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### Leisure

Alexandra Palace	020 8365 2121
East Finchley Library	020 8359 3815
Everyman, Muswell Hill	0872 436 9060
Garden Suburb Library	020 8458 3301
Muswell Hill Library	020 8489 8773
Phoenix Cinema	020 8444 6789
Tarling Rd Community Ctr	02070186560
Vue, North Finchley	0345 3084620

### Transport

National Rail	0845 7484950
City Airport	020 7646 0088
Heathrow Airport	0844 3351801
National Express	0871 781 8181
TfL	0343 222 1234
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### Help & Advice

Childline	0800 1111
Citizens Advice Barnet	0300 4568365
Cruse Bereavement Care	0808 8081677
EF Advice Service	0300 4568365
Lone Parent Centre	020 3828 4834
Missing Persons Helpline	116 000
National Debt Line	0808 156 7718
NSPCC	0808 8005000
Rape Crisis helpline	0808 802 9999
Refuge Crisis Helpline	0808 2000 247
Relate Helpline	0300 100 1234
RSPCA	0300 1234 999
Samaritans	116 123
SENDIASS Barnet	020 8359 7637
SENDIASS Haringey	020 3667 5233

### Health Advice

AIDSline	020 8363 2141
Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555
Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688
Cancer Support	020 8202 2211
Carers' Line	0808 808 7777
Drinkline	0800 917 8282
Drugs Helpline	0800 776600

Health Info Service	0800 665544
MIND	020 8343 5700
National Blood Centre	0845 7711 7711

### Crime

Emergency	999
Police non-emergency	101
CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
Victim Support	0845 303 0900

### Hospitals

NHS	111
Barnet General	08451 114000
Edgware General	020 8952 2381
Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500
Oak Lane Clinic	020 8346 9343
Royal Free	020 7794 0500
Whittington	020 7272 3070

### OAPs' Advice

Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
Independent Age	0800 319 6789
Age UK	0800 169 2081

## Have you seen my sun-tower?

**Teresa Harrison must have a magic touch when it comes to sunflowers because the ones she planted in her front garden in June have grown to astronomical heights and become a talking point for the whole neighbourhood.**

In spite of the cloudy summer, all the plants have shot up in the front garden of her home in Lincoln Road, N2, with the tallest reaching an incredible 19ft from base to petals, supported by a thick stem.

### Bloomin' marvellous

Looking out from her front windows, Teresa regularly sees children and their parents stopping to point and admire the lofty blooms. She says they have brought a bit of cheer and positivity for herself and her neighbours after the gloom of lockdown.

Sunflowers are easy to germinate and don't need much attention while growing. Very early in their growing life they turn their heads to follow the sun but tend to stop doing that once they reach maturity. As high as Teresa's flowers are, they still have some way to go to beat the sunflower world record, which currently stands at an amazing 30ft 1in, grown by Hans-Peter Schiffer in Kaarst, western Germany, in 2014.

Are there any rivals to Teresa's tall sunflowers? If you live in N2 and can boast a champion bloom, send a photo to The Archer.



Head for heights: Teresa Harrison and her sunflowers. Photo Mike Coles

## Afghan families to be resettled in Barnet

By Janet Maitland

**Barnet Council has responded to the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan by offering to take five of the thousands of Afghan families fleeing the Taliban. They will be given indefinite leave to remain in the UK and housed in the private rented sector.**

"I am proud that Barnet is living up to our reputation as a welcoming family friendly borough by supporting those in need," said Cllr Dan Thomas, Leader of Barnet Council.

We asked the council how they decided on the number of households they would help. "We wanted to make an offer we knew we could deliver," said a spokesperson. "We took into consideration the various pressures on our local housing sector, and what we could afford if the council need to support any ongoing rental costs. Families will receive a package of support including English language lessons and advice on training and employment."

### ARAP scheme

The council's offer is part of the Government Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) which aims to rescue those who have worked for the

British armed forces or British Embassy in Afghanistan over the last 20 years who are at risk of imprisonment, torture or death. It is estimated that 7,000 of the 15,000 recent arrivals from Afghanistan are ARAP claimants.

Councils receive £20,520 for each person in the ARAP scheme, spread over three years. At a national level, government funding for ARAP includes an extra £3 million for the NHS and £12 million for extra school places. There will be £10 million for housing costs, spread over three years.

### Further resettlements planned

The government is also planning another resettlement scheme, in addition to ARAP, which will take 5,000 people in the first year and up to a total of 20,000 'over the coming years', aimed at Afghans most in need, including women, girls and children. We asked if the council would help more Afghans when this is launched. "We don't yet know what the 'ask' of local authorities will be," said a council spokesperson. "Once we know more, we can take a decision."

### Other ways to help

If you would like to help a refugee family into your neighbourhood and support them as they restart their lives, the Community Sponsorship Scheme enables groups of friends, neighbours, charities and faith groups to do this. For information, go to [www.resetuk.org](http://www.resetuk.org)

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet Council

**14 Bedford Road, N2**  
Roof extension involving L-shaped dormer. Two front roof lights.

**2 Briar Close, N2**  
Front and rear access ramps with associated handrails.

**18 Cecilia Close, N2**  
Canopy to rear.

**247 Creighton Avenue, N2**  
Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front roof lights. Conversion of garage into habitable space. Replacement of existing garage door with window.

**174 East End Road, N2**  
Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front roof lights.

**213 East End Road, N2**  
Single-storey rear extension.

**4-5 King Street, N2**  
Details of cycle parking /storage and refuse/recycling store), pursuant to planning permission.

**19 Lewis Gardens, N2**  
Single-storey rear extension, depth of 4.6 m, maximum height 4 m, eaves height 3 m.

**34 Oakview Gardens, N2**  
Three-storey side extension.

Alterations to front fenestration.  
**67 Summerlee Avenue, N2**  
Rear outbuilding.

**Haringey Council**  
**189 Creighton Avenue, N2**  
Hip-to-gable roof extension; rear dormer roof extension; front roof lights.

**14 Ringwood Avenue, N2**  
Lawful Development Certificate for rear dormer roof and roof lights.

**29 Ringwood Avenue, N2**  
Outbuilding to be used as artist's studio.

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