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Employment Service 020 8258 3900  
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### Help & Advice

Childline 0800 1111  
Disability Info Service 020 8446 6935  
E.F. Advice Service 020 8444 6265  
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National Debt Line 0808 808 4000  
NSPCC 0800 800500  
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Relate 020 8447 8101  
Samaritans 08457 909090  
Refuge Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

### Health Advice

AIDSline 020 8363 2141  
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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

## Bogus caller steals over £1,000

By John Dearing  
A bogus caller pretending to be from the water board robbed an 88-year-old woman in her own home. The incident happened on Thursday 13 April at 11.30am at the victim's home in Sedgemere Avenue.

The man said he had come to check the victim's water supply and, once inside, began to check the taps in the kitchen. Then he said he would check the taps in the bathroom.

After about 10 minutes the man stated that everything was all right and left. A while later the victim discovered that £1,150 had been stolen and contacted the police.

The suspect is described as a white male aged 25 and 5ft 11ins. He was wearing blue jeans and a green jumper. If anyone has any information about this incident please contact Detective Sergeant Amanda Collier on 020 8733 4595 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## Beware of 'cold callers'

By John Dearing

The borough's elderly and vulnerable residents are being warned to beware of con men claiming to be from Barnet Council's social services department to gain access to residents' homes, then stealing cash while inside.

Police and trading standards officers are working closely together to tackle the new scam, which has been used by tricksters across the borough over the last month. On every occasion, the modus operandi of the crooks has been the same. They tell the victims they work for social services and are there to find out whether they are eligible for cleaning or food vouchers, and that they need to check the victims' fridges. Every time, suspects have been allowed in, and every time they stole cash, on one occasion as much as £200.

The council's social services department never send officers to 'cold-call' at homes. If anyone comes to the door offering vouchers, or claiming to be from any council department or other agency, residents should not let them in without checking for genuine identification.

### Don't open the door

Irene Findlay, Head of Adult Services at Barnet Council, said: "The conmen who are tricking their way in to homes and stealing money

deliberately target our most elderly and vulnerable residents. We are working hard with our partners in the police to tackle the blight of cold-calling but would urge anyone who receives an unsolicited visit not to open the door." A joint operation in March by the council, police and fire brigade warning people about the danger of deception and distraction burglaries, will be followed by a similar operation next month. There are also plans to hold a training and awareness conference for professionals who deal with the borough's vulnerable people, at North London Business Park in September.

## Elderly woman mugged for her handbag

An 83-year-old woman was pushed to the ground and had her handbag stolen. The incident happened on Thursday 23 March at 2pm in Chambers Gardens, East Finchley.

The victim was making her way to the shops when she noticed two men standing chatting a short distance ahead of her. As the victim passed the men she was suddenly pushed to the ground and her handbag was snatched from her grasp. Both men ran off towards the A406 or Strawberry Vale.

The victim was taken to North Finchley Memorial Hospital where she was treated for a slight injury to her knee and hip.

Both suspects are described as white males aged 20. If anyone has any information about this incident please contact Det Sgt Gornall on 020 8733 4595 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Burglary, theft and fire

There is a saying that bad things happen in threes and that was certainly the case in Benedict Way recently. During March a resident in a block of flats there was burgled while she was out and two mobile phones and jewellery of particular sentimental value were stolen.

Another resident had his chequebook stolen in the post and only became aware of it when his bank statement showed several thousand pounds had been withdrawn. The money has now been refunded to his account by Alliance & Leicester.

Then on 3 April, the fire brigade attended a fire in a top floor flat in the same road. After they brought it under control the police arrived and a non-resi-

dent person was handcuffed and arrested, resulting in a pending court case.

There was an attempted break-in to the empty, burnt-out flat at about 4.0 am on 17 April. Neighbours heard noises and saw that a ladder had been put up to a window. Police were called but the culprit escaped on foot, leaving the ladder behind.

Local residents believe that the problems with the flat may be drug-related.

## Planning Applications

Ground floor, 7 Fortis Green, N2  
Change of use at ground floor from offices (A2) to restaurant (A3).

31 Baronsmere Road, N2  
Conversion of property into two self-contained flats, with associated rear extension to replace existing conservatory, and rear access stairs to first floor.

12 Baronsmere Road, N2  
Extensions to existing basement level and associated external alterations.

60 Bedford Road, N2  
Alterations to front elevation, including new windows, canopy over front door, and external finishing materials to front façade.

7 Huntingdon Road, N2  
Conversion of existing two self-contained flats and five bedsits to form three self-contained flats.

9 Howard Walk, N2  
Single-storey rear extension.

41 Brim Hill, N2  
Single-storey side extension. Alterations to roof, including side and rear dormer windows to facilitate loft conversion.

24 Edmunds Walk, N2  
Alteration to roof, including addition of two rear dormer windows and one conservation rooflight to facilitate loft conversion. Single-storey rear extension.

1 - 36 Cedar Drive, N2  
Reduce cedar to give four metre clearance from building/roof.

Land to the rear of 'Hornbeams', The Bishops Avenue, N2  
Demolition of "Hornbeams". Erection of 2 two-storey detached houses with rooms in basement and roofspace, with associated access road and altered vehicle access at The Bishops Avenue.

Highways land on southern side of East End Road, N2, opposite junction with Church Lane.

Installation of eight-metre high telegraph pole, with one telecommunications antenna and associated equipment cabinet.

Highways land on eastern side of Ossulton Way, N2, opposite junction with Ludlow Way.

Installation of eight-metre telecommunications telegraph pole, with one antenna and associated equipment cabinet.

Grass verge at north-western junction of Lyttelton Road, N2 and The Bishops Avenue, o/s 26 The Bishops Avenue.

Installation of eight-metre telegraph style mobile telecommunications pole, with one antenna. Associated equipment cabinet.