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Refuge Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

### Health Advice

AIDSLINE 020 8363 2141  
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Carers' Line 0808 808 7777  
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### OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 02083463511  
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  
Western Eye Hosp. 020 7886 6666

### Crime

Emergency 999  
Finchley Police 020 8442 1212  
CrimeStoppers 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



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### 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

## Punished for attack on parking attendant

By John Dearing

**A man was given a 42-day jail term, suspended for two years, and sentenced to 100 hours community service, after a violent attack on a parking attendant in East Finchley.**

Ali Hamzeh, 28, of Kellett House, Colville Estate, Islington, was found guilty at Brent Magistrates' Court on 30 September. Hamzeh, who denied the charge of actual bodily harm, also had to pay £100 costs and £200 compensation to the attendant.

On 14 May this year, Hamzeh had parked on the High Road and was given a parking ticket while shopping. He hit the parking attendant in the face and racially abused him.

Councillor Matthew Offord, Barnet's Cabinet Member for the Environment and Transport, said, "Physical attacks on any members of our staff are totally unacceptable. These people are simply trying to do their jobs the best they can."

## Lock up your bikes

By Betti Blatman

**All bike owners should ensure they lock up their bikes, even if they intend to leave them for just a few minutes.**

A local teenager recently left his bike in the afternoon in the alleyway near Tesco, Finchley Central, and during the few minutes he was in the nearby newsagent, a bolt cutter was used to cut through his bike lock and it was stolen. Although the police were informed, they advised that there are well-organised gangs operating locally and it is virtually impossible to trace stolen bikes.

## Security warning after burglary spate

By John Dearing

**East Finchley residents are being warned to keep windows and doors locked after a spate of burglaries in and around the county roads, possibly carried out by the same man. He has been entering properties through unlocked back doors and windows, quickly rifling through drawers and bags for cash and then leaving, sometimes via back gardens.**

The burglar seems to have struck twice in one night. In the first incident, a woman disturbed the burglar in her kitchen in Leicester Road, dropped her tea tray and ran to her front room while he stole her handbag and fled. Later that night a woman's bag was stolen from a house in Huntingdon Road.

A week later, another woman in Huntingdon Road had her bag snatched from her home. A couple in Leicester Road, asleep in front of the TV, had their kitchen window forced and a handbag and wallet taken. The handbag was later found in a dustbin nearby.

Rebecca Smith, one of the victims, said: "I was watching the TV one evening and heard heavy footsteps in the kitchen. I got up to look around and found three muddy footprints on the carpet. The patio door was open and I could just make out a figure in the dark, in the garden behind ours. I locked the back door and then noticed my handbag was gone. Some of the contents of my bag were later found in a garden in Bedford Road."

Those who have seen the intruder have given similar descriptions. He is said to be black, well built and in his 20s.

### Precautions

Barnet Police said that since 18 September and mid-October there were nine such burglaries, three each in Leicester and Huntingdon Roads, and one each in Creighton Avenue, Summerlee Avenue, and Durham Road. Five of the nine were at premises where doors had been left unlocked, sometimes overnight.

Police reminded people to make sure all doors and windows were locked at night or whenever they go out, and not to leave keys in locks or on windowsills where they might be visible from outside. Finally, if the house is fitted with an alarm, use it.

## Give blood

**The mobile blood donation unit will be outside East Finchley tube station on Friday 25 November with blood donating sessions from 1.15 - 4pm and 5.15 - 7.30pm.**

## Thieves target satellite navigation kits

By John Dearing

**The theft of satellite navigation systems from vehicles in Barnet continues to be a problem. In September there were 35 reported stolen and in the first 10 days of October a further 10 were stolen.**

These systems are often held in a cradle, which sticks either to the window or onto the dashboard of the car. Owners are removing the actual device and placing it in a glove box or under a seat but leaving the cradle in situ, which indicates to thieves that there is a satellite system in the car. They then break into it, search it and take the equipment. Police advise that owners should not only remove the device but also the cradle itself, which is usually held only by suction pads. Place the whole system in the boot of your car out of sight or take it with you. A further warning is that some of the newer devices with Blue Tooth technology can even be

identified by use of a compatible mobile phone, which can indicate to the thief which vehicle has a device in it.

Owners are now being recommended to make a note of the serial number of the system and keep this in a safe place. Police are then able to return stolen systems if they find them during the course of arrests.

There is also a website which enables owners to register serial numbers, without charge, not just for satellite navigation systems, but also for mobile phones or any possession with a serial number. It is www.immobilise.com. Police have access to it to check if a system has been registered there when they find stolen property.

## Planning Applications

**114 High Road N2 -**  
Installation of new signage.  
**Land rear of Sherwood Hall, East End Road N2 -**  
Erection of single-storey building to form two self-contained flats, and associated parking.

**40 Fortis Green N2 -**  
Conversion of existing storage room to self-contained unit at first-floor level.

**First Floor Flat, 44 Lincoln Road N2 -**

Alterations to roof, including formation of rear dormer to accommodate loft conversion.

**8 Manor Cottages Approach N2 -**

First floor rear extension.

**100 Hertford Road N2 -**  
Construction of hip to gable end to provide additional floorspace at second floor level.

**67 Chandos Road N2 -**

Two-storey side extension.