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Council Tax	020 8359 2608
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Primary Care Trust	020 8201 4700
Benefits Agency	020 8258 6500
Employment Service	020 8258 3900
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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
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Hospitals

Barnet General	0845 111 4000
Coppetts Wood	020 8883 9792
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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
Barnodoc	0300 033 3777
Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688
Cancer Support	020 8202 2211
Drinkline	0800 917 8282
Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
MIND	020 8343 5700
NHS Direct	0845 4647

OAPs' Advice

Age UK	020 820 35040
Contact (N2)	020 8432 1415

Crime

Emergency	999
Barnet Police	101
CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
Victim Support	0845 303 0900
East Finchley Safer	
Neighbourhood Team	020 7161 9014

Help & Advice

Advice Barnet Project	0844 826 9336
CAB Money Advice	020 8201 7727
Carers' Line	020 8343 9698
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	020 8447 8101
RSPCA Inspector	0300 1234 999
RSPCA animal clinic	020 8365 3910
Samaritans	08457 909090
Refuge Crisis Line	0870 599 5443

Safe places for the vulnerable

By Janet Maitland

People with learning disabilities in Barnet will be able to get out and about in the community with more confidence thanks to a new scheme starting in the spring called Safe Places.

Your Choice Barnet and Barnet Mencap have been given funding to encourage shops and cafés to help people with learning disabilities if they become lost, distressed or a victim of hate crime.

Once they have joined the scheme, business owners will display stickers identifying their premises as Safe Places where people with learning disabilities can go if they get into difficulties. People who want access to Safe Places will be able to join the scheme for free and will be given a registered card to carry.

"Scenarios like public transport breaking down and having

to get off in unfamiliar places are daunting for anyone, but particularly so for someone with a learning disability," said Amanda Jackson, director of operations for Your Choice Barnet. "We want to break down the social barriers and encourage more people with learning disabilities to travel and access their local shops and cafés just like anyone else."

For more information about Safe Places, contact Your Choice Barnet on 020 8359 3456 or info@yourchoicebarnet.org or get in touch with Barnet Mencap on 020 8349 3842 or projectsupport@barnetmencap.org.uk

Attempted break-in at charity shop

By Janet Maitland

There has been an attempted break-in at the North London Hospice charity shop on the High Road. Burglars tried to force the door open sometime between early evening on 13 March and 8.15am on 14 March. They didn't manage to get inside the shop and so nothing was taken, but staff had to break the glass to get in the door as the lock was so badly damaged.

Two other shops run by the charity were targeted in the same week. Burglars broke into the Muswell Hill shop on 12 March and tried to get into the till. They didn't succeed but the till was broken and will cost several hundred pounds to replace. On 15 March, the Wood Green shop was broken into and some money and a rucksack stolen.

"The damage will cost us between £2,000 and £3,000," said Michele Marconi, the charity's retail manager. "Tills, locks and glass are very expensive to replace."

If you have any information about these burglaries, call 101 quoting reference number 2405951/13. To remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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Planning Applications

Barnet Council

89 Abbots Gardens, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension.

5 Beaumont Close, N2

Single-storey attached garage.

60 Bedford Road, N2

Single-storey rear/side extension, following demolition of existing rear extension.

7 Brackenbury Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension.

93 Brim Hill, N2

Repair works to existing front driveway, including new block paving.

246 Creighton Avenue, N2

Extension to roof, including rear dormer window and roof lights to facilitate loft conversion. Single-storey side and rear extension, following demolition of existing garage.

197 East End Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory.

19 Greenhalgh Walk, N2

New shed in rear garden, and removal of existing shed

52 Huntingdon Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear conservatory extension.

Land at rear of 1 King Street, N2

One two-storey dwelling house, including rooms in roof space and hard/soft landscaping. Single-storey rear conservatory to existing house, following demolition of existing extension.

52 Leopold Road, N2

Single-storey side extension.

McDonalds Restaurants Ltd, 11-59 High Road, N2

New air extract and intake system, including replacement of one window to front elevation with vent and windows above doorway on rear elevation.

Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk, N2

New single-storey extension, relocation of temporary classroom and new two-storey extension. New Swale in existing orchard with associated fencing. New entrance gates with changes to levels, new gates to playing fields, new bin enclosure and new railings. Changes to landscaping in pro-

posed car parking and relocation of outdoor equipment. Demolition of three existing air-shelters, and creation of new MUGA and parking/cycling facilities.

74 Ossulton Way, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

53 Park Hall Road, N2

Single-storey rear and side extension, following demolition of existing rear conservatory.

23A Sedgemere Avenue, N2

Extension to roof, including rear dormer window, roof light and Juliet balcony to facilitate loft conversion.

Haringey Council

22 Ringwood Avenue N2

Reconstruction of existing ground floor rear extension in same footprint as existing. Ground floor side extension.

19 Lynmouth Road N2

Rear single-storey infill extension.

34 Lanchester Road N6

Single-storey rear extension.

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Rear dormer window and extending existing rear extension.

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