



TOWN TEAM: ECO-FRIENDLY EAST FINCHLEY

Three events to make High Road the place to be

By John Lawrence

Three major events are being planned as part of the East Finchley Town Team's mission to breathe new life into the High Road and to support our friendly local shops, cafés and restaurants. On Saturday 17 September, a whole day will be given over to an event promoting 'A Sustainable High Road' with stalls and activities based around the theme of keeping East Finchley eco-friendly. Then further ahead in January there will be a day of music and arts, followed in March by a third event showing off all our great local food and drink offerings.

September's event

The Town Team's Chris Hampson said the plan for the Sustainable High Road event in September is to have around 20 stalls run by traders and local groups in the area outside Budgens, Amy's and Iceland.

Chris says: "Already we have 10 confirmed and we want more. There is plenty of time to get involved. Simply send an email, expressing interest, to eftownteam@gmail.com."

Of course, sustainability means many things. Chris adds: "It's based on the principle that everything we need depends on natural ecosystems, balancing everything and thinking about the longer term. In simple terms, what are the small changes we can all make to help look after our planet?"

Everyone is welcome to come along on the day to find out more about what's already being done in East Finchley to

recycle, reuse and repair, and to reduce packaging and plastics. There will also be a focus on renewable energy, energy improvements to our homes, reducing transport costs and pollution, and promoting green spaces and planting.



Target: A vibrant and busy High Road

Ideas from festival-goers

Alongside its three headline events, the Town Team wants to push ahead with general improvements to the shopping environment in the High Road. They surveyed visitors to the East Finchley Festival in June to find out what they saw as the priorities.

Those who took part praised N2's variety of shops, its friendly traders, its cafes and the community feel. Concerns were the levels of traffic, parking costs, cycle lanes and bike parking, refuse and bins, lack of planting and the lack of a 'village square' for meeting and market stalls. "We are working on what we learned from the survey and will reveal more later in the year," says Chris.



Big plans: Kate Brown and Chris Hampson of East Finchley Town Team with Barnet Mayor Cllr Alison Moore and councillors Arjun Mittra, Claire Farrier, Anne Clarke and Helen Gordon at this year's East Finchley Festival. Photo: Mike Coles

Test yourself on recycling for a chance to win £25

Get ready for the big Sustainability event in the High Road on Saturday 17 September by answering part one of the Town Team's quiz. Our September edition will carry part two with more questions. Bring your answers to both parts along to the Town Team stall on the day for a chance to win a £25 cash prize. We'll print all the answers in a future edition.



Walk the old ways

On Saturday 10 September starting at 11am there will be a free guided walk along some of the historic walking routes of East Finchley. It will start in Manor Park Road, N2, near the entrance to the Northern line underpass, follow The Walks and end on the High Road near Budgens.

Roger Chapman, East Finchley Town Team member and local historian, will explain why we are so fortunate to have a network of walking routes through the middle of N2. The walk will look at improvements already being made and the Town Team are seeking ideas for further improvements to make these walking routes more attractive.

Sustainability quiz: Part 1

1. Barnet Council supplies grey waste bins and blue recycling bins. Which of these items goes in which bin, grey or blue?

Plastic bottles	10%
Cardboard	20%
Wood	30%
Cans	40%
Glass	2030
Plastic Bags	2040
Polystyrene Cups	2050
Egg boxes	2060
2. What percentage of recycled waste in the UK is sent to other countries?

0-10%	20%
11-25%	40%
25-40%	60%
Over 40%	80%
3. Give the names of four shops on the High Road that recycle or repair
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
4. What percentage of the UK electricity is from renewable sources to the nearest 10%?

One
Three
Five
Seven
5. To reduce global warming, the UK government has a carbon neutral deadline of when?

2030
2040
2050
2060
6. What percentage of a mobile phone can be recycled?

20%
40%
60%
80%
7. A 'smart' washing machine reduces water consumption. How many years does it take to save the same amount of water that a person would drink in a lifetime?

One
Three
Five
Seven

Please bring your answers to the Town Team stall on the High Road on 17 September

LB Barnet population up

By David Melsome
New data from the 2021 Census have revealed that the borough of Barnet's population grew by nearly 35,000 from 356,000 in 2011 to 389,000 in 2021, an increase of 9.2%.

Barnet, which is one of the largest London boroughs, has the second largest population after Croydon.

The population of Barnet has increased most in people aged 75 and over, with growth of around 11% (2,700 people). The population aged 20 to 74 has increased by around 10% (24,000 people) while the population aged 0 to 19 has increased by around 7% (6,000 people).

Cllr Barry Rawlings, Leader of Barnet Council, said accurate Census data was important to the residents and businesses of Barnet because it helped determine government funding for council services.



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