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Recycling & refuse 020 8359 4600
Primary Care Trust 020 8201 4700
Benefits Agency 020 8258 6500
Employment Service 020 8258 3900
Haringey Council 020 8489 0000

Leisure

Alexandra Palace 020 8365 2121
East Finchley Library 020 8359 3815
Muswell Hill Odeon 0870 505 0007
Phoenix Cinema 020 8444 6789
Warner Cinema 020 8446 9933

Transport

BR Enquiries 0845 7484950
City Airport 020 7646 0088
London Transport 020 7222 1234
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Barnet General 0845 111 4000
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792
Finchley Memorial 020 8349 7500
Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343
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Health Advice

AIDSline 020 8363 2141
Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 7697555
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688
Cancer Support 020 8202 2211
Carers' Line 0808 808 7777
Drinkline 0800 917 8282
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600
Health Info Service 0800 665544
MIND 020 8343 5700

OAP's Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511
Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162

Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

Crime

Emergency 999
Finchley Police 020 8442 1212
Mus. Hill Police Stn. 020 8345 2148
CrimeStoppers 0800 555111
Victim Support 0845 303 0900
East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood Team 020 7161 9014

Help & Advice

Childline 0800 1111
Disability Info Service 020 8446 6935
E.F. Advice Service 020 8444 6265
Gingerbread 020 8445 4227
National Debt Line 0808 808 4000
NSPCC 0800 800500
Rape & Sexual Abuse 020 8683 3300
Relate 020 8447 8101
RSPCA Inspector 08705 555 999
Samaritans 08457 909090
Refuge Crisis Line 0870 599 5443

EAST FINCHLEY
ADVICE SERVICE

42 Church Lane, London N2 8DT.
Tel/Fax: 020 8444 6265

General Advice.
Monday to Friday: 10am -
12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm.

Legal Advice.
Tuesdays: 7pm - 8pm.

Councillors' Surgery.
Saturdays: 10am - 11.30am

Community Services

❖ **Credit Union**, Green Man Community Centre 020 8883 4916
❖ **Careers advice**, Green Man, Community Centre 020 8883 4916
❖ **Toy library**, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774

Masters of deception

By Janet Maitland

If a trader or workman calls at your door unannounced and uses phrases like "We're only in the area today", "We've noticed a problem with your roof/guttering/tree/wall/garden/chimney", "We're working for the council and have some tarmac left over" or "Your neighbour said we should call round", then beware.

Trading Standards officers from Barnet Council are warning residents about an increase of rogue traders operating in the borough. Everyone is a target, particularly those with homes which look in need of attention.

Rogue traders induce residents to have work done on their property for ridiculously large amounts of money. Sometimes very little work, or none, is carried out despite sizeable deposits.

How to get a fair deal

Only use reputable traders who have a verifiable address and genuine landline telephone numbers or are recommended by someone you trust. Obtain written, properly itemised quotes (including materials) from at least three companies.

If in doubt, don't open the door at all to unexpected callers. If you feel you have to open it, put the chain on first. Don't engage in conversation, just say no. If a caller becomes aggressive or won't go away, call the police on 999.

Remember that in law a cold

caller must give you a notice advising you that you are legally entitled to a seven-day cancellation period. If a trader has started work without doing this, the contract may be unenforceable and you do not have to pay anything.

For further information and advice, call the Council's Trading Standards Dept on 020 8359 2115.

If you think you have been a victim of a rogue trader, call Consumer Direct on 0845 404 0506.

Masterplan for playing fields

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The survey results will be made available in November at Muswell Hill Library, in the local press and on www.haringey.gov.uk. The next stage is a master plan to be put to Haringey Council's cabinet in late January 2009. In the meantime, for information about the possible improvements contact parks@haringey.gov.uk or call 020 8489 5873.

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

McDonald's, 11-59 High Road, N2
Installation of internally illuminated entrance sign, one university sign and one golden arch.
61 Lincoln Road, N2

Addition of second floor to property roof. Extension including front dormer window and alterations to roof pitch.

Cedar Drive, N2

New slate covered monopitch entrance canopies.

21 The Bishop's Avenue, N2

Demolition of existing house.

Overbrook, 24 The Bishop's Avenue, N2

Demolition of existing property and

erection of a two storey detached dwelling house with rooms in roof space and basement.

18A Lewis Gardens, N2
Change of use from workshop (class B1) to residential (class C3)

35 Elmfield Road, N2

Single storey rear extension.

Haringey Council

13 Southern Road, N2

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension at basement level and ground floor level.

31 Aylmer Road N2

Erection of two storey side and single storey front and rear extension.

Crime rates mapped

The crime rate in East Finchley is classified as 'average' on a new Metropolitan Police website. In July, there were 37 reported cases of burglary, robbery or vehicle crime. This compares with June, when there were 29.

In the year to the end of March 2008, there were 325 reported crimes in East Finchley, significantly down from 477 in 2006/7 and 490 in 2005/6.

The website at <http://maps.met.police.uk/> is designed to give ward-level information on crime for all

areas of London.

In line with the rest of the capital

East Finchley's 'average' rating means the area is in line with the average for the whole of the capital. Barnet as a whole is also average, with Haringey being classified as 'above average'.

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