



What a waste: Furniture, bags of rubbish and more mattresses and bookcases are left out in public areas around East Finchley, including on the Grange Estate, Prospect Ring and a path off King Street

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Councillor Alan Scheiderman, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said: "Since 1 April 2024 over 100 Fixed Penalty Notices relating to fly tipping have been issued. And more than 1,200 letters providing details of alternatives and raising awareness about potential actions such as fines and prosecutions have been issued.

"A recent education and awareness campaign and enhanced enforcement has also resulted in 10 out of 20 areas known for dumping no longer being fly tip hotspots.

If anyone sees a fly tip I would encourage them to please report it by searching for 'Report It Now' on our website barnet.gov.uk."

Let us know

Do you know of any fly-tipping hot spots in and around East Finchley? Tell us and send photos to: news@the-archer.co.uk or leave a message on our free phone line 0800 612 0748.

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Waste items: how to dispose of them



Under review: Barnet Council's skip service will resume this month

Fly-tipping may be a deliberate anti-social act or it may happen because people feel they have no other way of getting rid of their large household items. So what are the options?

Council collection

Barnet Council will collect large items like cookers, chairs, bed bases, mattresses and sofas, but the service comes with a charge.

It will cost you £38 if you want Barnet to take away one to three items, rising to £108 for 10 items. Commercial waste is subject to higher, individual charges.

Recycling centre

The household recycling centre in Summers Lane, North Finchley, will take large items but you have to be a driver and be able to fit them in your car

or van to get them there.

Commercial and trade vehicles are not admitted.

Community skips

Barnet Council has tried to increase options for non-drivers by providing a free community skip service but there have been complaints that it is not conveniently located, not regular enough and not sufficiently advertised. The last three skips in East Finchley were in Park Road on 19 September, Trinity Avenue on 11 October and Tarling Road on 25 October. They usually appear for three hours at a time and users are restricted to bringing three items or less. They also have to carry them to the skips themselves. Barnet Council has since paused the community skip service but says it will resume this month. Anyone visiting their website

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finds a message reading: "The Community Skip service is now approaching its second-year anniversary. We want to take this time to consider your feedback about the current service, to help shape how we will offer this service going forward to make it easier for you."

Recycle and reuse

Items that are in good condition and fully working can

sometimes be passed on to a good home through sites like Freecycle, Freegle, Preloved and the 'East Finchley share-swap-reuse-recycle' group on Facebook. What do you think of Barnet Council's collection or community skip services? Tell us at: news@the-archer.co.uk or leave a message on our free phone line 0800 612 0748.