

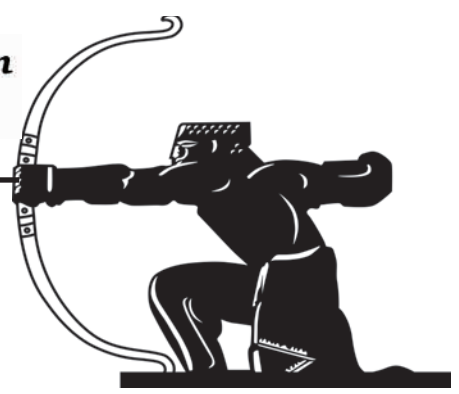


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# The Archer



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**A community newspaper for East Finchley run entirely by volunteers.**

## N2United network group closes down after seven years

By Ruth Anders

**East Finchley's community and business network N2United, which has been connecting and supporting local entrepreneurs and organisations for seven years, has announced an end to its monthly meetings.**

Over that seven years, the network has played a vital role in fostering greater connections within the community, creating new business opportunities, and promoting the endeavours of its members.

they are involved with and allow co-founder and chair Nick Allan in particular, as the main host of the meetings, to pursue a number of personal ventures.

added: "I can't believe how far we have come. It took over a year to put together that first meeting early one morning in October 2015 and we have enjoyed consistent support over the years that followed. We're proud to have been part of so many local initiatives, collaborations and connections. And it's been such fun. We look forward to watching this fantastic community continue to grow and thrive."

### Collaborative spirit will continue

In announcing the closure, Nick said: "We've seen first-hand the positive impact that networking and collaboration can have on the success of the East Finchley community. On a personal note, it's been an honour hosting our meetings, which would not have been possible without our determined and enthusiastic committee. However, now we believe it is time for us to take a step back and let others build on these accomplishments. I'm confident that the spirit of N2United will continue to thrive in the community."

Original member and co-founder Hilary Townley



N2United chair, Nick Allan, on stage at East Finchley Festival last summer. Photo by Tetiana Shedko

The closure will allow the N2United committee to concentrate their efforts on the other community projects



### Dad does the miles for diabetes

**Weekend runner Jamie Austin is taking on the challenge of a lifetime by running the length of the M1 motorway in 22 days after his 12-year-old son Henry was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. Read the full story on page 3.**

### Playground milestone

**The ambitious plans to refurbish the neglected Market Place Play Area in East Finchley have reached a major milestone. Full story on page 5**

### The Archer is 30 years old!

**The Archer has been East Finchley's newspaper for 30 years this month. For some front pages from the past and to find out how it all started, turn to page 6.**

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### Eat local, eat global

**East Finchley is getting ready to stage its own food festival with shops, cafés and restaurants along the High Road celebrating their different influences and cultures. Full story on page 3.**