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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

N2-based **Number Champions** is an award-winning charity that helps young state primary school children who are behind in maths. It trains volunteers to use games and other creative activities in one-to-one sessions in the pupil's school. The charity is active across London and is especially looking for N2 volunteers. If you have enthusiasm to help children, confidence in basic numeracy, 1.5 hours/week available in term time, visit www.numberchampions.org.uk or contact volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk.

Dovetail DaCapo is a friendly place where asylum-seekers and refugees meet to make music together on Saturdays from 2pm to 3.30pm at Wren Academy, N12 9HB. The music is followed by a shared vegetarian meal. If you are interested in joining its rota of volunteers who prepare the meal (heating up soup, putting out bread, hummus, fruit, etc), they'd love to hear from you. They are also interested to hear from volunteers who would like to help in other ways. Email: jam@dacapo.co.uk

224 North London Air Scouts (N6) are looking for adult volunteers to help run fun weekly sessions for young people. No experience needed, full training provided. Flexible roles to suit your availability. Even a couple of hours a week makes a real difference. Interested? Get in touch at del@224.org.uk

Do you enjoy swimming? **WeSwim** is a London-based charity that creates safe, welcoming spaces where disabled adults can swim with the support of volunteers one-to-one in the water. They are looking for volunteers who are keen to make a difference by working with the disability community in Crouch End, giving just a few hours a month. No swim teaching/coaching qualifications are required, although being comfortable in the water is a must. Contact harriet@weswim.club for more information.

Join the team at the **Finchley Free Legal Advice Centre**. This new community-led initiative is providing free legal advice to residents who are most in need. If you have a legal background, and can spare two hours a month, your experience could make a profound impact on someone's life. They are particularly looking for lawyers with experience in immigration, housing, benefits, crime and family. The new Advice Centre will rotate to different venues in the constituency every other weekend. Find out more by emailing sarah.sackman.mp@parliament.uk.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

82 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Erection of wooden bike shed in the front garden. Ref: 26/3270/HSE

14 Abbots Gardens, N2

Conversion of garage into habitable room, insertion of window to replace existing front garage door. Removal of pitched roof of existing single-

storey rear extension. New side dormer window and alterations to existing rear dormer window to create a juliet balcony. Changes to side and rear fenestration. Replacement of existing front door. Ref: 26/3203/192

42 Church Vale, N2

Erection of a single-storey rear

Residents move into new homes on Grange Estate

By Matteo Lanzini

This summer, at the end of a process lasting almost six years, keys to 16 new flats built on the High Road and on Central Avenue as part of the Grange Estate were handed over to their new tenants.

Consultation on adding extra homes on the estate started all the way back in 2020. The original plans for 64 new units on five sites drew strong opposition over the loss of green space, of a nursery and several car parking spaces, as well as the proposed demolition of existing homes on Brownswell Road. Concerns around design layouts and construction disruptions were all raised as objections.

On the back of this feedback, Barnet Homes and its community engagement partner Newman Francis amended the project and reduced its scope from five sites to the current two blocks, each hosting eight new homes.

Planning consent for the revised proposals was granted by Barnet Council in late 2022, followed by the appointment of the contractor company, Stack London. After preparatory works to the area to facilitate the transit of heavy-duty vehicles, redirect pedestrian routes and minimise noise and dust pollution, the construction phase started in winter 2023, later than originally planned, and in total took more than two years due to delays.

The two new buildings were completed earlier this spring: Everest Court, in the courtyard of Craven House off Central Avenue, and Morar House, on the High Road nestled between Hilton and East View houses.

Both provide secure bicycle storage, new landscaping, refuse and recycle points, electric charging stations and some limited car parking for residents. Their traditional bricked facades blend in with the existing blocks on the estate, while their vibrant green doors and windows add a touch of colour and establish a visual connection with the surrounding grass areas.

Additionally, as part of the development, the pedestrian path and parking courtyard outside Willow House was repaved and its layout improved. With the completion of the project,



Extra homes: One of the new blocks on the Grange Estate.
Photo Matteo Lanzini

Cabinet member for homes and regeneration, Cllr Ross Houston, told the Archer:

"These new homes will provide much-needed places to live for Barnet residents and contribute to Barnet Council's ambitious targets to provide more high-quality, long-term homes.

Barnet Homes would like to thank the residents of the Grange Estate for their patience and cooperation while works have taken place."

outbuilding. Ref: 26/3180/HSE
Land adjacent to 290 Long Lane, N2

Erection of two terraced two-storey dwellings with rooms in the roof space with associated hard and soft landscaping, amenity space, recycling/refuse and cycle storage. New front boundary wall/fencing. Ref: 26/3132/FUL

21 Leicester Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Roof extension involving rear dormer window. Erection of a rear outbuilding. Ref: 26/3140/192

43 Leopold Road, N2

Non-material amendments to planning permission reference 24/1113/FUL dated 22/01/25 for 'Demolition of existing units in the central and southern parts of the existing building and construction of new replacement self-contained dwellings to provide 36 residential units (Class C3). Alterations to the existing and retained front part of the building to provide 3 reconfigured self-contained residential units and the retention of 1 existing self-contained residential unit (Class C3), along with other general refurbishment and alterations

works, new landscaping, refuse store, car and cycle parking, sub-station and retaining existing accesses on East End Road and Pulham Avenue. Retention of St Anne's House (2 units) and general refurbishment and improvement works.' Amendments include: Redesigned access around the rear garden: Redesigned hard and soft landscaping; Amended refuse store footprint. Ref: 26/3265/NMA. Submission of details of condition 17 (Excavations for Services) pursuant to planning permission 24/1113/FUL dated 22/01/2025. Ref: 26/3070/CON. Submission of details of condition 19 (Green Roof) pursuant to planning permission 24/1113/FUL dated 20/03/2024. Ref. No: 26/3068/CON

72-74 High Road, N2

Change of use of the rear of the ground floor from shop (Class E) to two self-contained flats (Class C3) Associated refuse/recycling and cycle storage. Ref: 26/3149/PNE. Mansard roof extension involving front and rear dormer windows to provide 4 bed 4 person HMO (house in multiple occupancy) Alterations to the front elevation to add additional front door.

Associated refuse/recycling and cycle storage. Ref. 26/3025/FUL

10 Sylvester Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window and three front-facing rooflights. Ref. 26/3040/192

Haringey

20 Bancroft Avenue, N2

Erection of a part single-storey rear extension; installation of an obscure-glazed window to the first-floor side elevation serving the shower room; removal of the existing private chimney stack to the front elevation; and enlargement of the existing patio area. Ref: HGY/2026/2347. Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a new rear-side dormer extension, together with the installation of four front rooflights and two rear rooflights. Ref: HGY/2026/2471

7 Annington Road, N2

Certificate of lawfulness: Proposed erection of a rear dormer and the installation of three front rooflights. Ref: HGY/2026/2389