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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 schoolchildren 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, and can volunteer from September, visit www.numberchampions.org.uk or contact volunteer@numberchampions.org.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.

The Hampstead Garden Suburb branch of U3A is looking for a Digital Newsletter Editor. This is the organisation for retired people where members participate in daily activities, meet new people and make lifelong friends. The newsletter is emailed to members monthly to keep them up to date with new events and groups each month. The role entails liaising with Group Leaders and compiling the copy for the newsletter. Our outgoing editor reckons that the job takes about 6-8 hours per month. For an initial discussion please contact cs@carolespiersgroup.co.uk. Find out more at <https://hgsu3a.uk>

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

Face cameras on the tube

Victoria has become the first station on the London Underground network to employ live facial recognition technology on its platforms and concourses.

Transport for London says it has introduced the new camera system to make the station a safer place for all passengers, and particularly women and girls.

The facial recognition software generates alerts for individuals who are on an

authorised British Transport Police watchlist linked to serious and high-harm offences including robbery, knife crime and sexual assaults.

While all faces are scanned in real time, images of people who are not a match are not retained.

Action on rubbish blight

By Diana Cormack

Following our report last month on the state of rubbish collections in the High Road, N2, new East Finchley councillor Katy Minshall has given an update on what's being done to tackle the problem.

We reported that current bin provision is often inadequate for the amount of waste being generated by homes and businesses. Bins can be left overflowing and food waste is strewn across the pavements by foxes and other wildlife.

Cllr Minshall told us: "We've been working with residents and Barnet Council officers throughout the summer to address the issues on the High Road. Some changes are already being made: cleansing and waste collection is now taking place earlier, and the Town Keeper's schedule has been changed so that issues on the High Road are promptly picked up.

"These are important steps, but there's clearly more to do. We'll continue working closely with officers over the months ahead to identify and deliver more long-term solutions for the High Road."

The Archer has learned that proposals are being made



The reliability of bin collections on the High Road has been criticised.

regarding the the introduction of time-banded collections in East Finchley.

These will limit the time residential and commercial bags can be put out and left on the

pavement awaiting collection. It appears that starting the collection of waste earlier in the day has had a positive impact and reduced the level of waste being interfered with.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

54 Abbots Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension with pitched roof and three roof lights. Ref. No: 26/2659/HSE

104 Ossulton Way, N2

New garage with one rooflight adjacent to existing garage. Replacement, widening and repositioning of existing hard standing of front driveway. Ref. No: 26/2994/HSE

72-74 High Road, N2

Mansard roof extension involving front and rear dormer windows to provide 4-bed 4-person HMO (house in multiple occupancy) Addition of new front door and changes to rear fenestration. Associate refuse/recycling and cycle storage. Ref. No: 26/3025/FUL. Installation of new windows and doors to the rear elevation at ground floor level.

Ref. No: 26/2996/192

90 Manor Park Road, N2

Conversion of two self-contained flats into one single family dwellinghouse including a single-storey rear extension. Ref. No: 26/2981/191

47 Hertford Road, N2

Roof extension with one rear dormer window over main roof and one rear dormer over outrigger roof, one main roof and two front-facing rooflights. Ref. No: 26/2948/192

43 Leopold Road, N2

Part single, part first-floor rear extension. Ref. No: 26/2921/HSE

82 Hertford Road, N2

Removal of an existing external AC condenser unit located on the side elevation and installation of two domestic air conditioning condenser units located on the side and rear

elevation. Ref. No: 26/2884/HSE

14 Lincoln Road, N2

Roof extension involving one rear dormer window over main roof with juliet balcony and one rear dormer over outrigger roof and three front-facing rooflights. Alterations to existing lean-to to form single-storey rear extension with flat roof with parapet walls. Alterations to fenestration and doors. (amended description) Ref. No: 26/2806/192

Haringey

5 Eastern Road, N2

Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) for removal of glass blocks built in as masonry and replacement with new functioning window to side elevation. Ref No: HGY/2026/2136

New group for youngest Scouts

The 224 North London Scouts group based in Sheldon Avenue, N2, is launching a new Squirrel Scout session for children aged four to six on Saturday mornings.

Squirrels is the youngest section of Scouts and gives children a fun and friendly introduction to Scouting. They will make new friends, play games, get creative, explore the outdoors and start learning skills for life.

The group will meet every Saturday from 9am to 10am, starting from Saturday 12 September. Find more information at <https://224northlondonscouts.org.uk/>

Squirrels

Is your child ready to join Squirrels?

224 North London Scouts are excited to launch our new Squirrel Drey on Saturday mornings from 9 am to 10 am at our Scout Hut on Sheldon Avenue.

NEW SQUIRRELS LAUNCHING 12 SEPTEMBER

Launching Saturday 12 September

Squirrels is for girls and boys aged four to six. They will make new friends, play games, get creative, explore the outdoors and begin their Scouting adventure. Spaces are available now.

Find out more and register your interest: 224northlondonscouts.org.uk