

## The Archer

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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted by Lynn Winton

Reengage host monthly Sunday tea parties in and around Finchley for people aged 75 and over who are lonely, isolated or in need of

companionship. Volunteer drivers are needed to collect older guests

from their homes and take them to the tea party where between 10 and

15 older guests and volunteers share tea, cake, and companionship,

and enjoy a change of scenery for an afternoon. At the end of the tea

party the volunteer drivers take the older guests safely back home. If

you would like to get involved as a driver or a coordinator please contact

ruth.carter@reengage.org.uk. Find out more at www.reengage.org.uk

There is a small sloped garden near the entrance to East Finchley Sta-

tion, known as Station Bank. It has been tended under supervision by

volunteer gardeners since 2012. It currently grows a mixture of flowers

and fruit but could grow vegetables too. This would be an ideal project

for flat dwellers who enjoy gardening. Contact Kate at **brown.kate@** 

Become a **Proms volunteer!** Could you give a few hours a month

to help make this year's Proms at St Jude's Festival an even bigger

success? The skills or experience needed include admin; IT; organisa-

tion and logistics; fundraising; and education. It's a great opportunity

to get involved in a local community project, gain experience and meet new people. Find out more by going to www.promsatstjudes.org.uk/

Food Bank Aid provides essential goods to 31 food banks who

in turn support over 20,000 people per week. The team is looking for

drivers and help to sort and pack donations for food banks. Their hub

at the Great North Leisure Park in Finchley is a fun place to work, with

friendly people, music, cake, tea and coffee. Flexible shifts are available.

need volunteers. Don't miss out on this free initiative that gets results!

Please submit your listing of maximum 80 words to news@the-archer.

**The Archer** is happy to help all the various local organisations that

Our local Community Gardening Project needs new volunteers.

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Country in the city: The College Farm fields were open to the public until 2001

# Watchdog places open farm charity under special control

By David Melsome

The Charity Commission, the regulator of charities in England and Wales, has issued a regulatory alert for College Farm Trust, which looks after the farmland open space in Regents Park Road, Finchley.

The charity, which registered in 1999 to run the farm for public benefit, was placed under statutory inquiry in August last year to investigate a range of concerns about trustee decision making.

The Commission has now appointed Interim Managers to the charity, whose role is to undertake certain duties in line with the charity's governing document.

The Interim Managers were appointed in December and will be in control of the charity to undertake the duties specified in the appointment order, including securing the charity's property and assets and recruiting members.

## Popular attraction

College Farm used to be home to cattle on its fields and operated as a popular local attraction for families and school visits from 1980 until 2001, when it was shut down because of a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak.

Since then, the farm has been open only to customers of the site's associated businesses at the stables, saddlery and tack shop, pet shop and dog grooming parlour.

A campaign group called College Farm Action Group has been calling on the trust to reopen the farmland and resume its former activities.

The Charity Commission is the independent, non-ministerial government department that registers and regulates charities in England and Wales.

## Run and help out in the wood

A running and volunteering group is aiming to help out more in Cherry Tree Wood this year. The GoodGym team meet regularly for a short run before taking part in an activity that needs manpower and womanpower.

Late last year, the group met at the Old White Lion pub in the High Road and crossed the road into the wood to spend an hour or two removing turf and creating space for raspberries and other fruit bushes to be planted.

**Barnet** 

1 Richmond Road, N2

Roof extension involving

rear dormer window and

59 Chandos Road, N2

existing outrigger

two front-facing roof lights

Single-storey rear extension following demolition of the

35 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Erection of a rear outbuilding

Roof extension involving hip

window with Juliet balcony

and three front-facing roof

143 Abbots Gardens, N2

to gable, rear dormer

lights

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Organiser Paul Salman said: "As always, GoodGym is about the unexpected joys of helping out. If you're reading this, maybe it's time to ditch the screen and dive into something real. Discover the satisfaction

of helping your neighborhood while keeping fit and making

The group usually meets on Tuesday evenings throughout the year. Find out more at www. goodgym.org





btinternet.com

volunteering.

TREATING YOUR DOGS LIKE ROYALTY

## **Grooming Services**

Full Groom Short Haired breeds

Email volunteering@foodbankaid.org.uk

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- \* Full Groom with Hand Stripping
- Puppy Wash, Fluff Dry & Tidy

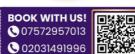
## **Dog Walking Services**

- Single Dog Walks
- Group Dog Walking

## **Day Care Services**

- 3 1/2 Daycare (5/6hours)
- \* Full Daycare (7/9 hours)







## 7 Oakview Gardens, N2

Conversion of garage into habitable room, insertion of window to replace garage door

## 44 Baronsmere Road, N2

Single-storey rear and side extension to existing rear projection. Replacement of the first and second-floor rear windows with new enlarged double glazed windows

### 26 Abbots Gardens, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable with rear dormer window, three side-facing and three frontfacing roof lights, new side gable window. Part single, part twostorey side / rear extension. New front porch with new steps to front door and bin store. Alterations to the front driveway. Changes to fenestration. Erection of rear outbuilding.

#### Haringey 6 Southern Road, N2

Enlargement / formation of a patio door opening, associated alterations.

#### 16 Shakespeare Gardens, N2 Side porch extension, structural alterations at ground floor to an existing two-storey dwelling.

### 15 Springcroft Avenue, N2 Internal renovation of kitchen and

dining room, staircase, front living room, first-floor rear bedroom, Underfloor heating to ground floor of the property.

Moving existing side windows to side passageway.

#### Whittington Court, Aylmer Road, N2

Works to upgrade communal doors.

