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Neighbourhood Watch groups lose special police contact

By Ann Bronkhorst

The Friends of Coldfall Wood were among the many residents and local groups who received the sad news recently that the funding for a dedicated police point of contact for Haringey Neighbourhood Watch has been lost.

Pauline Syddell, Neighbourhood Watch link manager since 2007, leaves her role on 11 January and will not be replaced. She will be much missed as a friendly, supportive and approachable organiser who as a Haringey girl knows her patch and has built up valuable expertise.

The pandemic, Pauline says, has brought many communities closer in 2020. "It's been heart-warming to read stories of how our Watch members have stepped up to help vulnerable

neighbours and to hear of the creative ideas some Watches came up with to bring joy to their community."

As life, and crime too, starts to return to normal in 2021, Haringey Watch groups will have their Safer Neighbourhood teams as first points of contact. A hopeful sign is the arrival of new recruits to the police generally, enabling new officers to be appointed across all 19 wards. Sadly, it takes years to build the local knowledge held and shared by Pauline.



Caravan park: The travellers and their vehicles occupying part of the station car park.

Travellers moved on from station car park

By Daphne Chamberlain

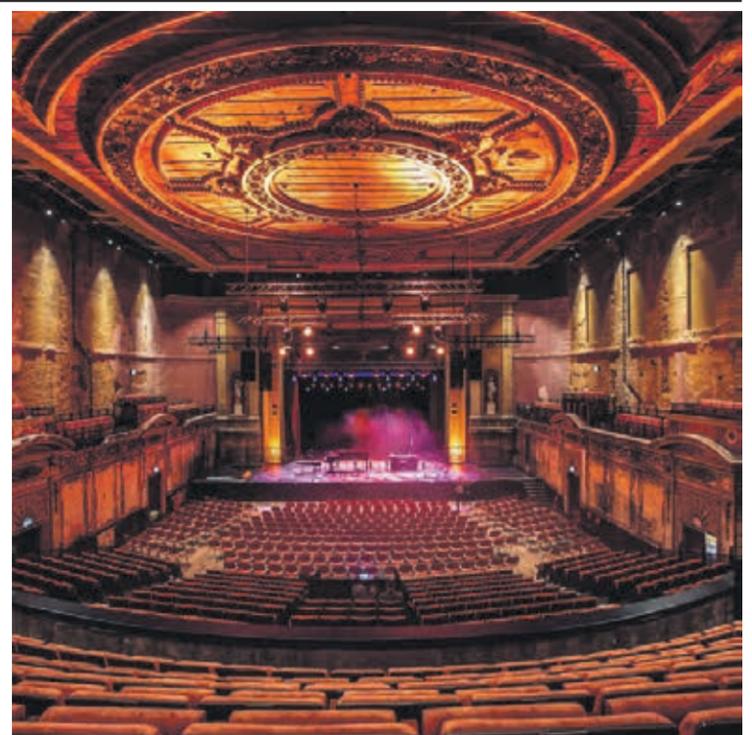
A group of travellers in 10 caravans, plus assorted cars and vans, moved into the car park of East Finchley Station on the evening of Friday 11 December. They remained there until they were moved on peacefully on the following Wednesday afternoon.

Barnet Council community safety officers, Transport for London staff, British Transport Police and local police officers worked in co-operation to use eviction powers under Section 61 of the Public Order Act, and local councillors were kept informed.

Section 61 lists several circumstances in which direct police action can be used if unauthorised "campers" have refused a request from the landowner to leave, and if any one of certain other conditions have not been met.

These circumstances include impact on the environment, illegal activities on the site, and whether more than six vehicles are present.

Residents overlooking the car park were horrified to witness what they believe was a brutal case of cockfighting, and some rubbish was left on the site.



Preserved: The Alexandra Palace Theatre

Ally Pally gets grant to weather the pandemic

Financial worries at Alexandra Palace have been partly lifted after the venue was awarded a £2.9 million grant from a Government fund set up to preserve the nation's heritage sites over the pandemic.

The payout from the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage will enable the Alexandra Palace Trust to maintain the listed building and 196-acre park and carry on hosting events.

The palace warned in November that its future was under threat without emergency grant funding.

Ally Pally trust CEO Louise Stewart said: "The grant will ensure that these unique heritage assets, the palace and park, are cared for and we can deliver more experiences that entertain, inspire and educate. There are many challenges ahead, but for now at least, we have some time and resource to deliver our route to recovery."

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

40 Abbots Gardens, N2

First-floor rear extension. Roof extension involving part hip to gable, rear dormer window and three front roof lights.

Alexander Court, 79 High Road, N2

Installation of public payphone/communication hub, with 86-inch advertisement located on rear.

10 Ashburnham Close, N2

Single-storey side extension. Replacement of conservatory glass roof with flat roof. Conversion of garage into habitable space, replacing door with window.

83 Durham Road, N2

First-floor rear extension.

91 Durham Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension. Associated roof lights.

125 East End Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing extension. First-floor rear extension.

32 Heath View, N2

Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of conservatory.

42 High Road, N2

Conversion of first-floor flat into two self-contained flats, involving new front bay window, following removal of dormer window, and new balcony to first floor rear. New access door. Single-storey rear extension, following demolition of existing extension, to facilitate one studio flat.

Rear of 61-63 High Road, N2

Installation of public payphone/communication hub, with 86-inch advertisement on rear face. Addition of second and third level to provide two self-contained units above existing block of flats.

100-102 High Road, N2

Installation of public payphone/communication hub, with 86-inch advertisement located on rear face.

207 High Road, N2

Installation of one illuminated fascia sign. Open hours sign inside door. Illustration vinyl along

windows and doors

Rear of 4-5 King Street, N2

Demolition of single-storey garage, and erection of two-storey detached office building with mansard roof and one front/side dormer window.

60 Lincoln Road, N2

Roof extension, involving rear dormer window and three front roof lights. New pitched roof to rear extension, and replacement of rear window with door.

1 Nursery Road, N2

Single-storey front extension, including disabled access ramp. Roof extension, enlarged rear dormer window. New rear balconies at first and second floor levels, with associated external staircase. New first floor side gable window.

21 Sylvester Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension: depth 4m, eaves height 3m, maximum height 3m. Single storey side extension: depth 6m, eaves height 2.5m, maximum height 3m.

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