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Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

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❖ **Toy library**, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774

Big Issue sellers

moved on

By Janet Maitland

Two sellers of *The Big Issue* have recently been moved on from the site outside Budgens by officers from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. "We have moved two unauthorised persons away from the area because they did not display a correct ID badge or they were over-zealous in their selling techniques," said Sergeant Andy Matthews.

The Big Issue was set up in 1991 to help solve the problem of homelessness by offering a legitimate alternative to begging. Sellers try to earn a living by buying the magazine for 75p and selling it for £1.50. They are authorised to sell at a specific site, which is displayed on their ID badge. The area just outside Budgens has been an authorised site for *Big Issue* sellers for many years.

Keeping to the rules

"If a regular seller is not at their site, other sellers are allowed to use the pitch, as long as they leave if the seller returns and providing their badge is for London," said a spokesperson for *The Big Issue*. One of the sellers who was moved on had a

badge from Loughton in Essex. The other seller was also moved on as she did not have the correct ID badge.

Before being authorised, sellers have to sign an agreement specifying that they are not allowed to beg while wearing the badge or to "sell in any way associated with begging, including sitting or lying down or using a cup or bowl to collect money".

"Members of the public should not be repeatedly asked or badgered," said Sgt Matthews. "The vast majority of authorised *Big Issue* sellers are polite and cause no problem whatsoever. Unfortunately, some unauthorised persons can spoil this."

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

45 Bedford Road, N2
Single storey side/rear extension following demolition of existing shed.
6A Sedgemere Avenue, N2
Extensions to roof including rear dormer window and installation of roof lights to facilitate a loft conversion.
27-29 Leicester Road, N2
Erection of a two-storey plus rooms in roof semi-detached house at 29 Leicester Road. Addition of associated landscape to the front, and alterations to the side of the existing house at 27 Leicester Road to include the reinstatement of a previously blocked window facing 25 Leicester Road.

Haringey Council

42 Beech Drive, N2
Excavation of basement to create lower ground floor and creation of light wells to front and rear and erection of single storey rear extension.
79 Fordington Road, N6
Erection of rear dormer window including side gable extension, with insertion of two Velux windows to front elevation to facilitate a loft conversion.
16 Shakespeare Gardens, N2
Erection of side dormer window and conversion of roof from hip to gable with insertion of two roof lights.
10 Twyford Avenue, N2
Erection of first floor extension to create en suite bathroom.

Keep burglars out

Age Concern Barnet is inviting older people to come to a free Action against Burglary Roadshow to learn simple tips on how to beat the burglar and stay safe in their homes.

Although older people are no more likely to be victims of burglary than other age groups, the sheer fear of this type of crime can seriously affect their quality of life, says the charity.

The roadshow will feature a performance by the Attic Theatre Company of *Ma Kelly's Doorstep* and information and advice will be available from the community police, trading standards and the fire brigade on the simple actions people can take to feel and be safer in their homes.

Mark Robinson, Chief Officer at Age Concern Barnet, said: "Distraction burglary is a heartless crime, which can have a devastating impact on older people, both emotionally and financially. Simple actions such as using the door chain or having adequate locks fitted on doors and windows can give older people an edge against burglars and bogus callers."

The Action Against Burglary Roadshow will take place at The Heritage Centre, Church End,

Hendon on 11 March at 10.30am. To attend, book a place by phoning Lisa Dubow on 020 8432 1417.

Man dies from drugs overdose

By Janet Maitland
Three people have been arrested following the death of a man from a suspected drugs overdose on 29 January.

Police officers went to an address in East End Road after a call to the emergency services at 7.45am reporting that a 23-year-old man had no pulse and was not breathing. They carried out cardiopulmonary resuscitation until London Ambulance arrived and took over. The man was taken to the Royal Free Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The arrested men have been bailed while enquiries are made.

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