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Admin/Town Hall 020 8359 2000
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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
Warner Cinema 020 8446 9933

Transport

BR Enquiries 0845 7484950
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London Transport 020 7222 1234
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Hospitals

Barnet General 020 8216 4000
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792
Finchley Memorial 020 8349 7500
Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343
Royal Free 020 7794 0500
St Luke's 020 8219 1800
Whittington 020 7272 3070

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

OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162

Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

Crime

Emergency 999
Finchley Police 020 8442 1212
Mus. Hill Police Stn. 020 8345 2148
CrimeStoppers 0800 555111
Victim Support 0845 303 0900
East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood Team 020 7161 9014

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
RSPCA Inspector 08705 555 999
Samaritans 08457 909090
Refuge Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

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.

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

Don't be distracted

A number of Barnet residents have recently become the victims of a crime known as burglary artifice, or distraction burglary, involving burglars pretending to be workmen.

The burglars are targeting the elderly and are pretending to be plumbers, electricians or are asking for a cup of water. Once the victim is distracted by one of the burglars, the other will quickly take what they can of high value, usually cash and jewellery.

One pair of perpetrators is white, male and approximately 30 years old. They tend to target their victims at the end of the afternoon and in the evening.

All residents are asked to keep an eye out for their neighbours, especially the elderly. If anyone knocks on your door posing to be a workman, they must show appropriate identification, ideally with the company name, a photograph and a company phone number. If you are not sure, do not open the door.

Detective Inspector Julie Bidewell said: "If you see anyone acting suspiciously or knocking on your door, get a good description of them. The police want to know as much about them as possible. We want

to catch them."

Any information should be passed onto Barnet Police on 020 8200 1212 or through your Safer Neighbourhood Team. If someone is knocking on your door and will not go away, call 999.

Thefts from vehicles alert

There has been a sudden increase in the number of thefts from vehicles in the Beech Drive and Creighton Avenue areas. Over one night recently, five offences took place. These appear to have been opportunist and not the work of an organised gang targeting the area for a specific reason.

The Muswell Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team, whose office is in Fortis Green, is advising motorists to make sure they don't leave anything on show in their vehicles.

Crackdown on domestic violence

Barnet Police are attempting to bring the crime of domestic violence out from behind closed doors. Police now arrest all perpetrators where evidence of a criminal offence exists. However, it is also necessary to protect the victims, particularly where children are involved.

The Metropolitan Police Service response to domestic violence has changed dramatically in the past 10 years. The first strategy was to encourage victims to come forward and report offences by building trust and confidence that their cases would be taken seriously. This had the effect of increasing reporting from 60,000 incidents in 1998 to more than 110,000 incidents in 2005.

This data enabled the police to measure the potential seriousness of domestic violence with one in eight cases being grievous bodily harm, one in four being actual bodily harm and one in three being common assault. 25% of murders in London result from domestic violence.

DCI Mark Clark said:

"Domestic violence is a serious crime. Barnet Police, with the aid of our dedicated Community Support Unit, will always investigate and seek out those who abuse their partners and arrest them, even if the victim refuses to make a statement or give evidence in court."

Shop talk

Cootes the chemists have moved to 166-168 High Road. They now occupy the former premises of Cory's chemist shop, which has been completely renovated and transformed.

There is also a new barber's shop where Coral Travel used to be, next to the Phoenix cinema.

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

77 Abbots Gardens, N2

Part single, part two-storey side and rear extension. Loft conversion incorporating side and rear roof extensions.

47 Bedford Road, N2

Ground floor rear extension

8 The Bishops Avenue, N2

Single storey side extension. New awning and landscaping elements to other side of property. Alterations to roof including two rear dormers and one side dormer and roof lights to facilitate a loft conversion

68 Brim Hill, N2

Loft conversion with side and rear dormer roof extensions.

99 Brim Hill, N2

Garage conversion and new ground floor link extension from main house.

12 Chamberlain Road, N2

Second floor extension over back addition

81 - 85 East End Road, N2

Construction of first and second

floors over existing warehouse to provide four self-contained flats. Provision of car parking spaces accessed from Brackenbury Road.

Flat 1, 195A East End Road, N2

Single storey rear extension

59B Fortis Green, N2

Proposed loft conversion with rear dormers

36 High Road, N2

Rebuilding and enlargement of coach house with change of use to residential accommodation.

Single storey rear extension to shop, together with new shop front and first floor rear extension.

Bus-stop outside 109 High Road, N2

Installation of two internally illuminated panels on bus shelter.

Marylebone Cemetery, East End Road, N2

One 6m high flag pole displaying a flag.

24 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Rear dormer window involving roof extension.

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