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Essentials: Food supplies from Guy's Trust reach Cambodian villagers who have lost their source of income in the pandemic.

Food parcels saving lives in Cambodia

East Finchley-based charity Guy's Trust has battled against the obstacles thrown up by the worldwide pandemic to get life-saving food parcels to virus-hit villages in Cambodia and Nepal. Read the full story on page 7.

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Where does our waste go?

Every week, usually without fail, waste and recycling teams collect the piles of rubbish that we generate in our daily lives. Turn to page 3 to see where it all goes.

Rooms for hire

A tech start-up company headed by an East Finchley man is aiming to connect people with the local venues they can hire out for leisure activities and special events. Turn to page 6 for the full story.

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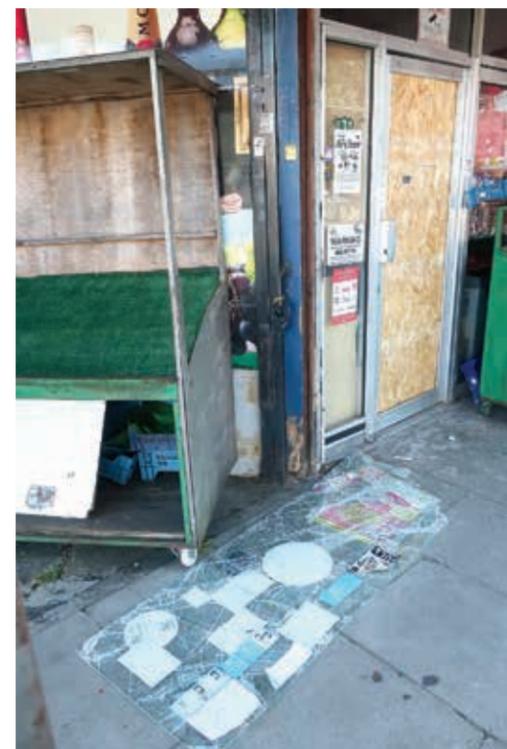
Second shop targeted by night raiders

By Janet Maitland
 A second shop in East Finchley has been broken into and raided by burglars. The Ella Food Centre on the corner of the High Road and Creighton Avenue was targeted in the early hours of Monday 2 August.

The break-in came less than two weeks after the nearby King Street Food and Wine shop was burgled, despite its locked metal shutters, also around 4am in the morning. In both cases, cigarettes were the main items stolen.

"These are terrible people that do this," said Ella Food Centre owner Hasa. "They make a lot of problems for shops like us. We hope we will be okay but it makes it very hard for us."

The Ella burglars were caught on camera driving their black Audi straight onto the wide pavement in front of the shop at 4am. One of them kept watch while another kicked the front door in. Once inside they stole all the cigarettes, then fled. As we reported last month, the King Street burglary was also recorded on CCTV. The footage showed three white men turning up at 4am and smashing their way in and out in five minutes. The owners there had only just finished repairing flood damage from the torrential rain a week earlier.



Smashed: Glass from the front door lies on the ground after the break-in at Ella Food and Wine. Photo Mike Coles.

Keep burglars out of your business

Jan Lovell, from the East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood team, is visiting all the businesses on the High Road in response to the increase in retail theft over the summer. She is inviting people to sign up to a business-watch email database to keep them up to date with security tips, such as fitting attack-resistant laminated glass, and local crime trends.

You can find current police security advice at www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-business-safe-from-crime/keep-burglars-out-business/