenix plays in the history of cinema in Britain.

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