



# Two women robbed within minutes

By Janet Maitland

**Barnet Police are appealing for witnesses to two robberies that took place within minutes of each other on Monday 10 June.**

At 11.15pm, a 23-year-old woman was waiting for a bus on the High Road when a silver hatchback car pulled up alongside her. Two men got out of the car and grabbed her, then snatched her bag and the phone from her hand, jumped back into the car and drove off.

Just minutes later, a 30-year-old local woman was attacked by a young man as she walked home from the tube station. As she reached the corner of The Causeway and Cedar Drive, the victim was pushed from the side with such force that she fell to the ground. She screamed to attract the attention of other people she'd noticed coming up The Causeway behind her.

The man, who was masked with a dark scarf around his face, put his hands on her forehead and over her mouth. "I was so scared I stopped screaming and told him to take my bag," said the victim. "As soon as it was in his hand, he ran away, got into a silver car and drove off."

The man is described as white, in his early 20s and about 5ft 6ins tall. He was wearing dark clothes and a black cap and had an English accent. If you have any information about these crimes, please contact the police on 101. If you want to remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### Spate of robberies

There were other robberies

in June. At 8.30pm on 13 June a pedestrian walking along Durham Road had their phone snatched by someone on a bicycle. The following day someone on a motorcycle snatched a shoulder bag from a woman walking along Fortis Green at 1.50pm. On 15 June at 7.50pm a man walking near Willow House on the Grange Estate was pushed to the ground by some people on foot and had some property stolen. Another phone was snatched from a victim who was also pushed to the ground on 17 June at 7.35pm on Trinity Road.

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# To the battlefields of Gallipoli



Peter Hart and Roger Chapman with their holiday reading.

**With the centenary of the First World War nearly upon us, more and more people are travelling to the battlefields to remember what happened and the sacrifices made by all sides.**

Peter Hart and Roger Chapman, who both live in East Finchley, have been running two tours a year to the Gallipoli battlefield for the last three years. Peter is a world renowned historian with two books on the 1915 Gallipoli campaign to his name and numerous books on many other aspects of the First World War.

Our photo shows the pair on their most recent trip near Anzac Cove, with the sphinx in the background, and as you can see they took along a copy of The Archer for all the latest East Finchley news. Comes in handy for lining the suitcase too!

More details about the Gallipoli tours can be found at <http://phbt.wordpress.com>.

## Where's a giant cat when you need one?

**Residents of Chandos Road were not a little shocked to look out of their windows in May and see a giant rat standing in the road.**

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