



ECO-FRIENDLY EAST FINCHLEY



Drop them off: All these items can be recycled locally

Huge boost from High Road for recycling project

By John Lawrence

The recycling project that aims to get East Finchley people donating their unwanted household items rather than putting them in the bin for landfill has taken a major step forward.

Bin There Donate That has won the help of Amy's hardware store in the High Road as a cen-

tral drop-off point for a long list of items that will be passed on to schools and playgroups for children to use in art and craft projects.

Any of these items can be dropped into Amy's for recycling: paper and card off-cuts, cork, ribbon, silver and gold foil, wood off-cuts, buttons, stationery, sequins, wallpaper

off-cuts, mouldings, canvas rope, leather off-cuts, ceramic tiles and carpet samples.

Emma Frampton, co-ordinator of Bin There Donate That, said: "They will take the whole lot. It's amazing news for Bin There."

In an arrangement set up by Bin There volunteer Bridget, Amy's hands the items on for

collection by the Children's Scrap Project charity, which sorts them and shares them with children in education. It's a significant boost for East Finchley's recycling scheme, which was only started towards the end of last year. Find out more and get involved at: <https://bintheredonatethat.wix-site.com/reuse>

Amy's joins a list of local shops who are already collecting recyclable items and making it easier for all of us to reduce our impact on

the environment. They are: **Stewart Duncan Opticians**, High Road: unwanted glasses and frames **Everything Electrical**, High Road: electrical wires **EF Electricals**, High Road: cables, batteries, bulbs and small items **Nova Dental Clinic**, East End Road: toothbrushes and electric toothbrush heads **Sainsbury's**, High Road: batteries **Oakdale Pharmacy**, High Road: tablet blister packs

Chance for voters to ask about action on the environment

Local elections for Barnet Council take place in early May and the environment is likely to be one of the key issues that people will be considering when thinking about who to vote for. In response, an environment hustings is being organised on Wednesday 20 April from 7.30pm to 9pm.

The event will take place online and will also be recorded so that it is available to people who are not able to attend on the evening. All the main political parties have been invited to send a representative.

The hustings is being organised by an umbrella group of non-political community organisations based in the borough, made up of Barnet Climate Action Group, Barnet Friends of

the Earth, Barnet Green Spaces Network and Better Streets for Barnet.

Their objective is to give residents the opportunity to hear from representatives of the main local political parties about their manifesto pledges on what they plan to do in Barnet with regards to the local environment and how they will reach borough-wide Net Zero during the next four years if elected to Barnet Council.

Questions will be set in advance by representatives of the umbrella group on behalf of the public on four topics: Barnet Net Zero, Healthy Homes, Active Travel and the Protection of Green Spaces.

The groups say all candidates will be given an equal opportunity to reply to each question, with a focus on local actions planned by their party for the next four years.

If you are interested in attending the hustings meeting and for further details, email barnetenvironmenthustings@gmail.com (note, there is no central 'n' in 'environment' in this address).



Off the shelf: The Children's Scrap Project warehouse

Your unwanted items: Where do they all go?

Any household items handed in to Amy's will be collected by the Children's Scrap Project, a registered charity that benefits more than 70,000 children in education.

Donated materials are picked up by the charity's collectors and taken for safety checks and sorting in its east London warehouse.

Designed like a scrap supermarket, the warehouse allows members to browse the shelves and barrels to select the materials their school or youth group might need, such as fabric,

plastic, card, wood off-cuts and old office products.

Amy's joins around 150 suppliers who have materials collected for free for onward sharing with 650 member groups, helping 70,000 youngsters enjoy arts and crafts and avoiding the items ending up in landfill. Find out more at www.childrenscrap.co.uk



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