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Councils		Help & Advice		Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
Barnet Council	020 8359 2000	Childline	0800 1111	Health Info Service	0800 665544
Recycling & refuse	020 8359 4600	Citizens Advice Barnet	0300 4568365	MIND	020 8343 5700
Benefits	0800 882200	Cruse Bereavement Care	0800 8081677	National Blood Centre	0845 7711 7711
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Everyman, Muswell Hill	0872 436 9060	Refuge Crisis Helpline	0808 2000 247	NHS	111
Garden Suburb Library	020 8458 3301	Relate Helpline	0300 100 1234	Barnet General	08451 114000
Muswell Hill Library	020 8489 8773	RSPCA	0300 1234 999	Edgware General	020 8952 2381
Phoenix Cinema	020 8444 6789	Samaritans	116 123	Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500
Tarling Rd Community Ctr	02070186560	SENDIASS Barnet	020 8359 7637	Oak Lane Clinic	020 8346 9343
Vue, North Finchley	0345 3084620	SENDIASS Haringey	020 3667 5233	Royal Free	020 7794 0500
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National Rail	0845 7484950	AIDSline	020 8363 2141	OAPs' Advice	
City Airport	020 7646 0088	Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555	Age UK Barnet	020 8203 5040
Heathrow Airport	0844 3351801	Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688	Independent Age	0800 319 6789
National Express	0871 781 8181	Cancer Support	020 8202 2211	Age UK	0800 169 2081
TfL	0343 222 1234	Carers' Line	0808 808 7777		
Thameslink	0345 026 4700	Drinkline	0800 917 8282		

Fortis Green house fire

Three adults and two children were taken to safety after fire ripped through a house in Fortis Green Avenue, N2, at in the early hours of Friday 19 May. Fortis Green - the main route between East Finchley and Muswell Hill - was closed for more than five hours as a result, while six fire crews tackled the blaze.

The evacuated people came from the house and a neighbouring property. Ella Whittaker, who lives opposite, was able to call 999 after her dog Twiggy

woke her as flames appeared at the front of the house around 4am.

Parts of the ground and first floors of the two-storey terraced house were damaged by the blaze. Half of the house's loft, which had been converted into flats, along with half of the property's roof, was also damaged. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

The annual **East Finchley Festival** will take place on Sunday 18 June from 12pm to 6pm in Cherry Tree Wood, N2. The festival is run by independent non-profit organisation East Finchley Festival CIC for the benefit of N2 residents, and relies on volunteers from the community to help on the day. They need about 60 volunteers to steward, supervise activities and sell raffle tickets. If you could spare an hour on the day, please sign up at www.eastfinchleyfestival.org/volunteer or contact volunteers@eastfinchleyfestival.org

Bin There Donate That is a successful local initiative, driven by Emma Frampton's passion to create a more sustainable neighbourhood. All types of help needed for research, liaising with local shops to take in items for recycling/reusing, web and social media updates and project managing. Whether you have one spare hour a week or much more, email bintheredonatethat@gmail.com for more details.

A crucial element of **Finchley Foodbank** is their volunteering team. They 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 finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com

Driving Aid to Ukraine is a new non-profit organisation based in N2 and started by local resident Michael Byrne, who delivers lorries of humanitarian aid across Europe to the Ukrainian conflict zones, via border transfer points. They require all kinds of volunteers: to help build a social media campaign; fundraising and grant writing; organising collections of warm clothes and other vital humanitarian aid items; and people who'd like to drive locally to pick up the collections. A fantastic opportunity whatever your skill sets to bring vital aid to an utterly devastated people and learn about the international aid sector at a grass roots level. Find out more at Drivingaidtoukraine.org or get in touch with Michael on 07791 912389.

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column please send details to Volunteer@ILoveN2.co.uk Max 80 words please.



Town Team plots out next steps to attract trade to East Finchley

By Ruth Anders

More than 30 people attended the East Finchley Town Team Committee's lively open meeting at the end of April and the East Finchley Constitutional Club buzzed with animated discussion.

The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the three events staged by the Town Team over the past year and to decide whether any should be repeated. They were a sustainability day, an arts and talent day, and a food and drink trail.

Attendees included representatives from *The Archer*, East Finchley Open Artists, East Finchley Festival, East Finchley Community Trust, Friends of Market Place Playground, the Windsor Castle Pub, Oakdale Pharmacy, the Phoenix Cinema, Barnwood, Grange Big Local and Barnet Council.

The general aspiration was for East Finchley Town Team to continue its activities in some way, with a particular focus on improving the local environment. People were also keen to repeat some recent events, such as East Finchley's Got Talent and the Cake Competition.



Future plans

A recent advisory group meeting has agreed the future remit of the Town Team: to encourage footfall on our High Road; to campaign for environmental improvements; and to facilitate connections between East Finchley traders, businesses and the local community. Town Team will also extend its reach to include enterprises outside the immediate High Road area.

Informal social meetings are planned at the Constitutional Club from 7pm on Thursday 8 June and Thursday 13 July. A further formal open meeting will be held on Thursday 14 September.

If you have further comments or questions for East

Finchley Town Team, you can contact them via www.iloven2.co.uk/town-team or email eftownteam@gmail.com

Festival of architecture

In collaboration with the London Festival of Architecture (LFA), the Town Team will be staging an event on the paved area outside Budgens and Iceland on Saturday 17 June from 12 noon to 4pm. This will focus on plans to improve the appearance and effectiveness of this much-used area.

Everyone is welcome to drop by to share their views on how it could be improved or developed. The LFA is a London wide initiative and further details can be found here: www.londonfestivalofarchitecture.org/2023-festival

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet Council

109 Abbots Gardens, N2

Roof extension including rear dormer window with Juliet balcony, raised roof, one front roof light, and two roof lights to dormer.

62 Church Lane, N2

Conversion of dwelling into three self-contained flats, including two-storey front and side extension, first-floor rear extension, roof extension involving side and front dormer window with Juliet balcony, changes to fenestration, and internal alterations. Associated amenity space, cycle storage, refuse and recycling.

Ground Floor Flat. 67 Church Lane, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

247A East End Road, N2

Roof extension including hip to

gable, rear dormer window, and three front roof lights. Extension to existing flat roof.

14 Elmfield Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension.

2 Hawthorne Dene, Strawberry Vale, N2

Alterations to front and side boundary wall. Vehicular and pedestrian access with front hardstanding to provide off-street parking.

340 High Road, N2

Part single, part two-storey side and rear extensions.

343 High Road, N2

Roof extension, involving rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and two front roof lights. Single-storey rear extension. Rear patio. New vehicular access and front hardstanding to provide

off-street parking. New access steps to main entrance and bin store in forecourt.

69 Leicester Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension to existing rear out-rigger. Roof extension involving L-shaped rear dormer with Juliet balcony and three front roof lights.

27 Lyttelton Road, N2

First-floor rear extension. Roof extension involving side and rear dormer windows. Removal of rear chimney. Changes to fenestration.

33 Manor Park Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension.

61 Manor Park Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension, following demolition of conservatory.