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Employment Service 020 8258 3900
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East Finchley Library 020 8359 3815
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Nat. Rail Enquiries 0845 748 4950
City Airport 020 7646 0088
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National Express 08705 808080
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Hospitals

Barnet General 0845 111 4000
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792
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Oak Lane Clinic 020 8349 7000
Royal Free 020 7794 0500
St Luke's 020 8219 1800
Whittington 020 7272 3070

Health Advice

AIDSline 020 8363 2141
Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 7697555
Barnetdoc 0300 0333 777
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688
Cancer Support 020 8202 2211
Carers' Line 0808 808 7777
Drinkline 0800 917 8282
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600
MIND 020 8343 5700
NHS Direct 0845 4647

OAPs' Advice

Barnet Age Concern 020 8346 3511

Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162
Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

Crime

Emergency 999
Barnet Police 020 8200 1212
Mus. Hill Police Stn. 020 8345 2148
Crime Stoppers 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 0300 1234 999
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❖ Toy library, Muswell Hill 020 8444 0244/ 8489 8774, www.muswellhilltoylibrary.com

Pothole programme on road to completion

Following a second consecutive harsh winter, Barnet Council has been tackling potholes across the borough.

After all main roads (bus routes) had been inspected, council maintenance teams repaired 538 potholes at a cost of over £135,000.

A further survey has identified more than 420 other roads in need of attention; the work should be completed by the end of September.

For a second year running the council's Pothole Elimination Programme aims to eradicate all the remaining potholes identified from the survey.

To date, more than 1,220 potholes have been repaired over the last six weeks across more than 570 roads.

In addition to pothole repairs, the council will spend a further planned £2 million on road resur-

facing works this financial year.

Councillor Brian Coleman, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "Once again the council is going to significant effort to bring Barnet's roads back up to the high standards residents have always enjoyed. We're grateful to the government for their financial contribution, but of course it's Barnet taxpayers' money and the surplus from the parking account which has covered the majority of these repairs."

Last month, breakdown service Autonation warned of dangerous potholes remaining in many parts of the country and claimed that better support for road repairs from central government was essential.

Call for volunteers

Barnet Community Counselling is a registered charity that provides low-cost counselling and support to people living in and around Barnet. It is looking for volunteers to fill the roles of treasurer on their board of directors and a part-time clerical assistant. If you are interested in helping, call them on 020 8446 7460, email barnetcommunitycounselling@hotmail.co.uk or see their website: www.barnetcommunitycounselling.co.uk for more details.

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

127 Abbots Gardens, N2
Installation of associated access ramp and rails to front of property.
43 Brackenbury Road, N2
Single storey rear extension.
75 Durham Road, N2
Alterations to front facade, involving change of material to front render, and two new front windows. New bay window and new roof to front porch.
3 Hamilton Road, N2
Single-storey rear extension and associated alterations.
34 High Road, N2
First-floor rear extension. Extension to roof including rear dormer window, with roof lights to rear elevation, to facilitate a loft conversion. Installation of external staircase to the rear elevation. Conversion of existing self-con-

tained unit at first and second floor into four self-contained units.

Dick Turpin, 383 Long Lane, N2

Erection of a two-storey building, plus rooms in roof space and basement living accommodation and parking, all to facilitate eight residential flats, following demolition of the public house.

386 Long Lane, N2

Extension to roof, including rear dormer window to facilitate a loft conversion. First-floor rear extension, with Juliet balcony.

Martin Primary School, Plane Tree Walk, N2

Erection of single storey mobile classroom.

Haringey Council

13 Ringwood Avenue, N2
Erection of single-storey studio building in rear garden.

Bogus callers beg for money

By Janet Maitland

The East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) has received several reports of people knocking on doors and asking for money. The team is sure they are bogus callers and not genuine individuals in need of help.

Reasons given for needing money vary but all are 'emergencies' which are difficult to say no to, such as a sick relative to visit but no cash for the journey, or the person has just moved to a nearby address and has no money to put on a utilities key.

Descriptions of the callers vary greatly, suggesting that there are several operatives in the area. So far, none have been female, although the SNT says that women often use this method of getting money or gaining entry to a home.

"It is your discretion whether to give money or not, but we would strongly advise you

not to encourage this," said a spokesperson from the SNT. "If you have elderly or vulnerable family or neighbours you may wish to inform them. If you have any information about these callers please get in touch with us. If someone knocks at your door and you are unhappy with the reason they give you, please contact us or call the police non-emergency number 101."

The Safer Neighbourhood office is at 113 High Road, N2 8AG. You can phone them on 020 7161 9014 or 07887 632767, email them at EastFinchley.snt@met.police.uk or talk to the (PCSOs) you see on patrol.



T'ai Chi & Qigong

Wednesdays: 12.00-12.55pm
(Trial session: £5)

at 55 Huntingdon Road, East Finchley, N2 8AJ.
James Drewe is a qualified teacher and has been practising t'ai chi for 36 years.
He is the author of 3 books on t'ai chi & is a member of the BCCMA.

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