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Better by design

By Diana Cormack

Eighteen-year-old Georgia Revell of Twyford Avenue, N2, has more than the end of her A level exams to celebrate, for she has won the regional contest run by Audi for their Young Designer of the Year.

Georgia was one of 20 finalists whose work was studied and who were interviewed by a panel of judges at the Audi Garage in Whetstone. They judged Georgia's to be the most innovative and challenging. It was part of her A-level Product Design project (formerly known as Design and Technology) that took her a year to produce.

Her idea is for a children's 'play wall', which consists of a frame with a mapped out background on which wooden vehicles move along slots in a variety of directions. It would be ideal for places like doctors' waiting rooms, not only to occupy children but also to prevent their toys being scattered over the floor. Georgia tried it out successfully on her young next-door neigh-

bours and is hoping to do well in the national finals in Newcastle-upon-Tyne on 16 September.

All the best

She has already won £200 and an all expenses paid trip to the Audi factory in Germany this summer. Should she win the competition, Georgia will receive £10,000 towards her university fees (she would like to study architecture at Nottingham) plus £8,000 for the product to be commercially manufactured, with no doubt a lot more in earnings should the idea catch on.

Naturally, Georgia's family and her friends at Fortismere School are delighted with her success and *THE ARCHER* joins them in wishing her all the best for the finals.



Georgia Revell at her playwall display stand, after collecting the winning prize and trophy.
Photo by Tony Revell.

Keen to be green

By Martin Earl

Saving the planet is not the unique privilege of Superman or Superwoman: we can all do our bit – every day. Whether that is reusing plastic bags when we go shopping, or writing on both sides of paper – as I am doing now – and feeling modestly good about it, it all adds up.

This was the message that I took from Stuart Gadsden's clear and concise talk at our Local Agenda 21 public meeting in the aptly named Green Man Community Centre in May.

With impressive figures to show that Barnet's proportion of recycled waste is increasing – up 25% in the areas with compulsory kerbside collection – Stuart, from Barnet's Waste

and Sustainability Team, clicked through his slides: Reduce what you use; Reuse what you can; If all else fails – Recycle.

Green guide

And to help us 'do our bit' the local LA21 has produced a waste and recycling guide specifically for East Finchley which, they say, will be delivered to most households with this year's Community Festival programme.

The Chair, Roger Chapman, reprised all the other LA21 activities from the past year. These included tree planting galore by the greening group – some of it earlier that day on the Strawberry Vale Estate by the children of Our Lady of Lourdes School. The transport group's bus monitoring project had special mention and the evening, which doubled as the LA21 annual general meeting, heard about the launch of new recycling facilities on Strawberry Vale.

Omar Khadra from Cartridge World in East End Road told us how his shop contributes to recycling – details of which could be found together with those of other green-minded businesses in the aforementioned guide.

And so it seems that the council's decision in March to discontinue its support for, and partnership with, Local Agenda 21 groups has not dented the enthusiasm in East Finchley. If you would like to link into the group's activities – and help save the planet – phone 020 8883 4916 or email martin@greenman.fsn.et.co.uk. In the meantime, I'll dispose of the initial drafts of this article in my kerbside box and get into practice for when East Finchley is included in the compulsory recycling scheme – date to be announced!

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