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<b>Barnet</b>	Childline	0800 1111	Drugs Helpline	0800 776600	
Admin/Town Hall	020 8359 2000	Citizens Advice Barnet	0300 4568365	Health Info Service	0800 665544
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Primary Care Trust	020 8201 4700	EF Advice Service	020 8444 6265	<b>Crime</b>	
Benefits Agency	020 8258 6500	Lone Parent Centre	020 7021 4146	Emergency	999
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Gt North Leisure Park	0870 240 6020	RSPCA	0300 1234 999	Barnet General	020 8216 4000
Muswell Hill Everyman	0871 9069060	Samaritans	08457 909090	Edgware General	020 8952 2381
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Warner Cinema Village	020 8446 9933	AIDSline	020 8363 2141	Royal Free	020 7794 0500
<b>Transport</b>		Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555	St Luke's	020 8219 1800
BR Enquiries	0845 7484950	Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688	Whittington	020 7272 3070
City Airport	020 7646 0088	Cancer Support	020 8202 2211	<b>OAP's Advice</b>	
London Transport	020 7222 1234	Carers' Line	0808 808 7777	Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
National Express	08705 808080			Independent Age	0800 319 6789
Heathrow Airport	0870 000 0123			Age UK (general advice line)	0800 169 2081

## New housing from Finchley's oldest charity

By Daphne Chamberlain

Finchley Charities are building 16 new housing units on their Wilmott Close site at the northern end of East Finchley. The new building, which will include four disabled accessible units, will be available for occupation this summer. It will be called Octavia House, after National Trust founder Octavia Hill, who lived for a time in nearby Brownlow Road.

All the homes will be available to rent to local people aged 55 and over, who can live independently and have limited financial resources.

### Meeting community needs

Finchley Charities already provide 156 homes on three Finchley sites: Wilmott Close and Homefield Gardens in N2, and Pewterers' Court in N3. They also own the Fuel Land Allotments and the Ann Owens Centre, which is run by AgeUK Barnet. In addition, the Trustees give funding to community groups who fulfil the Charities' criteria, and often provide direct services to local people.

Founded in 1488, Finchley Charities say they have to adapt to the changing needs of the community. Last year the

Trustees appointed a new full time Chief Executive, replacing the outdated role of Clerk. She is Susan Faridi, a Barnet resident whose career has been in the charitable and housing sector. Responsible for ensuring the Charities work in "a modern, open and transparent way, whilst still providing good quality, well maintained housing and social support to those in need", she told us that she wants the organisation to play a full role in the East Finchley and wider Barnet community.

The Trustees welcome applications for housing in a Finchley Charities property. Applicants should fulfil the criteria of being 55 and over, able to live independently, and with limited financial means.

For further information and details please contact The Finchley Charities on Tel N0: 020 8349 9167 or email: [info@thefinchleycharities.org](mailto:info@thefinchleycharities.org).

## Second chance to meditate

Mindfulness Meditation classes run by East Finchley Altogether Better have been postponed from their original January start date and will now kick off on 7 February instead. They will run on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm at the Archer Academy, Eagans Place, N2. To book, email: [us@efab.org.uk](mailto:us@efab.org.uk).



This is an illustration of how the new Finchley Charities development (Octavia House) should look.

## Spate of garage break-ins

Police have urged garage owners to ensure their properties are secured after break-ins at two locations in one weekend.

Four young males in a silver hatchback car used a spanner to force the doors on five garages in the Ballards Lane area of N3 on Saturday 14 January before being scared off by a resident.

The next day a male in his 30s was seen getting into a silver estate car outside a block of garages in East Finchley where it was later discovered that multiple garages had been broken into and power tools had been stolen.

East Finchley officer Jan Lovell said: "It is very likely to be the same suspects. If you see or hear people around garages, call the police and if you feel up to it try and make them aware that they have been seen without putting yourself at risk. Call out to a friend or shine a torch out of the window. And of course there are many types of additional locks and alarms that can be fitted to garages."

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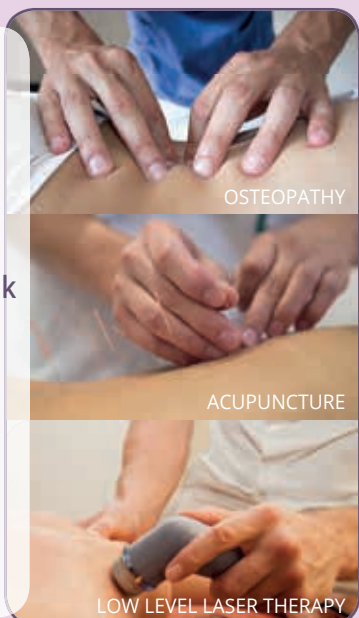
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## Planning Applications

### Barnet Council

27 Abbots Gardens, N2

First-floor side extension with projecting window to rear. Alterations to roof, including new rear dormer window and reconstruction of existing one. Two front roof lights and one to each side.

95 Abbots Gardens, N2

Reinstatement and extension to raised patio and steps to garden.

26 Brim Hill, N2

Extension to rear bay window

55 Church Lane, N2  
Single-storey rear extension. Roof extension, including hip to gable end, one rear dormer window, and two front roof lights.

122 Church Lane, N2  
Conversion into two self-contained flats. Associated amenity

space, refuse and recycling store. Roof extension involving rear dormer window with Juliette balcony, and three front roof lights. Single storey rear extension with new patio area. New front porch.

202A Creighton Avenue, N2  
Demolition of existing house, and construction of two-storey house with basement car parking and ancillary accommodation to rear. Landscaping.

241 Creighton Avenue, N2  
Part single, part two-storey side and rear extension following demolition of garage.

41 Fairlawn Avenue, N2  
Single storey rear extension, following demolition of conservatory. New access steps to garden. (Retrospective application)

16 Fortis Green, N2

Replacement of two rear dormer windows with single dormer. Added handrails to form terraces to second-floor flat roof and roof of small ground floor projecting area.

86 Hertford Road, N2  
Single-storey side and rear extension

114 High Road, N2  
Front and side folding window conservatory

3 Huntingdon Road, N2  
Single-storey rear extension. Depth 6m, eaves height 3m, and maximum height 3.3m.

96 Ossulton Way, N2  
Roof extension involving side dormer window and one rear conservation roof light. Enlargement of kitchen window. External front lights.