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### Councils

**Barnet Council:**  
Admin/Town Hall 020 8359 2000  
Council Tax 020 8359 2608  
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

### Hospitals

**Barnet General** 0845 111 4000  
**Coppetts Wood** 020 8883 9792  
**Finchley Memorial** 020 8349 7500  
**Oak Lane Clinic** 020 8349 7000  
**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  
**Barnetdoc** 0300 033 3777  
**Barnet MENCAP** 020 8203 6688  
**Cancer Support** 020 8202 2211  
**Carers' Line** 0808 808 7777  
**Drinkline** 0800 917 8282  
**Drugs Helpline** 0800 776600  
**MIND** 020 8343 5700  
**NHS Direct** 0845 4647

### OAPs' Advice

**Barnet Age Concern** 020 8346 3511  
**Contact (N2)** 020 8444 1162  
**Help the Aged** 0808 800 6565

### Leisure

**Alexandra Palace** 020 8365 2121  
**East Finchley Library** 020 8359 3815  
**Muswell Hill Odeon** 0870 505 0007  
**Phoenix Cinema** 020 8444 6789  
**Warner Cinema** 020 8446 9933

### Transport

**Nat. Rail Enquiries** 0845 7484950  
**City Airport** 020 7646 0088  
**London Transport** 020 7222 1234  
**National Express** 08705 808080  
**Heathrow Airport** 0870 000 0123

### Crime

**Emergency** 999  
**Barnet Police** 020 8200 1212  
**Mus. Hill Police Stn.** 020 8345 2148  
**Crime Stoppers** 0800 555111  
**Victim Support** 0845 303 0900  
**East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood Team** 020 7161 9014

### Help & Advice

**Barnet Community**  
**Counselling** 20 8446 7460  
**Childline** 0800 1111  
**Disability Info Service** 020 8446 6935  
**Gingerbread** 020 8445 4227  
**National Debt Line** 0808 808 4000  
**NSPCC** 0800 800500  
**Rape & Sexual Abuse** 020 8683 3300  
**Relate**  
**RSPCA Inspector** 0300 1234 999  
**Samaritans** 08457 909090

## Charity makes a difference

A local charity that helps families under stress was held up as a good example of the Big Society at the organisation's recent AGM. Home-Start Barnet, said Chipping Barnet MP Theresa Villiers, had made a difference to the lives of more than 1,700 families and 3,600 children since its launch in the 1970s.

Its core work is home visiting, where volunteers are matched with families whom they visit on a weekly basis to offer practical or emotional help. Home-Start also runs a twice-weekly family group; a variety of parenting courses; and has recently taken over the management of the bor-

ough's two-year-old scheme, where eligible families receive ten hours a week of free child care at different borough venues.

Volunteers are always needed. Anyone interested should contact the office on 020 8371 0674 or email adm in@homestartbarnet.org.

## Planning Applications

### Barnet Council

**64 Bancroft Avenue, N2**  
Demolition and reconstruction of roof, including raising overall ridge height to create a crown roof in connection with loft conversion. Addition of two dormers to both side elevations, one dormer on rear elevation. Roof lights to crown roof and front elevation. (amended description).

### 106 Bedford Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

### 6 Durham Road, N2

Conversion of first and second floor to a single-unit self-contained flat.

### 44 High Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension to accommodate enlargement of (A1) commercial unit and existing studio flat. Alterations to existing shop front, including repositioning of shop entrance. New refuse enclosure at rear.

### 18 Howard Walk, N2

Replacement of existing front bay windows at ground and first-floor level with new double glazed units.

### Dick Turpin, 383 Long Lane, N2

Minor material amendment to planning permission Ref: F/03082/11, for erection of a two-storey building, plus rooms in roof space, basement living accommodation and parking, all to facilitate eight residential flats following demolition of the public house. Amendment to include removal of one of the car lifts in basement area and replacement with windows. Creation of additional bedroom in flat B at basement level and associated enlargement of front light well.

### 386 Long Lane, N2

Single-storey rear conservatory.

### 29 Neale Close, N2

Installation of French door to replace existing window at rear ground-floor level.

### Haringey Council

**Chessing Court, Fortis Green, N2**

Formation of additional floor to create one three-bed flat.

### 47 Fordington Road, N6

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single-storey side and rear extension.

## Will Fortis Green boundaries shift?

By Ann Bronkhorst

Last autumn we were consulted; this spring we can access the consultation responses; revised proposals will be published later this year; and in 2013 a final report will go to the Government. What's this about? It is the Review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries.

The total number of constituencies will be reduced from 533 to 502 and the numbers of registered electors in each constituency evened out to between 72,810 and 80,473. Ward and Borough boundaries won't change (so council taxes and local services won't either) but some wards may be moved from one constituency to another, to help re-adjust electoral numbers.

So far, so boring, you may think, but not if you vote in the Fortis Green ward, currently part of the Hornsey and Wood Green constituency. The ward is seen as a desirable asset by several political parties: Finchley and Golders Green Labour party, for

one, and the Haringey Lib Dems, for another. Oddly, Haringey Conservatives would be happy to hand the ward over to the Finchley and Golders Green constituency, while the Boundary Commission might decide to move Fortune Green ward into the F & GG constituency instead.

Some Fortis Green ward electors are concerned about the possibility of being allocated to a different constituency and fear they may have missed the chance to make their views known. To find out more information and whether you can still comment, contact <http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk> or email [reviews@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:reviews@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk)

## Grit expectations

By Pam Kent

During the very cold and icy weather last winter, Bishop Douglass School asked the council many times to grit Hamilton Road and pavements because it was so dangerous for the pupils and local residents.

Apparently the side roads are not considered to be top priority, even if they contain a school. So this year the council have come up with the PledgeBank, a scheme whereby at least four volunteers from each school sign the pledge and the council supplies a one-tonne bag of grit and lots of wheelbarrows and shovels.

About 20 residents from Hamilton Road have volunteered to help with the gritting to keep the road and pavements

free from ice. A severe weather report will be sent to the school in good time and the volunteers contacted for duty. The school caretakers will deliver the wheelbarrows of grit and shovels to various areas of the road and it's all systems go.

The grit, wheelbarrows and shovels were delivered on Tuesday 13 December so all is in place if needed. If your school is interested in this scheme or for more information, visit <http://pledgebank.barnet.gov.uk>

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