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Attempted robbery

By Janet Maitland

A teenage girl was threatened with a knife as she walked along a heavily used pedestrian path in East Finchley on Friday 2 December.

She was just coming out of The Walks from Leslie Road and onto Park Gate at around 6.15pm when a man with a knife confronted her and demanded all her money.

The girl managed to escape by running home where her parents called 999. Police carried out a search of the area but could find no trace of the man or any evidence.

The girl's parents checked the CCTV in the nearest corner shop, where images were found of a man matching their daughter's description of his black and white tracksuit with the hood pulled down.

Appeal for information

Enquiries are ongoing and anyone with any information should call 101 with crime reference number 5574/2DEC. If you want to remain any-

mous, call 0800 555111 or go online at crimestoppers-uk.org. Crimestoppers is an independent charity, not the police.

Proms triumph

The Proms at St Jude's music and arts season in June raised a magnificent £50,000 for its two partner charities, North London Hospice and Toynbee Hall. Organisers said they were particularly grateful for everyone's support in these challenging economic times. They are already working on the programme for Proms 2023, which will run from 24 June to 2 July.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Councils		Help & Advice		Health Info Service	0800 665544
Barnet Council	020 8359 2000	Childline	0800 1111	MIND	020 8343 5700
Recycling & refuse	020 8359 4600	Citizens Advice Barnet	0300 4568365	National Blood Centre	0845 7711 7711
Benefits	0800 882200	Cruse Bereavement Care	0808 8081677	Crime	
Haringey Council	020 8489 0000	EF Advice Service	0300 4568365	Emergency	999
Recycling & refuse	020 88857700	Lone Parent Centre	020 3828 4834	Police non-emergency	101
Benefits	020 8489 2800	Missing Persons Helpline	116 000	CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
Leisure		National Debt Line	0808 156 7718	Victim Support	0845 303 0900
Alexandra Palace	020 8365 2121	NSPCC	0808 8005000	Hospitals	
East Finchley Library	020 8359 3815	Rape Crisis helpline	0808 802 9999	NHS	111
Everyman, Muswell Hill	0872 436 9060	Refuge Crisis Helpline	0808 2000 247	Barnet General	08451 114000
Garden Suburb Library	020 8458 3301	Relate Helpline	0300 100 1234	Edgware General	020 8952 2381
Muswell Hill Library	020 8489 8773	RSPCA	0300 1234 999	Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500
Phoenix Cinema	020 8444 6789	Samaritans	116 123	Oak Lane Clinic	020 8346 9343
Tarling Rd Community Ctr	02070186560	SENDIASS Barnet	020 8359 7637	Royal Free	020 7794 0500
Vue, North Finchley	0345 3084620	SENDIASS Haringey	020 3667 5233	Whittington	020 7272 3070
Transport		Health Advice		OAPs' Advice	
National Rail	0845 7484950	AIDSline	020 8363 2141	Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
City Airport	020 7646 0088	Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555	Independent Age	0800 319 6789
Heathrow Airport	0844 3351801	Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688	Age UK	0800 169 2081
National Express	0871 781 8181	Cancer Support	020 8202 2211		
TfL	0343 222 1234	Carers' Line	0808 808 7777		
Thameslink	0345 026 4700	Drinkline	0800 917 8282		
		Drugs Helpline	0800 776600		

Abandoned skip attracts unwanted attention

By Diana Cormack

Not many people know the name of Brompton Grove, though it is well used, particularly for parking on the approach to East Finchley station. It is the unmade-up road which runs alongside the park fence from Summerlee Avenue to Cherry Tree Wood's High Road entrance.

The uneven surface needs careful negotiation and many attempts have been made by locals to fill in the numerous potholes. You won't find much rubbish though, as one admirable resident does regular



Piled high: The overflowing skip in Brompton Grove. Photo Mike Coles

litter-picks there.

However, his example has not been followed by whoever is responsible for the unsightly skip that has been left standing at the side for several months. Fancy a barbecue for the summer season? There was one left there last month.

At the time of writing snow is thankfully covering the pile of debris mounting up in and around the skip. But as the pile grows, so do the fears of some of the residents nearby, with one worry being the possibility of rats.

Rubbish attracts rubbish and the presence of this overflowing skip is an insult to those who strive to keep the Cherry Tree Wood area in good condition for

the physical and mental health of its users. Local councillors are investigating what can be done.

However, Brompton Grove is an unadopted road, so is not maintained by the local authority. Barnet Council may not have been asked for a skip hire licence and may not have known it was there. They do now, so hopefully the new year will bring an end to this unhygienic and unwelcome heap, much to the relief of all those who are sick of the sight of it.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

5 Beaumont Close, N2

Re. planning permission for three-storey block of flats to replace existing building. Variation to include: addition of lift overrun and relocation of chimneys; new emergency escape stair added to rear; relocation of west facade; extension of south facade porch; window amendments, including car lift window, minor horizontal realignment of east windows, opaque glazing to north windows, raising height of south gable window; minor reduction of roof balustraded area; relocation of plant from roof to ground level; addition of vents at ground floor level; minor internal rearrangement.

17 Cromwell Close, N2

Change of use from single family dwelling to house in multiple occupation for three people.

161 East End Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Changes to fenestration. Rear carport to replace existing

garage. Changes to front landscaping, including hardstanding to provide one off street parking space.

29 Fairlawn Avenue, N2

Part single, part two-storey side/rear extension, following demolition of existing rear extension.

62 Hertford Road, N2

Part single, part two-storey side and rear extensions, following demolition of existing rear conservatory and side chimney. One additional front entrance with new access steps. Roof extension, including raising ridge height, two rear dormers, and five front rooflights. One obscure glazed side gable window to provide conversion of two flats to two single family dwelling-houses. Associated alterations to doors and windows. Also to landscaping, including new raised patio, installation of glass balustrade and railing to front, access ramp, side/front gate and railing to side. Cycle, refuse and recycling storage.

12-18 High Road, N2

Details of carbon dioxide emission reduction measures; delivery and service plan, waste water network and surface water network upgrades. Also details of play equipment, gated access and biodiversity improvements.

343 High Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension with new patio area. New vehicular access and front hardstanding to provide off-street parking. New access steps to main entrance.

19 Huntingdon Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear L-shape dormer and two front rooflights.

63 Leslie Road, N2

Replacement and enlargement of rear door opening.

366 Long Lane, N2 (Chasewood Lodge)

Conversion of two self-contained flats to single family dwelling, including single-storey rear extension, new front porch, changes to side fenestration and insertion of side rooflights.

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