



# Year of renewal lies ahead for recycling project

By Emma Frampton, Bin There Donate That wishes everyone in East Finchley a happy year ahead and hopes things improve for us all, particularly in the area of climate change. We continue to try to do a small bit with this project and we thank all of you who are invested. Here's our latest news.

**Blister packs:** Regarding the tablet blister packs which so many of you want to drop to local pharmacies again, I'm afraid we have no news yet. In short, we have to pay for a scheme and hope to get some funding to restart it. Fingers crossed and watch this space.

**Food tubs:** Plastic tubs are no longer being collected by the N2 Food Project. It would be good to see if any food outlets would be interested in reusing them. Any take-aways which would like us to collect for them should get in touch through [bintheredonatethat@gmail.com](mailto:bintheredonatethat@gmail.com) or via Facebook.

**Bras:** As you may know, the Aliya J boutique has sadly closed and is therefore not taking in bras for recycling. However, once again Amy's has stepped up and you can take old unwanted bras to them there where they will be sent to Breast Cancer Now. Please note, this may not start until mid-February: please check with them.

**Jeans:** And finally we announced a short-term collection of heavy duty, quality material/unsellable jeans to be used by Grange Big Local to be dropped off to Amy's or Oakdale Pharmacy, which is being used in craft classes to make draught excluders. You may still have time to clear that wardrobe!

## Request

Amy's, and in fact all our donation collection points,

request that you do not leave any bags outside their shops. Bags left will simply be thrown away as staff are busy doing their main jobs and don't have the time to sort through them. Please take ready-sorted items along during opening hours only. Thank you for your help.

## Young recyclers

Back in October, Bin There Donate That members Gillian Reynolds and Isabella Barbaro visited Community Focus in Friern Barnet to kick off a week of events centred on sustainability and reducing waste. Community Focus is an arts centre for people with disabilities that tries to use recycled materials.

The pair engaged the young learners, whose ages ranged from 11 to 18, on topics such as what happens to the things we throw away, recycling in the local area, and creative ways to reuse 'waste' materials. The presentation finished with an artistic session making art with some recycled materials collected at Amy's here in East Finchley.

The innovation of the next generation was inspiring, and in a short time a diverse selection of artistic pieces had been made, all from donated material like old food containers, soft plastics, and unwanted textiles. This was a very successful first workshop and if your school/club would be interested in something similar, do get in touch. Find us at [www.bintheredonatethat.org](http://www.bintheredonatethat.org) and on Facebook and Instagram @bintheredonatethat



Blank sheet: Schoolchildren stand with a hospice owl ready to decorate. Photo Daniel Graves

# Get creative and hoot for hospice

By Lynn Winton

North London Hospice is inviting schools and community groups to play a major part in their summer art trail across north London.

The Big Fun Art Adventure will be a trail of at least 30 huge, uniquely painted owl sculptures that will be displayed for eight weeks before they are auctioned to raise much-needed funds to support the hospice's end-of-life care services.

On the trail, alongside the 6ft owls, will be a similar number of owllets. Schools and

community groups in North London Hospice's catchment boroughs of Barnet, Enfield and Haringey can apply to adopt an owl and let their imaginations run wild designing and decorating them.

All the owllets will be returned to the school or group after the public display as a lasting legacy of their

involvement. Participants can then have fun discovering the local area in a unique way by spotting owls on local streets, parks and venues.

The hospice is ready and waiting for applications. See [www.bigfunartadventure.org/schools](http://www.bigfunartadventure.org/schools) or contact the team at [bigfunart@northlondonhospice.co.uk](mailto:bigfunart@northlondonhospice.co.uk)



Where to donate your unwanted household items for recycling

- Batteries to EF Electricals and Sainsbury's, High Road
- Bicycle inner tubes to Bike & Run, High Road
- Cables and small electrical items to EF Electricals, High Road
- Crisp packets to Cherry Tree Café, Cherry Tree Wood
- Dental products (toothbrushes and heads) to Cavendish Dental Practice, East End Road
- Electrical cables 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



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