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MIND	020 8343 5700
NHS Direct	0845 4647

### OAPs' Advice

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Contact (N2)	020 8432 1415

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East Finchley Safer	
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Samaritans	08457 909090
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## Thief gets no change from cash scam

By Janet Maitland

You probably wouldn't be suspicious if a well-dressed man stopped you in the street and asked if you'd dropped the £20 note he shows you. You'd think he'd have just pocketed the money if he wasn't honest. But what if, when you tell him it isn't yours, he asks you check your wallet, just in case? Would you be suspicious then? Well, you should be.

### How the scam works

If you do get your wallet out, all he has to do is snatch it and run. This is an old scam that's doing the rounds again. It was tried on a woman on East End Road at about 3pm on 26 September. However, the thief bungled the scam.

"I'd just stopped to read-just my shopping bags when a swarthy well-dressed man appeared at my side and dropped a crisp, new £20 note by my foot; then he picked it up and asked me if I'd dropped it," said the woman. "I said NO. When he asked me to get my wallet out I gathered my shopping and walked off. If I'd done as he asked, I could have been in trouble."

When the man changed tack and asked her if she had change for the £20, she just ignored him.

### Change for fake euro note

Asking for change for a fake note is a scam in its own right. Two women in Highgate were tricked into giving change in sterling for a fake 50 euro note in June. In both cases the thief said he needed the money to pay for a taxi fare. In one case the thief said he was a relative of a resident living nearby. In the other the thief said he was a neighbour. Both victims later found that the note was a fake.

"We urge people to be careful if they are approached by someone suspicious," said a police spokesman.

For information and advice about the latest scams, go to <http://content.met.police.uk/site/fraudalert> where you can also download The Little Book of Big Scams, which is also available in an audio version.

## What do your local police do for you?

That's the theme of the November meeting of the Muswell Hill and Fortis Green Association.

Among the topics covered will be local crime statistics, visibility of the police and burglary prevention advice.

Taking part are police representatives from Muswell Hill, Fortis Green and Alexandra wards, and Inspector Matthew Casey will be in the chair. The meeting is at 8pm on Wednesday 12 November, at North Bank (Methodist Church), Pages Lane, N10. For further information contact John Hajdu on [Hajdu.clarion@talk21.com](mailto:Hajdu.clarion@talk21.com).

## Flu jab push

Residents who are eligible for the free seasonal flu vaccination are being urged to take it up and prevent the infection spreading through the community.

Last year, while 72 percent of over 65s in Barnet received the free vaccine, only a third of pregnant women in the borough and only half of people with long term health conditions such as asthma and heart disease took it up. A nasal spray vaccination is now available for children and is a painless alternative to the injection.

Dr Andrew Howe, Barnet and Harrow's Director of Public Health, said: "We know that those who catch the flu pass it on to an average of two people putting those most vulnerable at an increased risk. While the number of people aged 65 and over are good at taking up the vaccine in Barnet, there are still a large number of people at risk out there who aren't receiving it. If you fit into one of these categories it is important you contact your GP or pharmacist."

## Bus diversions extended

By Daphne Chamberlain

We've heard more about the bus diversions we reported in last month's issue and it seems we will have the 134 running along the High Road for at least nine days longer than expected.

It will not go back to its own route on 7 November, as originally planned. The predicted date now is 16 November, and that is weather permitting. The 43 will continue to stop at Muswell Hill until the same date.

That is bad news for the unlucky people living along Colney Hatch Lane. Taking away both their bus routes has been tough for them, and I've felt genuine sympathy. But their loss has been our gain.

### Bonus for High Road

In the September edition of THE ARCHER I wrote about the extension of the 263 route past the Nag's Head, quoting an admission on the TFL website that it was done to benefit the Holloway Road area. There are complaints on the same website

that there are now fewer buses on Holloway Road than there used to be.

Well, there were once three bus services running along our High Road, from central London to North Finchley or Barnet. In fact, I've been told that the original pre-Second World War route of the 134 was through East Finchley.

So, if you've been making the most of our extra buses, tell TFL. The website referred to above is <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk>. You can see there that a body of support is building up for giving us a better through bus service. The more people make their views known, the more chance we have of getting a service that a long stretch of busy and highly populated main road needs.

## Planning Applications

### Barnet Council

#### 45 Brownswell Road, N2

Single storey rear extension with proposed depth of 4.800 metres from original rear wall, eaves height of 2.745 metres and maximum height of 3.245 metres.

#### Chambers Gardens, N2

Replacement of existing tower, antenna and feeders with new 14 m tower. Installation of new cabinet (telecommunications application).

#### 13 Elm Gardens, N2

Demolition and reconstruction of garage. Single-storey rear extension. First-floor side extension.

#### 122 High Road, N2

Extensions to first and second floor and

changes to rear fenestration. Internal alteration to provide one extra self-contained unit.

#### 174 High Road, N2

Two-storey rear extension and conversion of existing residential unit into two self-contained flats.

#### 211 High Road, N2

Proposal: Change of use from B1 (Office) to D1 (Clinic and Health Centres).

#### 139 Leslie Road, N2

Replacement of kitchen window and door with bi-folding doors with balcony to rear serving first-floor flat. 26A, Manor Park Road, N2 Single-storey rear extension.

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