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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

Finchley Foodbank has supported people in need in Barnet for ten years, and demand continues to grow. It helps more than 500 people a week with emergency food and essentials. Volunteers are crucial and rewarding roles range from receiving/sorting deliveries and donations to restocking and staffing twice weekly client sessions. The food bank offers connection, growth, and a real sense of purpose. Email finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com to find out how you can give back to your community.

The **224 North London Scouts group** is looking for adults to help its Beavers (ages six to eight) and Cubs (ages eight to ten) have fun, learn new skills, and go on adventures. From games and crafts to cooking, outdoor activities, and trips, no two weeks are the same! You don't need experience, just enthusiasm and a willingness to join in. Whether it's a weekly commitment, occasional help, or support behind the scenes, you'll make a real difference and be part of a friendly team. Interested? Get in touch today to find out more and start your own adventure. Email del@224northlondonscouts.org.uk

Friends of Coldfall Wood & Muswell Hill Playing Fields are a small informal group of volunteers who share a common interest in protecting and enhancing these two green spaces. They are involved in a range of things to support the wood, such as arranging free guided walks and events and supporting its many users (human and animal!). They are always looking for new members - for just a handful of hours a month - to help with admin and liaising with other local groups and the council. For more information, please email: info@coldfallwoods.co.uk

The **North London Hospice** shop in the High Road, N2, would love to hear from people of all ages who are interested in helping out. It offers places for students 16 years old as well and can help you with work experience placements. Please drop into the shop and speak to the manager Anastasiya.

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

Highgate Art Fair

Highgate Art Fair returns for its second edition this month, showcasing a selection of work from 48 international and local artists.

There will be a children's art exhibition and a number of interactive workshops, led by participating artists, giving everyone the chance to learn new techniques and creative processes. The event is partnering with Art Against Knives in

2025, who will bring their Print Pop-Up Shop to the fair, showcasing independent artists, galleries, and collectives.

It all takes place at Highgate Primary School, North Hill, N6, from Friday 7 to Sunday 9 November. Ticket prices are £10 for adults, £8 concessions and free for children. Find out more at www.highgateartfair.co.uk

Tell us the news

Have you got a news story or an interesting photo for us? Tell us what is going on in East Finchley by emailing

news@the-archer.co.uk or leave a message on our free phone line **0800 612 0748**. Thank you.

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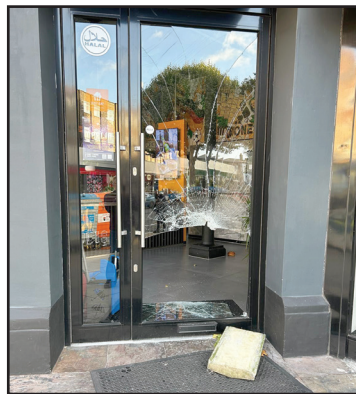
Sarah Sackman said she and East Finchley's councillors had been in constant communication with the police to relay the sense of urgency that those responsible must be caught. She added: "I will be convening local business, the police and council to find long-term solutions to crime and anti-social behaviour on our High Road."

Increased patrols

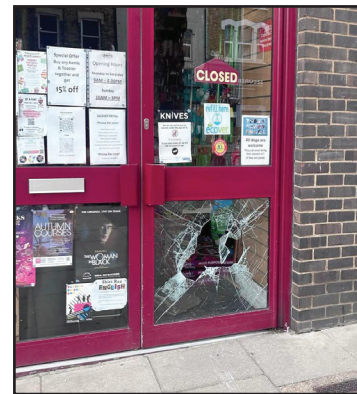
A Met Police spokesman said: "The neighbourhood policing team have visited the addresses to provide re-assurance and crime prevention advice including increasing security to deter suspects."

"The team have also increased patrols on the High Road and will utilise all relevant Police powers to identify and deter any potential suspects who may be involved in burglary."

Spate of criminal damage



Broken glass: A burglar entered the Brudis restaurant by smashing through the front door, left, and a similar attempt was made at Amy's hardware store



"In general burglary crime within Barnet is currently down 19% for the financial year and the East Finchley ward team are focused on ensuring that Barnet remains a safe place to work and live."

