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## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

<b>Councils</b>		<b>Help &amp; Advice</b>		Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
<b>Barnet Council</b>	020 8359 2000	Childline	0800 1111	Health Info Service	0800 665544
Recycling & refuse	020 8359 4600	Citizens Advice Barnet	0300 4568365	MIND	020 8343 5700
Benefits	0800 882200	Cruse Bereavement Care	0808 8081677	National Blood Centre	0845 7711 7711
<b>Haringey Council</b>	020 8489 0000	EF Advice Service	0300 4568365	<b>Crime</b>	
Recycling & refuse	020 88857700	Lone Parent Centre	020 3828 4834	Emergency	999
Benefits	020 8489 2800	Missing Persons Helpline	116 000	Police non-emergency	101
<b>Leisure</b>		National Debt Line	0808 156 7718	CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
Alexandra Palace	020 8365 2121	NSPCC	0808 8005000	Victim Support	0845 303 0900
East Finchley Library	020 8359 3815	Rape Crisis helpline	0808 802 9999	<b>Hospitals</b>	
Everyman, Muswell Hill	0872 436 9060	Refuge Crisis Helpline	0808 2000 247	NHS	111
Garden Suburb Library	020 8458 3301	Relate Helpline	0300 100 1234	Barnet General	08451 114000
Muswell Hill Library	020 8489 8773	RSPCA	0300 1234 999	Edgware General	020 8952 2381
Phoenix Cinema	020 8444 6789	Samaritans	116 123	Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500
Vue, North Finchley	0345 3084620	SENDIASS Barnet	020 8359 7637	Oak Lane Clinic	020 8346 9343
		SENDIASS Haringey	020 3667 5233	Royal Free	020 7794 0500
<b>Transport</b>		<b>Health Advice</b>		Whittington	020 7272 3070
National Rail	0845 7484950	AIDSLINE	020 8363 2141	<b>OAPs' Advice</b>	
City Airport	020 7646 0088	Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555	Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
Heathrow Airport	0844 3351801	Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688	Independent Age	0800 319 6789
National Express	0871 781 8181	Cancer Support	020 8202 2211	Age UK	0800 169 2081
TfL	0343 222 1234	Carers' Line	0808 808 7777		
Thameslink	0345 026 4700	Drinkline	0800 917 8282		

## Don't leave your donations outside charity shops

By Diana Cormack

Many of our local charity shops that have recently reopened have received an increase in the usual amount of goods donated, reflecting the time people have used during lockdown to have a sort out.

With rules now in force restricting the number of customers allowed and forbidding them from trying on garments, charity shop stock will possibly move more slowly than usual. Also, staff now have to quarantine clothing and suchlike for 72 hours before displaying them and are not able to accept some items for children.

Another problem is that bags are still being left outside when the charity shop is closed at night and over weekends. These bags are often ripped open and rifled through, with objects which would raise significant funds being stolen.

Some may also attract the attention of animals. Apparently black bin bag plastic contains a chemical which attracts dogs to urinate on them; not a pleasant find for charity shop volunteers.



Donations dumped outside a charity shop. Photo Diana Cormack

Notices are usually on display asking for donations to be brought into the shop. This is the one way to make sure that the charity of your choice does actually benefit from the goods

you are donating.

At the time of writing, some charity shops are only accepting specific goods and others none at all. Please check with individual shops.

## Mayor dies on his second day in role

Tributes have been paid to Councillor Brian Gordon who died last month on what would have been his second day serving as Mayor of Barnet. He had been due to be appointed to the role officially but the ceremony could not go ahead as planned due to his illness.

The Leader of Barnet Council, Councillor Dan Thomas, said: "Brian was a valued Councillor and respected member of the Conservative Group, who passionately represented Edgware ward for over two decades and I know that the whole community will be reeling from this sad news."



Tributes: Cllr Brian Gordon

## Time to make Cherry

### Tree Wood a better place

By David Melsome

Pressure is being applied on Barnet Council to improve the state of facilities in Cherry Tree Wood, particularly its basketball court where a player was injured recently, as we reported in last month's edition.

East Finchley Councillor Arjun Mittra has written to the council demanding a three-point plan to improve what he calls the "atrocious" state of Cherry Tree Wood. He is asking for the uneven basketball and tennis court surfaces to be repaired, for better litter management and for improved liaison with the local community.

#### Friends' bid for improvements

The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood have been liaising with the council about improvements in the wood for some time. After carrying out a survey last year, in May 2020 they submitted a bid for several changes.

This is due to be considered at the Finchley and Golders Green Area Committee meeting on 8 October and includes

amongst other things money for improved bins and flower beds, a new noticeboard, a drinking fountain and a new nature trail.

Debbie Linton, from the Friends, said: "It was disheartening to hear about the recent accident on the basketball court. It has always been a long term plan of ours to facilitate improvements there."

"In recent weeks we have been liaising with the community and the council as to how we can speed this process up. We too feel that Cherry Tree Wood is badly neglected, and certainly no-one should be injured whilst trying to enjoy the facilities there."

Barnet Council said it is aware of the need for resurfacing on the sports courts but has to make plans for repairs within available budgets.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet Council

#### 40 Abbots Gardens, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer windows and three front roof lights.

#### 10 Bedford Road, N2

Roof extension, involving rear dormer windows and two front roof lights.

#### 60 Brim Hill, N2

Replacement windows and modifications to rear doors. Replacement roof lights. Roof light above converted garage. Replacement side canopy. Front gate. Rear timber pergola.

#### Chambers Gardens, N2

Replacement of Pogone cabinet.

#### 53 East End Road, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer windows, one side gable window, and two front roof lights.

#### 4 Elmfield Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

#### 12-18 High Road, N2

Details re: demolition work, tree protection and construction management, pursuant to planning permission.

#### 207 High Road, N2

Change of use from office space to tuition centre (Class D1). Change of front signage.

#### 339 High Road, N2

Single-storey side and two storey rear extension. Roof extension involving rear and side dormer

windows and two front roof lights.

#### 53 Park Hall Road, N2

Roof extension involving extension to rear outrigger, new French doors with Juliet balcony, and one front roof light.

#### 21 Sylvester Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension: depth 4.50 m, eaves height and maximum height 3.00 m.

#### 36 Trinity Road, N2

Conversion to two self-contained flats, including single-storey rear extension, roof extension with rear dormer, and three front roof lights.

#### Haringey Council

#### 9 Aylmer Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension.