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Engineers brought in to investigate park flooding



Drainage problems: The main field in Cherry Tree Wood is prone every year to flooding in its lowest lying areas

By Debbie Linton

A civil and environmental engineering firm has recently carried out a study to find solutions for the flooding problems that continue to leave large areas of Cherry Tree Wood out of bounds.

Specialists Metis Consulting Ltd were called in to conduct a survey and found six areas of the park that were particularly prone to water-logging, including the 'lake' on the main playing field which is visible to all visitors. Last year a serious flooding incident had also emerged on the path alongside the tube line.

The AGM of the Friends of Cherry Tree Wood in January was told that some 'naturalistic' solutions for the general drainage of the park might be possible and that more information would become available this year.

The Friends were continuing to work closely with the Council to try to find a permanent fix. The East Finchley Festival organisers, who stage their event in the park every June, and other members of the community were also helping to find answers.

New to the wood

New to the wood in the last 12 months were three nature recovery zones, the AGM was also told. Information on the flora and fauna in the wood is being collated and some new play equipment in the older children's play area has been installed.

A significant achievement in 2024 was that Green Flag status had been awarded to the wood, the only park in Barnet to receive this accolade. This was due in no small part to the efforts of volunteers attending monthly community litterpicks, tending to the new forest gardens, and maintaining flower beds and the orchard. Bat monitoring had continued, with at least three species again identified.

Other events included Bioblitz and citizen science days, a seed and plant swap day and two walks in collaboration

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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

The North London Festival (northlondonfestival.org.uk) is an annual event that takes place in the Free Church, Hampstead Garden Suburb, from mid-March to mid-May. It gives performance opportunities to help young musicians develop, all of whom receive feedback from an eminent adjudicator and a certificate. The organisers need help to staff the reception desk, direct performers and their parents/teachers and manage back-stage practice rooms. There is also the bonus of listening to some talented musicians. Please get in touch with Rosemary Cook: enquiriesnlf@outlook.com

Barnet Bereavement Counselling Service (barnetbereavementservice.org.uk) is looking for a Volunteer Fundraiser to help grow its online presence and support its work. Remote and flexible hours are offered, and could suit an A-level or Uni student in Business, Marketing, Events, or related fields. The role involves creating engaging social media content and promoting fundraising campaigns. Find out more by emailing Salli Cohn: info@barnetbereavementservice.org.uk

HGS u3a (hgsu3a.uk) is a membership organisation for retired people; where you can learn new things and make new friends. They have more than 60 groups including History, Bridge and Cycling; all run by volunteers. There are currently two vacancies, the first for Volunteer Art Teacher to take Art Beginners and Art Improvement groups. You would need to be reliable and well-organised with some experience of teaching art to a mixed ability group. The second vacancy is for a Volunteer Tai Chi/ Keep Fit instructor. You would need to be reliable, well-organised and be able to work with a group of mixed ability members. For more information please contact Tina: groupsorg@hgsu3a.uk

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column please email news@the-archer.co.uk



PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

20 Manor Cottages Approach, N2

Two-storey rear extension. Two-storey side infill extension

85 High Road, N2

Vinyl signage on glazing above ATM

12 - 18 High Road, N2

Submission of details of conditions 25 (Secured by Design) 32 (Landscape Plan) pursuant to planning appeal APP/N5090/W/23/3326949 dated 27/09/2023 planning ref 22/3419/S73

62 Hertford Road, N2

Conversion of two flats into two semi-detached houses involving part single, part two-storey side and rear extension and alterations to the existing patio area with ramped access following demolition of the existing rear conservatory, new front access steps, extension to roof including increasing of ridge height, two rear dormers and five front roof lights, new side gable window and associated internal alterations. Associated amenity space, refuse and recycling storage

Strawberry Vale Play Space, N2

Submission of details of conditions 6

(Construction Environmental Management Plan) 7 (Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan) 8 (Ecological Enhancement Strategy) pursuant to planning permission 24/2933/FUL dated 27/01/2025

Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk, N2

Submission of details of condition 3 (Acoustic report) pursuant to planning permission 24/2205/RCU dated 05/08/2024

11 - 59 High Road, N2

Submission of details of condition 4 (Demolition and Construction Management and Logistics Plan) pursuant to planning permission 24/1519/FUL dated 07/08/2024

18 Trinity Road, N2

Erection of a garden shed

28A Park Hall Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer and outrigger dormer and two front-facing roof lights

17 Bedford Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window and two front-facing roof lights

Archer Academy, Eagans Close, N2

Construction of new single-storey school building. Relocation of bicycle storage and refuse storage

21 Church Lane, N2

Two-storey rear extension including two Juliet balconies and new rear patio. Insertion of new first-floor front and side windows. New front porch

8 Manor Park Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension following demolition of the existing rear extension. Changes to first-floor side and rear fenestration. Addition of side and rear roof lights

36 Sedgemere Avenue, N2

Replacement of existing front and rear windows with double glazed UPVC sash windows to match existing

36 Bedford Road, N2

Single-storey wrap around side and rear extension with four roof lights

6 Cherry Tree Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. New front porch. Roof extension involving replacement rear dormer window with Juliet balcony and three front-facing roof lights following removal of the existing



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