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Special school's £1million upgrade is a snip

Oak Lodge School in East Finchley celebrated a major milestone last month with its former headteacher Lynda

Walker officially cutting the ribbon to open new facilities after a £1million building upgrade project.

Photo by Mike Coles. Turn to page 4 for the full story and more pictures.

BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

Age UK Barnet needs volunteers to help in its Tuesday or Thursday day clubs in East Finchley which are for people living with mild to moderate dementia. By chatting to people, helping with activities and serving lunch and refreshments, you will help to make the club a warm, welcoming and stimulating environment for members. To find out more please contact Lisa on lisa.robbs@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call 020 8432 1422.

Volunteer at the **North London Scouts group**, who are looking for adults to help their Beavers (age six to eight) and Cubs (age 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? Email del@224northlondonscouts.org.uk

Finchley Foodbank is looking for a new kind of volunteer to help people with all things digital e.g. searching the internet, sending emails, booking appointments. You will signpost people to help with the cost of living, employment, housing etc. The team has resources for you to use and will be there to support you! You will need to be available for foodbank sessions on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays 11.30am-2pm twice a month. To find out more about becoming a digital champion volunteer email: finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com

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 with sales and donations. They offer 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

Friends of the Wood

The next Annual General Meeting of The Friends of Cherry Tree Wood will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 15 January at Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery, High Road, N2, close

to the entrance to the park. Everyone is welcome to come along and hear what has been achieved by the charity over the past year and also the planned activities for the year ahead.

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Trees for streets

Residents and businesses who would like to choose a spot for a new tree have until Monday 19 January to submit requests for winter planting.

More than 330 trees have already been installed in Barnet as part of the national not-for-profit sponsorship scheme Trees for Streets. Many applicants opt for gaps outside their

homes, while others select a local park.

Once a request is submitted, Barnet Council surveys the location to check for obstacles like cables or pipes. If everything is clear, the sponsorship goes ahead, and a contractor plants the tree. For more information, visit treesforstreets.org/Barnet

Coffee and chat

The Age UK Barnet team have extended an invitation to anyone over 55 to join them for a cuppa and a friendly chat at one of their free-to-attend coffee mornings. They are hosted at the Ann Owens Centre on Oak Lane, N2, from 10.30am to 12 noon on Saturday 31 January, Saturday 28 February and Saturday 28 March. For more details, call Tamara on 0208 1297619 or email: activities@ageukbarnet.org.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

Land at Central Avenue (adjacent To Willow House), The Grange Estate, High Road, N2

Non-material amendment to planning permission 22/3539/FUL dated 12/07/2022 for 'Development of the site to provide eight affordable homes (Class C3) in a three-storey building, together with associated public realm, landscaping and playspace improvements, and car and cycle parking (Subject to Unilateral Undertaking, dated: 21/12/22)'. Amendments include the "after" condition survey of the agreed route to be utilised by all construction traffic. Ref. No: 25/5004/NMA

4 Trinity Avenue, N2

Part single, part two-storey rear extension with new patio area and associated alterations to the roof following demolition of the existing garage, shed and conservatory. New front entrance porch. Changes to fenestration. Ref. No: 25/4983/HSE

Outside 2 Challoner Close, N2

Installation of one 12m light wooden pole. Ref. No: 25/4936/LIC

Fairacres, 164 East End Road, N2

Submission of details of condition 5 (Demolition and Construction Management and Logistics Plan) pursuant to planning permission 24/1113/FUL dated 22/01/2025. Ref. No: 25/4917/CON

52a Manor Park Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window. Ref. No: 25/4916/CON

45 Helen Close, N2

Single storey rear extension (retrospective application). Ref. No: 25/4804/RCU

1 - 6 Denison Close, N2

Installation of two new risers up the rear elevation of the property with horizontal runs to individual flats (retrospective application). Ref. No: 25/4805/RCU

1 Summerlee Gardens, N2

Single-storey side return extension. Roof extension involving hip to gable with rear dormer windows with three front-facing rooflights. Ref. No: 25/4756/192

Archer Academy, Eagans Close, N2

Submission of details of condition 4 (Noise from extraction and ventilation equipment), condition 7 (Noise impact) and condition 8 (Demol and Const Mgmt Pln) pursuant to planning permission 25/0320/FUL dated 27/11/2025 (amended description). Ref. No: 25/4763/CON

12 Hertford Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension with five roof lights following the demolition of existing storage area. Ref. No: 25/4696/FUL

24 Cherry Tree Road, N2

Roof extension involving hip to gable, rear dormer window, two front-facing roof lights, one skylight and new side gable window. Ref. No: 25/4677/192

228 Creighton Avenue, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension with one roof lantern following demolition of existing the existing garage. Reinstatement of railings to the existing terrace. Ref. No: 25/4658/HSE

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33 Beech Drive, N2

First-floor side extension, new and replacement windows, doors and roof glazing. Ref. No: IN/2025/2805

42 Springcroft Avenue, N2

Proposed double-storey rear extensions at ground and first-floor levels. Proposed loft conversion including the removal of chimney breast and associated alterations. Ref. No: IN/2025/2817

3 Fortis Green Avenue, N2

Fire reinstatement works to the top two floors of the property to an existing three-storey building (work commenced February 2025). Ref. No: RV/2025/2815