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NHS Direct	0845 4647

OAPs' Advice

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

Crime

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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
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Relate	020 8447 8101
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Samaritans	08457 909090
Refuge Crisis Line	0870 599 5443

Always protect your car

By Janet Maitland

Even if your car is locked, alarmed and parked on your driveway, thieves may still try to steal it. A would-be thief tried to steal a car from a driveway in Summerlee Avenue, finding it locked and alarmed but still managing to remove the lock from the driver's side of the car.

This was just one of the 45 cases of actual or attempted motor vehicle thefts that occurred in East Finchley in the last four months of 2013. Thirty two of these cases were theft from vehicles. The other 13 were theft of vehicles.

Car theft is opportunistic. The Safer Neighbourhood Team recommends that you take care of the basics, so even

Man robbed of mobile phone

By Janet Maitland

A man was threatened and robbed as he walked along the footpath between Trinity Road and Manor Park Road.

The robbery took place at about 9.30 in the morning on November 18th. The victim was approached by a man who demanded his phone. When he followed this up with a threat, the victim handed over his phone. The robber is described as a young slim black man, in his early 20s, wearing a black hat and a navy jacket, with a silver 'grill' on one of his teeth.

If you have any information that can help solve this crime, please ring the police on 101 and quote crime reference number 2425480/13.

You can register your phone's IMEI number with your service provider as they will then be able to bar its use across every network, should it be stolen. To find out your IMEI number, tap *#06# into your phone and you can also register it free at www.immobilise.com

if you are only popping into a shop for a few minutes, lock all the doors and windows and don't leave anything valuable in a visible place.

Consider using visible deterrents so that thieves thinking about whether to steal your car can see that it would be difficult even to try. Etch your registration number or Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on all glass surfaces, including head lamps. Consider buying and using a steering wheel lock, and fitting a Thatcham Category 5 Tracking Device.

Also remember that a very common car theft method is to steal your car keys and then your car. So never leave your car keys where they can be seen from windows, or anywhere near your letterbox.

Bin service: "4 in 5 are satisfied"

By Nick Young

More than three months after the introduction of Barnet Council's new recycling collection service, the amount of recyclable material collected has increased significantly, and the council claims that the majority of residents are happy with the scheme.

Since the new service started, the average amount of recyclable material collected every week has been around 537 tonnes, compared with an average of 389 tonnes for the same time of year in 2012.

In a doorstepping campaign conducted by the council between 15 October and 14 December, in which over 40,000 residents were asked for their views on the new service, 81% said that they were very satisfied or quite satisfied with the recent changes to the recycling service. And 98% said that they use the blue bins or recycling sacks.

Recyclable material is taken to the Biffa materials recovery facility in Edmonton for sorting, and from there it is transported to different reprocessors.

Food waste

The council estimates that around 30% of household refuse is food waste. On average, 145 tonnes of food waste are collected from the small brown bins each week, and some house-

holds have requested a second brown bin.

At present, food waste collection only applies to houses and small blocks of flats (those with fewer than five properties), but it is expected that other flats will have this service extended to them in February.

Mark your bike

Local police are working together with Bike Register to reduce the number of thefts of bicycles. If you would like an officer to visit your home and security-mark your pedal cycles for free, please email: Mahmoud.Kassar@met.pnn.police.uk

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