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Burglary hotspots Continued from page 1

Burglary insurance claim rates by postal districts. Survey by MoneySupermarket.com

Postcode, claims per 1,000 households

- 1. M21, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, 45.2.
- 2. SE24, Herne Hill, London, 41.8
- 3. N10, Muswell Hill, Fortis Green (part), London, 40.9
- 4. RM8, Dagenham, Becontree, Essex, 35.9
- 5. N2, East Finchley, Fortis Green (part), Hampstead Garden Suburb (part), London, 34.5
- 6. **L18**, Allerton, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, 33.3
- 7. **L22**, Waterloo, Liverpool, 32.6
- 8. N18, Upper Edmonton, London, 32.3
- 9. **UB6**, Greenford, Perivale, Middlesex, 30.9
- 10. SE27, West Norwood, London, 30.5 11. **B73**, Boldmere, Birmingham, 29.5
- 12. E8, Hackney Central, Dalston, London Fields, London, 29.4
- 13. DN2, Intake, Doncaster, 28.7
- 14. N20, Whetstone, Totteridge, Oakleigh Park, London, 28.0
- 15. E9, Homerton, Hackney Wick, London, 27.8
- 16. N11, New Southgate, Friern Barnet, Bounds Green, London, 27.7
- 17. N16, Stoke Newington, Stamford Hill, London, 27.7
- 18. **LS16**, Adel, Leeds, 27.6
- 19. B24, Erdington, Tyburn, Birmingham, 27.6
- 20. HP10, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, 27.3

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

113 Abbots Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Twostorey side extension, following demolition of existing projection. 22 Bedford Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Depth 4m. Flat roof maximum height 3.2 m, including parapet wall. At boundary with no.24, 6 m deep, eaves height 2.5m, maximum height 4m at boundary with no 20

49 Brim Hill, N2

Roof extension, including one rear and one side dormer, to facilitate loft conversion.

5 Durham Road, N2

Single-storey rear conservatory, following demolition of existing conservatory.

68 Durham Road, N2

Side extension to side wall, following demolition of existing structure. Single-storey rear extension with rear window.

Good Shepherd Convent, 61 East End Road, N2

Demolition of two-storey former residential building. Eight detached dwelling-houses with landscaping. New site entrance through existing brick built boundary wall. Curtilage structure to Grade 2 listed villa at adjacent property (no.63). Listed **Building Consent.**

105 and 107 High Road, N2 Replacing roof tiles and roof light

111 High Road, N2 Alterations to rear extractor fan. 4 Market Place, N2

Extension to basement.

22 Sylvester Road, N2 Single-storey rear extension. Roof extension, including rear dormer and front roof light, to facilitate loft

Haringey Council 27 Fordington Road, N6

conversion.

Converting garage to study. 36 Lauradale Road, N2

Certificate of Lawfulness for conversion of loft space with velux window to front roof slope. Ground floor rear extension.

37 Lynmouth Road, N2 Single-storey detached timber garden outbuilding.

27 Ringwood Avenue, N2 Certificate of Lawfulness for ground floor side extension with parapet flat

roof and new rear lights. 5 Twyford Avenue, N2

Two-storey rear / side extension. 29 Western Road, N2

Rear and part side single-storey extension and rear first floor balcony.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Councils		Hospitals		Crime	
Barnet Council:		Barnet General	0845 111 4000	Emergency	999
Admin/Town Hall	020 8359 2000	Coppetts Wood	020 8883 9792	Barnet Police	101
Council Tax	020 8359 2608	Finchley Memorial	020 8349 7500	CrimeStoppers	0800 555111
Recycling & refuse	020 8359 4600	Oak Lane Clinic	020 8349 7000	Victim Support	0845 303 0900
Primary Care Trust	020 8201 4700	Royal Free	020 7794 0500	East Finchley Safer	
Benefits Agency	020 8258 6500	St Luke's	020 8219 1800	Neighbourhood Team	020 7161 9014
Employment Service	020 8258 3900	Whittington	020 7272 3070	Help & Advice	
Haringey Council	020 8489 0000	Health Advice		•	0844 826 9336
Leisure		AIDSline	020 8363 2141	CAB Money Advice	020 8201 7727
Alexandra Palace	020 8365 2121	Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 7697555	Carers' Line	020 8343 9698
East Finchley Library	020 8359 3815	Barndoc	0300 033 3777	Childline	0800 1111
Muswell Hill Odeon	0870 505 0007	Barnet MENCAP	020 8203 6688	Disability Info Service	020 8446 6935
Phoenix Cinema	020 8444 6789	Cancer Support	020 8202 2211	Gingerbread	020 8445 4227
Warner Cinema	020 8446 9933	Drinkline	0800 917 8282	National Debt Line	0808 808 4000
Transport		Drugs Helpline	0800 776600	NSPCC	0800 800500
Transport	0845 7484950	MIND	020 8343 5700	Rape & Sexual Abuse	020 8683 3300
Nat. Rail Enquiries	020 7646 0088	NHS Direct	0845 4647	Relate	020 8447 8101
City Airport	0843 222 1234	OAPs' Advice		RSPCA Inspector	0300 1234 999
Transport for London			020 020 25040	RSPCA animal clinic	020 8365 3910
National Express	08705 808080	Age UK	020 820 35040	Samaritans	08457 909090
Heathrow Airport	0870 000 0123	Contact (N2)	020 8432 1415	Refuge Crisis Line	0870 599 5443

Don't put your home at

risk

Following the burglaries in Sedgemere Avenue and Trinity Road, East Finchley's Safer Neighbourhood Team have issued some new crime prevention advice.

"Door chains are not normally effective because they can so easily be broken," said Sarah Undrell, an officer from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), who called at every house on Trinity Road the day after the burglaries to warn residents to be vigilant.

'The burglars probably didn't break the chains as they didn't want to make a noise. Using a Chubb lock is a much better deterrent. People worry about locking their Chubb locks at night in case of a fire, but it's just a question of taking your house keys to bed."

To reduce the risk of burglary, the SNT ask you to consider this advice:

Use time switches when your property is unoccupied. Fit an alarm. Install a tamperproof security light using low wattage bulbs.

Make sure that the boundary at the front of your property is no higher than four feet or burglars will be able to use it as a screen. At the back and side of your property, boundaries should be higher, ideally six foot, with trellis on top, to prevent anyone climbing over them. Lock away gardening tools out of sight as these can be used to break in.

Ground floor and easily accessible windows should have multi-locking locks with shoot bolts into the frame. Fit sash windows with key operated sash stoppers. Keep valuable items such as laptops out of sight when you're out. Register valuables for free at www.immobilise.com

Any questions?

Are you interested in debating local affairs? The news from Friern Barnet Community Library is that their fundraising Any Questions evenings on the third Friday of every month are developing a following.

Appearing at this month's meeting are: Roger Tichborne, author of The Barnet Eye blog; Helen Michael from Cafe Buzz; Cllr Brian Coleman, former Barnet Mayor and Greater London Assembly member; Cllr Kath McGuirk, former Chair of Barnet's Libraries and Arts Committee. Chair will be Barbara Jacobson, Chair of

Any Questions is at 7.30 pm on Friday 21 March, Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11 3DS. £5 at the door.

Questions are welcome either on the night or in advance to keith.martin18@btinternet. com. To find out more about the library visit www.friernbarnetlibrary.org.

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