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London Transport	020 7222 1234
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Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500
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Royal Free	020 7794 0500
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Whittington	020 7272 3070

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Barnodoc	0300 033 3777
Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688
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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

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

Help with heating bills

Did you know there is a Warm Home discount of £130 available for people on certain benefits and for low-income pensioners to help with heating bills?

The discount is taken off your bill and does not affect your Cold Weather Payment or your Winter Fuel Payment. You could qualify for the discount if your supplier is signed up to the scheme and you are named as the bill payer.

Those who are eligible include people over 80 getting the Guarantee Credit element

of Pension Credit and those under 80 who *only* get the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit. Others on low income may also qualify and each supplier has its own rules. Participating suppliers include British Gas, EDF Energy, E.ON, Scottish Power and npower, amongst others.

Those who are eligible

should have received a letter telling them how to apply. Check directly with your supplier if you think you could qualify but look sharp as there is an application deadline of 13 March. More details are available online at www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme.

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

74 Bedford Road, N2

Erection of wall at roof level.

31 Beresford Road, N2

Single-storey side infill extension.

23 Brim Hill, N2

Two-storey rear extension under a cat slide roof, with rear bay window at ground floor and dormer window at first floor. Alterations to earlier side extension behind garage, with brick parapet walls replacing extended canopy. Alterations to existing dormer windows to restore original details. Insertion of basement under house and rear terrace with light wells to the front and side, and pavement lights under rear terrace.

54 High Road, N2 (Phone City)

Change of use from A1 (retail) to mixed use A1 (retail) and A3 (restaurant).

125 High Road, N2 (Village Bakery)

Retention of flues/extractor fans.

44 Lincoln Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension at ground-floor flat. Replacement of railings at first-floor terrace and stairs to garden access.

383 Long Lane, N2 (Dick Turpin)

Material minor amendment to previously approved application, for "Erection of a two-storey building plus rooms in roof space, and basement living accommodation and parking, all to facilitate eight residential flats, following demolition of the public house." Amendment to include three first-floor windows being changed to Juliet balconies, and a front boundary wall replaced with railings and hedges.

8 Sedgemere Avenue, N2

Extension to roof, including rear

dormer and two front roof lights, to facilitate loft conversion.

55 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Conversion of garage into habitable room.

10 Trinity Road, N2

Single-storey side extension, including relocation of garden gates. Single-storey rear conservatory, including ramp for access to garden.

Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk, N2

School expansion from two-form entry to three-form entry. New single-storey extension, relocation of the 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 proposed car parking and relocation of outdoor equipment. Demolition of three existing air-shelters and creating new MUGA and parking/cycling facilities.

Haringey Council

64 Aylmer Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension.

24 Creighton Avenue, N10

Side first-floor extension, roof extension with one side and two rear dormers, and two front roof lights.

50 Creighton Avenue, N10

Roof extension with roof lights to front/rear, with Juliet balcony to facilitate loft conversion.

2A Southern Road, N2

Certificate of lawfulness for front and rear roof lights and formation of rear dormer, with alterations to rear fenestration.

Post Office up for grabs

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Crown Post Offices provide access to financial services such as basic bank accounts to those on low incomes who cannot get a bank account with a high street bank, including the elderly. They also provide banking and postal/parcel services to small businesses. The Post Office has more than 11,500 branches across the UK, of which 370 are Crowns. These Crowns currently operate at a £40 million annual loss and the Post Office is keen to find retail partners to help them pay their way.

Examples of franchisees elsewhere in London include the Co-op and WH Smith. The Post Office spokeswoman said no potential partners had yet been identified for the East Finchley branch. The nearest alternative branches for us are in Muswell Hill and North Finchley.

Closure alert

East Finchley's Labour councillors have launched a campaign, fearing that the High Road branch could in fact be under threat of closure. Councillor Arjun Mitra said: "The loss of our local Crown Post Office would be a real blow to East Finchley High Road and would impact both local businesses which need to use the Post Office services, and local shops which benefit from the footfall the Post Office generates."

Well done, Friern Barnet!

By Daphne Chamberlain

Friern Barnet has finally regained the library closed by Barnet Council last April. Their victory was achieved through lobbying, protests, attempted negotiations, enormous public support, and dramatic intervention by squatters from the Occupy movement, who have run a service with donated stock since September.

Barnet has now licensed trustees from the local community to use the building until March, when they have been promised a two-year lease, a grant of £25,000 and "other practical help". At last, Friern Barnet have the community library they were refused when Hampstead Garden Suburb was granted one. The next step is to find at least 50 volunteers, and to

lobby the Council for a paid librarian.

Polly Napper, from the East Finchley Library Users Group, told *THE ARCHER*: "It is fantastic news that the council is going to allow Friern Barnet library to remain open. I really hope Barnet will follow this excellent decision with an even better one, by employing full time librarians to staff the library again."

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