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OAP's Advice

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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

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Legal Advice.

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❖ **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

£250 for a bag of onions

By Janet Maitland

Police have issued a warning about a scam that tricks people into handing over hundreds of pounds for items worth only pennies.

Typically, the victim of the scam is approached in the street and asked if they would like to buy a laptop at half price. They are taken to a parked car and shown a new laptop in good working condition. The victim goes to the bank to get the cash, returns to the car and buys it, but when they get home and open the bag, there's no laptop.

Police report that victims have handed over as much as £600 for a laptop bag containing bottles of water, magazines,

catalogues or bricks. One man paid £250 for a bag of onions. To date, the scam has been operating in N22, N4 and N11 but could happen anywhere.

"We must advise extreme caution if you are approached by anyone in the street trying to sell something," said DC Suzie Chantry, of Haringey CID. "Even if you do get the item you are paying for, there is a real danger that you could be buying stolen property, which means you could be arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Haringey CID on 020 8345 0712 or, to remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

107 Abbots Gardens, N2
Extensions to roof including rear dormer windows to facilitate a loft conversion.

1 Aylmer Road, N2
Two storey front extension. First floor rear extension. Conversion of part of double garage into habitable room. Alterations and extension to roof including front and rear dormers.

41 The Bishops Avenue, N2
Demolition of existing buildings and construction of a part two and part three storey detached house with basement level swimming pool, car parking and associated landscaping.

11 Elmfield Road, N2
Single storey side and rear extension.

11-59 High Road, N2 (McDonald's Restaurants)
Erection of smoking shelter with retractable awning and external timber door.

Islington & Camden Cemetery, 278 High Road, N2
Conversion of existing garage into a disabled toilet.

27-29 Leicester Road, N2
Erection of a detached two-storey, plus rooms in roof house at No

29 and formation of two car parking spaces and associated landscaping and alterations to the rear of existing detached house at No 27.

72 Leicester Road, N2
Conversion of existing dwelling into three self-contained flats.

8 Ludlow Way, N2
Conversion of existing detached garage into habitable space. Enclosure of external passageway between house and garage.

45 The Market Place, NW11
Change of use from Tile Sales (class A1) to Beauty Salon including new shop front and single storey rear extension.

14 A New Oak Road, N2
Single storey front and rear extensions

The Sternberg Centre For Judaism, The Lodge, 80 East End Road, N3
Continued use of construction access to the Sternberg Centre for a further 2 years.

Ossulton Way, N2
Telecommunications Prior Notification: Installation of new green coloured fibre cabinet 1700mm (width) x 1465mm (height) x 450mm (depth) adjacent to existing cabinet (British Telecom fibre network).

Gun scare at Lido

By Janet Maitland

Police are appealing for witnesses to an incident involving a firearm that happened in the grounds of the Finchley Lido complex on 5 January at about 6.15pm.

An 18-year-old man is alleged to have pointed a ball-bearing gun at a group of teenagers who had congregated next to a roundabout. The man was arrested shortly after the incident but the group of youths had already dispersed. He has now been bailed.

"I would like to hear from anyone who was in the vicinity of Finchley Lido on 5 January who might be able to shed more light on the sequence of events," said DC Mark Bennett. He can be contacted on 020 8733 4595 or you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

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