Good neighbours

On a positive note, the businesses we spoke to told us the

support from the East Finchley community in the wake of the break-ins had been overwhelming. The Coffee Bank team said: "We had many people, some not even our customers, who came in and said, 'Listen, we heard about what happened, and this is wrong.'" They said neighbours called by late at night offering to help set up and clean up the café.

Froth and splendour

Finchley Symphony Orchestra open their new season this month with a programme that brings together froth and fun with a condensed orchestral version of an operatic masterpiece.

Samuel Barber's *Souvenirs* suite is a set of dances for a ballet, giving a joyous pastiche of the palm courts of 20th-century New York hotels.

Then, if you enjoy the richness and passion of Richard Wagner's music but cannot afford five hours to see a full performance of *Die Meistersinger*, Henk de Vlieter's *Tribute*

assembles 50 minutes of music from the opera into a fine orchestral poem.

All this can be enjoyed at Trinity Church, Nether Street, N12, on Saturday 22 November starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £18, £15 for those under 26 and over 60, £2 for those under 18 and you can save £1 per ticket by booking online at www.finchleysymphony.org

Frost fair

The Finchley WI has announced its Annual Frost Fair will be returning for the 14th year at Stephens House and Gardens on East End Road, N3, on Sunday 23 November, from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

This festive event features local artisans offering hand-made gifts, edibles, jewellery, candles, artwork and more. Children are encouraged to find many of their favourite characters on post boxes in the Finchley area, adding a touch of festive fun around the area in the run up to the fair.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

297 Long Lane, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension. Ref: 25/4132/HSE

Ash Tree Court, 106 Prospect Ring, N2

Re-pollard lime tree to previous points removing up to 3m of regrowth to keep tree at a size suitable for its location and as part of regular maintenance. Standing in T1 of Tree Preservation Order. Ref: TPP/0679/25

12-18 High Road, N2

Installation of one internally illuminated fascia sign, four non-illuminated fascia signs, one non-illuminated fascia sign and one internally illuminated projecting sign. Ref: 25/4054/ADV. Installation of a new plant room at basement level including alterations to existing fenestration including new louvres to rear (east) elevation at basement level. Ref: 25/4053/FUL. Alterations to the existing shop front including new sliding doors at ground floor level. Ref: 25/4052/FUL

49 Baronsmere Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension. Ref: 25/4030/HSE

Land between 1 Flaxman Villas and 70 Manor Park Road, N2

Mixed use as a public car park and public open space (Sui Generis). Ref: 25/4045/191

Five Bells, 165-167 East End Road, N2

Remove one 12.5m pole and replace with one 20m pole with wraparound cabinet, remove three antennas and replace with nine antennas, install one cabinet, install one GPS Node and ancillary equipment works. Ref: 25/4000/LIC

5 Park Road, N2

Single-storey side infill extension. Roof extension including rear dormer and three front-facing roof lights. Ref: 25/3956/HSE

72 Hamilton Road, N2

Roof extension involving two rear dormer windows and two front-facing roof lights. Ref: 25/3901/192

67 Leicester Road, N2

Roof extension with one rear dormer window over main roof and one rear dormer over outrigger roof with Juliet balcony, two rear dormer flat roof lights and three front facing roof lights.

Ref: 25/3894/192. Single storey side/rear extension. Changes to fenestration. Ref: 25/3893/HSE

Haringey

One and a half Southern Road, N2

Demolition and construction of a new garden room. New kitchen including associated appliances. New lighting and upgrades to existing consumer units. Reconfiguration of existing layout to first and second floors (non-structural). Removal of spiralised staircase and forming of a new staircase to mezzanine level. Forming new timber-framed structure to mezzanine including new roof lights. New floor finishes and decoration works. External building fabric repairs. Ref: FP/2025/1238/A

25 Twyford Avenue, N2

A First-floor side extension and reconfiguration with associated works. Ref: IN/2025/2493

Garages rear of Lynton Grange, Fortis Green, N2

Construction of four two-bed houses (two terraced, two end of terrace) plus one three-bed. Ref: IN/2025/2463/A