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Recycling & refuse 020 8359 4600
Primary Care Trust 020 8201 4700
Benefits Agency 020 8258 6500
Employment Service 020 8258 3900
Haringey Council 020 8489 0000

Leisure

Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121
East Finchley Library 020 8883 2664
Muswell Hill Odeon 0870 505 0007
Phoenix Cinema 020 8444 6789
Tourist Info Service 0870 128 8080
Warner Cinema 020 8446 9933

Transport

BR Enquiries 0845 7484950
City Airport 020 7646 0088
London Transport 020 7222 1234
National Express 08705 808080
Heathrow Airport 0870 000 0123

Help & Advice

Childline 0800 1111
Disability Info Service 020 8446 6935
E.F. Advice Service 020 8444 6265
Gingerbread 020 8445 4227
National Debt Line 0808 808 4000
NSPCC 0800 800500
Rape & Sexual Abuse 020 8683 3300
Relate 020 8447 8101
Samaritans 08457 909090
Refuge Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

Health Advice

AIDSLINE 020 8363 2141
Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 7697555
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688
Cancer Support 020 8202 2211
Carers' Line 0808 808 7777
Drinkline 0800 917 8282
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600
Health Info Service 0800 665544
MIND 020 8343 5700
National Blood Ctr. 0845 7711 7711

OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162
Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

Hospitals

Barnet General 020 8216 4000
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792
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

Crime

Emergency 999
Finchley Police 020 8442 1212
Mus. Hill Police Stn. 020 8345 2148
Crime Stoppers 0800 555111
Victim Support 0845 303 0900
E.F. Community Police Officer:
PC Paul Carter (Golders Green)
Tel: 020 8733 5562, e-mail:
paul.carter@met.police.uk



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

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

Winter nights warning

Barnet police are reminding all East Finchley residents to be safety conscious now dark evenings are here.

If lights are on in ground floor rooms with open curtains or blinds there are opportunities for burglars to see exactly what is available in your home. When you go out, always lock doors and close windows. Consider the use of timers for lights and radios if you need to be away from home overnight. They will create the impression that someone is in.

Fit good lighting at the front of the house and fit a spy hole allowing you to see who is at the door. Having a door chain means that you can open the door a little way to talk to callers without letting them into your house.

Don't assist the burglars!

Secure garden sheds, which may not be used as frequently now. Make sure that any items in there are also secured if they could assist a burglar to break into your home or are in any way valuable. If you go out for the evening or to collect children from school in the late afternoon, don't leave just the entrance hall or landing light on, with the rest of the house in darkness. Try to make it look as though there is someone still inside the house using lights and radios in at least one room.

Mobile phone mugging

Two schoolboys were robbed of their mobile phones on their way home from school in East Finchley.

The incident happened at about 5pm as the two 12-year-olds sat on a wall outside Foskett House, Central Avenue. While one of the boys was using his mobile phone two suspects approached him and his friend and asked to see it.

He refused at first but one of the suspects threatened to stab him if they didn't both hand over their phones. Fearing for their safety, both boys handed over the phones and the two suspects walked away. The phones were both Nokia 6320i silver-coloured phones. The two suspects are described as black males aged about 17, both about 5ft 9ins. The first one was wearing a black Adidas tracksuit, the second a black Nike hooded top. Anyone with information or who may have seen the incident on Thursday 13 October is asked to contact DC Tyldesley on 020 8733 4595.

Burning car crashes into shop

By Betti Blatman
A driver escaped unhurt after her car burst into flames and crashed into a shop front.

The red Nissan Micra caught fire as it was being driven along Ballards Lane, near Station Road, in Finchley Central on Monday 31 October.

The driver jumped out but the car then mounted the pavement and rolled into the glass door and window of Winkworth's estate agents.

A Fire Brigade spokesman said the driver did not require medical attention and was collected by her husband. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Keep your identity safe

Residents are being urgently warned about a bogus telephone caller at large in Barnet, claiming to be from the borough's council tax department and attempting to obtain their personal details.

Although there have only been two reports so far, the council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team (CAFT) believes there may be many more victims who have not yet come forward.

Advice for residents is to not give any personal information over the phone unless you are absolutely sure to whom you are speaking. Always ask for a name and telephone number and say you will call straight back. CAFT assures residents that the council would not make unsolicited calls of this type or request this type of information.

If con artists manage to get hold of people's personal details, they are able to steal their identities - and subsequently apply for credit cards, bank loans and state benefits under false names.

If you think you may have been a victim of identity theft or want more information on how to protect yourself, call CAFT on 020 8359 2007 or e-mail caft@barnet.gov.uk.

Sorting office opening hours

The Royal Mail sorting office in Market Place will be extending its opening hours for the Christmas period as follows:

Monday 12 - Friday 16 Dec: 8am-12.30pm and 6pm-8pm.
Saturday 17 Dec: 8am-12 pm.
Monday 19 - Friday 23 Dec: 8am-12.30pm and 6pm-8pm.
Saturday 24 Dec: 8am-12 pm.

Planning Applications

Park House, 16 High Road, N2

Permanent change of use from Local Government Municipal Offices (Class B1) to Educational Facility (Class D1). New application pursuant to C00050W/03.

Land near junction of Strawberry Vale and High Road, N2

Upgrading of telecommunications equipment.

Holy Trinity Church, Church Lane, N2

Installation of three radio antennas within the bell-tower.

Corner of East End Road and access road to Christ's College, N2

Installation of an 11.4m high telegraph pole with one antenna, and equipment cabinet measuring 1.3m x 0.926m x 1.623m at ground level.

Grass verge at north-west junction of Lyttelton Road and The Bishop's Avenue, N2

Installation of a 10m high telegraph pole with one antenna, and associated equipment cabinet.

18A Lewis Gardens, N2

Demolition of existing single-storey building. Erection of new two-storey building to accommodate dental workshop.

Ground Floor, 62-64 High Road, N2

Continued use of premises as Class A1.

6 Ashburnham Close, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

61 Bedford Road, N2

Alteration to roof, including rear dormer window to facilitate loft conversion.

1 The Bishop's Avenue, N2

Two-storey side extension with rooms in roof. Two rear lights in rear roof slope, and new window to south-west gable to facilitate loft conversion.

119A Abbots Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear conservatory extension

62 Brim Hill, N2

Indian bean tree - reduce density by 20%, encroaching branches as specified.