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### Utilities (for N2)

Eastern Energy 0800 783 8838  
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OFTEL 020 7634 8700  
Thames Water 0845 920 0888  
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Gas consumers cncl. 0645 060708  
Transco Gas Emerg. 0800 111 999

### Councils

**Barnet**  
Admin/Town Hall 020 8359 2000  
Council Tax 020 8359 2608  
Recycling & refuse 020 8359 4600  
Health Authority 020 8201 4700  
Com'ty Health Cncl 020 8349 4364  
Benefits Agency 020 8258 6500  
Employment Service 020 8258 3900  
**Haringey Council** 020 8489 0000

### Leisure

Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121  
Cophall Sports Ctr. 020 8361 8658  
E. Finchley Library 020 8883 2664  
Gt North Leisure Pk. 020 8343 9830  
Muswell Hill Odeon 0870 505 0007  
Phoenix Cinema 020 8883 2233  
Tourist Info Service 0870 126 4018  
Warner Cinema Village 020 8446 9933

*\*Calls to 09065 numbers are charged at £1.50 per minute.*

### Help & Advice

Barnet Racial Equality Council 020 8446 0445  
Childline 0800 1111  
Citizens Advice Bureau 020 8349 0954  
Cruse Bereavement Care 020 7431 7122  
Disability Info Service 020 8446 6935  
E Finchley Advice Service 020 8444 6265  
Gingerbread 020 8445 4227  
Missing Persons Helpline 0500 700700  
National Debt Line 0808 808 4000  
NSPCC 0800 800500  
Rape Crisis Centre 020 7837 1600  
Relate 020 8445 0888  
Samaritans 020 8889 6888  
Refuge National Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

### Health Advice

AIDS Helpline 0800 567123  
Alcoholics Anonymous 020 7352 3001  
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688  
CancerLink 0800 132905  
Carers National Assoc. 020 8343 3665  
Drinkline 0800 9178282  
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600  
Health Information Service 0800 665544  
Homeopathic Helpline 09065 343404\*  
MIND 020 8343 5700  
N. London Blood Service 020 8258 2700

### OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511  
Barnet OAPs Welfare 020 8441 4853  
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162  
Counsel & Care 0845 300 7585  
Help the Aged 0800 096 2541

### Crime

Emergency 999  
Finchley Police 020 8200 1212  
Golders Gr. Police 020 8209 1212  
Muswell Hill Police 020 8442 1212  
CrimeStoppers 0800 555111  
Victim Support 020 8343 4435

### Hospitals

Barnet General 020 8216 4000  
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792  
Edgware General 020 8952 2381  
Finchley Memorial 020 8349 6300  
Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343  
Royal Free 020 7794 0500  
St Luke's 020 8219 1800  
Whittington 020 7272 3070  
Western Eye Hosp 020 7886 6666

### Transport

BR Enquiries 0845 484950  
City Airport 020 7646 0000  
Greenline 02086687261  
LT Enquiries 020 7222 1234  
Grey-Green 020 8800 8010  
National Express 08705 808080  
Heathrow 020 8759 4321

### Animal Welfare

Nat Strays Bureau 09065 123999\*  
RSPCA 0870 5555999

### EAST FINCHLEY ADVICE SERVICE

42 Church Lane, London N2 8DT.  
Tel/Fax: 020 8444 6265

#### General Advice.

Monday to Friday: 10am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm.  
Thursdays: 7pm - 8pm.

#### Immigration Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm by appointment only.

#### Legal Advice.

Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

#### Councillors' Surgery.

Saturdays: 10am - 11.30am

**Contact East Finchley's  
Community Police Officer,  
PC Paul Carter, at  
The Community Office,  
Golders Green Station,  
Tel: 020 8733 5562 or e-mail:  
paul.carter@met.police.uk**

### Community Services

❖ Credit Union, Green Man Community Centre 020 8883 4916  
❖ Careers advice, Green Man, Community Centre 020 8883 4916  
❖ Toy library, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774

## Hairdressing Salons Targeted by Criminals

Since the beginning of August this year 17 hairdressing and barbers salons across the borough have been broken into and had either property stolen or damage caused. Five of these alone happened over the weekend of 13 September.

As a result, Barnet Police are issuing warnings to salons to prevent this type of offence.

1. Never leave cash on the premises overnight, (signs indicating that there is no cash are available free from the Crime Reduction Officers on 020 8733 5092).

2. If the till is visible from the street, leave the cash till empty and open and visible, when locking up.

3. If there is an alarm fitted to the premises, make sure it is serviced regularly and use it.

4. Make sure both front and rear doors are locked securely at night, preferably with two locks on each door one of which conforms to British Standard 3621 or similar - a sturdy mortise lock.

5. When closing the salon at night ensure that scissors, hairdryers, clippers and charity boxes are all stored out of sight and preferably locked away.

6. The above advice applies to pay phones and sound systems, keep them out of sight from anyone outside the shop if possible.

For further crime prevention advice, Barnet Crime Reduction Officers may be contacted on 020 8733 5092 and will be happy to visit and give free advice.

## Park Gates to be Locked at Night

Anyone who tried to walk through Cherry Tree Wood before 8 am was in for a surprise if they did so after 15 September, for they would have been unable to get in.

At some unknown time Barnet Council notices had been put up at the park's entrances

announcing the night time closure, starting at 7.30 pm in mid-September and decreasing gradually. Strangely, no locals seem to have been informed that these changes were imminent, not even The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood. Is this yet another example of Barnet's 'putting the community first'?

From 28 September to 11 October the gates will be locked at 6.30 pm.

From 12 October to 25 October they will be locked at 6 pm.

From 26 October to 31 December they will be locked at 4.30 pm.



*Pictured with the Mayor at City Hall: Chris Barker of Buswatch Haringey, Alan Butcher - LB Camden, Steve Cottingham of London Transport Users' Committee, Lynne Featherstone of the London Assembly, LB Haringey, Cllr Geny Harrison - LB Camden, Eugene Myerson of Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association, David Shelborne - Highgate Society, Jane Simmonds - local traffic working group & Muswell Hill resident Keith Tam.*

## Trial Bus Route Approved

Local campaigners were delighted after convincing Mayor Ken Livingstone to give a Muswell Hill-to-Swiss Cottage bus route a trial.

A delegation, including London Assembly member Lynne Featherstone and campaign leader Keith Tam, were told the good news at a meeting with the Mayor at City Hall in mid-September.

Following a consultation period there will be buses on trial along the route in the mornings and afternoons from early next year.

### Local Planning Applications

#### Vale Farm House, Font Hills -

Erection of 2 two-storey blocks (plus rooms in loft space) to provide a total of 16 houses following demolition of Vale Farm House. Provision of 22 car parking spaces with access from The Meads and Font Hills.

#### 2/3 Bedford Mews -

Demolition of existing timber framed rear extension and erection of new single-storey rear extension. Alterations to front elevation including installation of steel shutter.