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## Get involved in the Great N2 Bake Off

By Fiona Doyle

**East Finchley Town Team's Food Fest on Saturday 18 March is shaping up to be a great local community event with cafés, shops and restaurants along the High Road celebrating all things food in East Finchley.**

And one of the biggest attractions will be a baking competition where anyone is welcome to take part, with the honour of being named East Finchley's star baker as the prize. Cake lovers of all ages, including children, are encouraged to bring along their bakes on the day.



### Competition rules

1. Your bake must be connected to East Finchley in some way. Perhaps you'd like to really challenge yourself and bake an Archer statue shaped cake, or you could create a cake that represents your road or street name, or one that shows some of the wonderful different cultures we have in East Finchley. The theme can be as fun (and as loosely connected) as you like.

2. At least one of the ingredients must be sourced from a shop in East Finchley.

3. All bakes must be brought to the Town Team stall on the High Road outside Budgens by 12pm on Saturday 18 March.

4. All participants will be asked to complete a list of all the ingredients included in the bake (a form will be provided on the day).

5. Once the competition has ended, bakes will be sliced and

offered to the community, with all cash and card donations raised going to the N2 Food Project, which supplies free meals every Tuesday morning from the steps of the Phoenix Cinema.

Local councillor Arjun Mitra will be judging the competition alongside one of the volunteers from the N2 Food Project. It's all in good fun and if the local community can raise some funds for the N2 Food Project at the same time, then all the better. Please encourage any budding bakers you know to take part in the competition. Good luck!

Find out more about the Town Team's activities at [www.ILoveN2.co.uk/Town-team](http://www.ILoveN2.co.uk/Town-team)

## Sharpen your memory

**Age UK Barnet has announced a series of new talks from neuroscientist Professor Catherine Loveday, a regular on BBC Radio 4's *All in the Mind*, aimed at improving mental wellbeing.**

In the first talk called 'Boosting Everyday Memories', Catherine will offer practical ideas to ensure our important moments or facts stay with us. She will also reveal how the brain makes memories and why some things stick in our mind and others get lost.

It takes place on Wednesday 8 March from 7pm to 8pm at the Ann Owens Centre, Oak Lane, N2. The charity is suggesting a donation of £5 and refreshments will be provided. To book your place, contact Teresa on 07502 989403 or email [teresa.gallagher@ageukbarnet.org.uk](mailto:teresa.gallagher@ageukbarnet.org.uk).

Future talks by Professor Catherine Loveday will include 'Harnessing the Power of Music' on Wednesday 19 April



Those were the days: The eight-strong Safer Neighbourhood team based in East Finchley in 2008, made up of a sergeant, two constables and six Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

## Extra police support officers... but how many in East Finchley?

By Janet Maitland

**The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has announced a plan for an extra 500 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) across the capital, funded by a rise in council tax. But there is no confirmation yet if any will be stationed in N2.**

East Finchley currently has just one PCSO, Jan Lovell, who has become a familiar and trusted face since joining the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) on the High Road in 2004. She works alongside two constables and is managed by a sergeant, shared with West Finchley and Finchley Church End SNTs, who also have only one PCSO.

It's not yet known where the new PCSOs will be stationed, but East Finchley may not be allocated even one, not only because there are over 600 SNTs in London, but also because the new PCSOs will be deployed in neighbourhoods 'disproportionately impacted by crime'.

East Finchley has a comparatively low crime rate of 56 per 1,000 residents, which is lower than the Barnet borough's rate of 67 and much lower than

London's overall rate of 87.

### Why so few ?

PCSOs have 30 powers. Although these don't include arrest, they can require a suspect to remain with them until a police officer arrives. The local intelligence that PCSOs develop as they become familiar with their patch is an essential part of neighbourhood policing. So why are there so few of them?

Jan Lovell was one of three when she first started. By 2008 this had risen to six, a growth in numbers mirrored across London which at that time had a total of 4,300 PCSOs. But drastic government cuts were made in 2015 in order to save money and their numbers have not increased since.

### Improvements and costs

There are currently just 1,185 for the whole of London. So, by March 2024, when all the 500 new recruits will have finished training, there will be a total of 1,685 across the 600 SNTs.

Nevertheless, this is an improvement on current numbers, and the Met has announced that from March, an officer at superintendent level will lead neighbourhood policing in every borough.

The Mayor is proposing to fund the new officers by increasing council tax by an average total of £38.55 a year, made up of £15 for the additional PCSOs, £20 for transport and £3.55 for the London Fire Brigade.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet Council

#### 18 Bedford Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window and three front roof lights.

#### 36 Church Lane, N2

Roof extension including rear dormer window, side dormer window to rear outrigger, three front roof lights.

#### 247A East End Road, N2

Roof extension including hip to gable, rear dormer window and three front roof lights. Extension to existing flat roof.

#### 29 Elmhurst Avenue, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer, two front roof lights and new side gable window.

#### 14 Hertford Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer and front rooflights. Solar panels. Single-storey side/rear extension with new patio area. First-floor rear extension. Air source heat pump to rear.

#### 28 High Road, N2

Single-storey ground floor office extension, and conversion of

first floor office into one self-contained flat.

#### 118 High Road, N2

Installation of externally illuminated fascia sign, internally illuminated fascia sign and internally illuminated projecting sign.

#### Ground Floor Flat, 77 Leicester Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension to existing rear outrigger.

#### 20 Park Hall Road, N2

Doors and windows to rear to replace existing ones on ground floor. Roof extension involving rear dormer and outrigger dormer and three roof lights.

#### 27 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension; proposed depth 4 m, maximum height 3.8 and eaves height of 2.8 metres.

#### 71 Summerlee Avenue

Single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing extension.

#### 75 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

## Boot sale in the warm

**The next Muswell Hill Indoor Car Boot Sale will take place on Saturday 25 March from 10am to 1pm at its usual location in Hornsey Parish Church Hall, on the corner of Cranley Gardens and Park Road, N10, 3AH. Admission is 50p with refreshments available. For more information, contact 020 8368 8180.**