



Could you volunteer for a safer neighbourhood?

By Janet Maitland

Volunteers are needed for Barnet's new Safer Neighbourhood Board (SNB) which will be launched in April. SNBs are being set up in every London borough. They are intended to give Londoners a greater voice in policing their communities, an election promise made by Boris Johnson in 2012.

Each SNB will establish local policing priorities, monitor complaints against police officers, and hear and review complaints from victims of crime. They will also have a direct say in identifying Community Pay Back projects, where offenders make amends for their crimes by doing unpaid work in the community.

SNBs will also monitor local confidence in policing, something which made headline news following January's inquest into the police shooting of Mark Duggan, an event which triggered riots across London in 2011.

The new boards will replace existing Community and Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs) which were established after the Scarman Report identified poor relationships between the police and local communities as contributing to the 1981 Brixton riots.

Mayor's statement

Last August, a Police and Crime Committee report called on the Mayor's office to provide clearer guidance for people setting up the SNBs. Joanne McCartney, chair of the committee, said: "Confusion and uncertainty is jeopardizing the good will of the very people

who are most likely to make the new boards a success."

Responding to this criticism, Boris Johnson said last October that it was wrong to prescribe how every SNB should be set up as he did not believe that one size fits all. He also defended the replacement of the CPEGs, saying "At their best, they have [provided] a link between the public and the police, but at their worst they have often become too cosy - with local officers facing little genuine challenge - and too costly."

Once-a-month commitment

The Barnet SNB seeks people who can give a few hours a month to improve community safety in Barnet. They are looking for people of all ages and from all sections of the community to become board members 'including those who may not have been actively involved before, who may be vulnerable or who have been a victim of crime'.

The volunteers will join councillors and other statutory members from the police and council for monthly meetings. For more information email helen.hart@communitybarnet.org.uk or call 020 8364 8400 ext 205.



The Slimming World women with Paddy McGuinness.

Slimmers get taken out by Paddy

It definitely wasn't a case of 'no likey, no lighty' when a group of Slimming World consultants met comedian and TV star Paddy McGuinness at an annual awards ceremony. The team, who run weekly groups in East Finchley, got a chance to cuddle up to the Take Me Out presenter when he co-hosted the Slimming World Awards with the organisation's chair and founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell. Pictured with Paddy are Sara Williams, Dawn Murray, Jackie Toserkani, Jane Howlett and Karen Butler.

Thanks to my High Road hero

One Saturday last December pensioner Pat Brown, of Wilmott Close, had a bad fall in the road near Budgens which temporarily knocked her out. A young man came to her rescue, calling an ambulance and, with a long delay predicted before its arrival, sitting with Pat on a bench and getting her some water.

Because she was shaking with shock, he went into Amy's hardware shop and bought a travel rug to wrap round her. Then he drove her in his car to Finchley Memorial Hospital and explained to them what had happened. He said his name was Dave and gave Pat his mobile number in case she had trouble getting home from the hospital.

Jan Kerr, who runs the Green Man Centre bingo club which Pat attends, told THE ARCHER that she

has recovered now after sporting a huge black eye and suffering bruises to her arm and chest.

Pat believes the young man is local and thinks he is a hero. She was so touched by his kindness and the fact that he would not accept any money for the travel rug that she thought it would be nice to thank him publicly.

Muswell Hill in focus

Are you a keen photographer? Are you a member, or a friend of a member of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association? If so, you have until the end of next month to capture on camera anything unusual, rarely seen, seen from an unusual angle, out of sight or out of the ordinary in Muswell Hill.

First prize is £30, second prize £20, and third prize £10, with a £15 book voucher for the winning entry in the under-16s category. The judges are press photographer Zoe Norfolk, Matt Humphrey, professional photographer at the LOCAL gallery, and website photographer Tony Wells.

Upload your images (maximum of three per entrant) in jpg format to Anthony.wells@btinternet.com. Provide a title for each image, your name, age (if under 17), email address, and phone number. Closing date is 31 March 2014 and winners will be announced on 10 May. Winning entries will be displayed on the association's new website <http://mhfga.org>.

Art on the wall

East Finchley's Sippy Azizollah has an exhibition of some of her work at arts-depot in North Finchley this month.

Sip Art Smile Creations is on the community wall (adjoining the cafe area) from Sunday 2 Feb through to Sunday 23 February. Sippy plans to be there herself every weekend, 12 noon to 4pm.

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