



## Artists raise funds for inclusive café

Every year East Finchley Open Artists selects a charity to help and this year it was the WAVE Café at the United Reform Church in Muswell Hill. Throughout the year £1,000 was raised and a cheque was presented to them just before Christmas. WAVE is a friendly local café at the junction of Tetherdown and Fortis Green set up to bring people with and without learning disabilities together through catering and artistic activities.

### ECO-FRIENDLY EAST FINCHLEY

## Volunteers will help recycling project grow even more in 2023

By Emma Frampton

**Our main aim for 2023 is to maintain and grow Bin There, Donate That so more people and businesses get involved in recycling and reusing the unwanted stuff we all have in our homes. We would love to work alongside other organisations who can find a use for recycled items so do get in touch.**

We've begun conversations with two local schools at both primary and secondary levels to see how children and young people (and parents!) can help. From displaying our drop-off points posters, to researching, to article writing, to children's ideas, we really hope to get the community's youth on board.

We'd love to move beyond the High Road to involve shops on East End Road and other streets. To be involved with us, please get in touch at [binthere-donatethat@gmail.com](mailto:binthere-donatethat@gmail.com)

### The team

Since starting Bin There, several people have come and gone, but there is a constant small group of us. Everyone is vital and so appreciated. They give their time, skills, petrol costs and knowledge free of charge. I cannot thank them enough for having faith in the project, and in me.

We asked why the Bin There, Donate That team began volunteering and these are some of their responses:

**Dilanki (Dee):** I joined not absolutely sure of what I was getting myself into, purely to decrease the amount of waste around East Finchley. I hated seeing blue bins or skips crammed to the brim with children's books and once got told off for taking them out to

donate to a local book drive. BTDT has helped me make friends in the community once again whilst serving a cause for the greater good.

**Gillian:** Covid and more media attention to the climate change crisis has raised awareness that governments, businesses and individuals have to do a lot more to achieve net zero. Like many people, I felt quite helpless and realised that I could only start small and try to initiate change from a local level. The borough has its doorstep recycling scheme but BTDT aims to go beyond what the council can recycle to encourage the community to reduce landfill even more.

**Lyna:** I've always been on the lookout for ways to recycle or re-use things and it is particularly gratifying to find schemes that also raise money for charity, such as recycling ink cartridges which are collected at UOE. So, for me, getting involved with BTDT was an absolute no-brainer!

**Bridget:** I'd been concerned for a while about exactly where our kerbside recycling goes and the number of items that I'd assumed you could put into the blue bins, then found out you couldn't. Emma and the team have such good ideas and energy and it's been a pleasure

to spread the word and help set up the successful collection points.



### What and where to donate

- Batteries to EF Electricals and Sainsbury's, High Road
- Bicycle inner tubes to Bike & Run, High Road
- Blister packs to Oakdale Pharmacy, High Road, and Links Pharmacy, East End Road
- Bras to Aliya J Boutique, High Road
- Cables and small electrical items to EF Electricals, High Road
- Crisp packets to Cherry Tree Café, Cherry Tree Wood
- Electrical wires to Everything Electrical, High Road
- Ink jet cartridges to UOE, High Road
- Lightbulbs to Amy's or EF Electricals, High Road
- Make-up to Oakdale Pharmacy, High Road
- Paper, cork, ribbon, foil, wood off-cuts, buttons, stationery, sequins, carpet samples to Amy's, High Road
- Spectacles to Stewart Duncan Opticians and David Hillel Opticians, High Road

## BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

*This regular column rounds up local volunteering opportunities. These organisations and charities are ready and waiting to hear from you.*

**Bin There Donate That** is a successful local initiative, driven by Emma Frampton's passion to create a more sustainable neighbourhood. It has resulted in many solutions to recycling in East Finchley, such as local shops accepting all kinds of items to repurpose. All types of help are needed for research, liaising with shops to take in items for recycling and reusing, web and social media updates and project managing. Whether you have one spare hour a week or much more, email [binthere-donatethat@gmail.com](mailto:binthere-donatethat@gmail.com) for more details.

**Driving Aid to Ukraine** is a non-profit organisation based in N2 started by local resident Michael Byrne, who personally delivers or oversees lorries of humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian conflict zones, via border transfer points. He and his team require volunteers to help in building and sustaining a social media campaign, in fundraising and in grant application writing. They also need people to organise collections of warm clothes within their neighbourhood to help fill a 40-ton truck. This is a fantastic opportunity to use your skills and contacts to bring huge amounts of vital aid to utterly devastated people and learn about the international aid sector at a grass roots level. Find out more at [drivingaidtoukraine.org](http://drivingaidtoukraine.org) and get in touch with Michael at 07791 912389.

A crucial element of **Finchley Foodbank** is their volunteering team who are sensitive to the needs of the clients, work from a position of trust and are great team players. Roles range from receiving deliveries and sorting food donations to restocking shelves and staffing Tuesday and Saturday sessions. Requests for help with food supplies are increasing week on week and volunteers are urgently needed. If this could be you, email the team at [finchley-foodbank@gmail.com](mailto:finchley-foodbank@gmail.com)

Do you enjoy having fun and using your imagination? Can you inspire young people aged between six and 10 years old to focus their energy and reach their full potential? The **North London Air Scout Group** based in Sheldon Avenue, N6, is looking for men and women to work as part of a team of adult volunteers, helping to plan and deliver an exciting programme of indoor and outdoor activities and challenges. For more information visit [www.224northlondonscouts.org.uk/Adults/](http://www.224northlondonscouts.org.uk/Adults/) or contact group scout leader Derek Chambers on 07707 773344.

*If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column please send details to [Volunteer@ILoveN2.co.uk](mailto:Volunteer@ILoveN2.co.uk) Max 80 words please.*



## Home-grown movie maker has a hit

By Diana Cormack

**One of the most popular films shown on TV this last Christmas was the animated version of Charlie Mackesy's inspirational story The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse.**

His four characters create an unexpected friendship as they journey together through the winter landscape in the boy's search for a home.

Animation of the author's original drawings took many months and has been much praised, having been brought to life by two major production companies, NoneMore Productions and Bad Robot Productions.

On the credits for the Bad Robot producers is Hannah Minghella, who spent her childhood in East Finchley, where she was a pupil at Holy Trinity Primary School. The daughter of award-winning film director Anthony Minghella, who sadly passed away in 2008, Hannah followed her father into the film industry, where she has held prestigious posts.

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