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Primary Care Trust 020 8201 4700
Benefits Agency 020 8258 6500
Employment Service 020 8258 3900

Haringey Council

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East Finchley Library 020 8883 2664
Gt North Leisure Park 0870 240 6020
Muswell Hill Odeon 0870 505 0007
Phoenix Cinema 020 8444 6789
Tourist Info Service 0870 128 8080
Warner Cinema Village 020 8446 9933

Transport

BR Enquiries 0845 7484950
City Airport 020 7646 0088
London Transport 020 7222 1234
National Express 08705 808080
Heathrow Airport 0870 000 0123

Help & Advice

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Cruse Bereavement Care 0870 167 1677
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EF Advice Service 020 8444 6265
Lone Parent Centre 020 7021 4146
Missing Persons Helpline 0500 700700
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NSPCC 0800 800500
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Relate 020 8447 8101
Samaritans 08457 909090
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Alcoholics Anonymous 0845 7697555
Barnet MENCAP 020 8203 6688
Cancer Support 020 8202 2211
Carers' Line 0808 808 7777
Drinkline 0800 917 8282
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Health Info Service 0800 665544
MIND 020 8343 5700
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Crime

Emergency 999
Finchley Police 020 8200 1212
CrimeStoppers 0800 555111
Victim Support 0845 303 0900

Hospitals

NHS 111
Barnet General 020 8216 4000
Coppetts Wood 020 8883 9792
Edgware General 020 8952 2381
Finchley Memorial 020 8349 7500
Oak Lane Clinic 020 8346 9343
Royal Free 020 7794 0500
St Luke's 020 8219 1800
Whittington 020 7272 3070
Western Eye Hospital 020 7886 6666

OAP's Advice

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Contact (N2) 020 8444 1162
Independent Age 0800 319 6789
Help the Aged 0808 800 6565

Man attacked on bus

By Janet Maitland

A man travelling on a 134 bus from Muswell Hill had his nose broken in an unprovoked attack on 12 February. The 36-year-old man was assaulted from behind while the bus was travelling down Muswell Hill Road at about 11pm.

The assailant then got off and ran towards Archway Road. The injured man was taken to a north London hospital where he was later discharged.

The suspect is described as a black man, 30-35 years old, wearing dark clothes and a black beanie hat. He had deep scars across his nose and cheek.

Anyone with any information is asked to call police on 101 quoting reference 2803355/15 or, if you wish to remain anonymous, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Cannabis grower

pleads guilty

By Janet Maitland

A local man has been convicted of growing cannabis plants in his home. Police arrested 36-year-old Colin Etherton of Boucher House, The Grange, N2, after a search of his flat uncovered cultivation equipment and a number of cannabis plants.

Etherton pleaded guilty to producing a class B drug when he appeared at Hendon Magistrates Court in January. He was sentenced on 23 February to a 12-month community supervision order with a drug rehabilitation requirement. He must also pay costs of £85 and a victim surcharge of £60.

How to deal with bogus callers

By Janet Maitland

"Just because a stranger at your door says they're from your water or gas company, the council, or even the police, it doesn't necessarily mean that they are," says PC John Kenny from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT).

"Remember: even unknown youngsters who say they're looking for a lost pet, or think their football's in your garden, may just be trying to distract you."

Lock up and check up

Keep back and front doors locked, even when you're at home. If someone calls at your door, look through a window or spy hole to identify them. If you don't recognise them, either call "Who is it?" through the door, or put the door chain or door bar on first before opening the door. Keep it on while talking to them.

Ask for an identity card and check it carefully, even if the caller has a pre-arranged appointment. If you're not sure, don't let the caller hurry or pressurise you. Just ask them to wait outside while you confirm who they are and then close the door and lock it. A genuine caller won't mind you doing this.

Don't ring any telephone number that the caller has given you. Instead, use directory enquiries or a telephone directory or Google to find the number of the company the caller claims to be from. If the caller(s) say they are the police, call the police on the non-emergency number 101 to confirm this or, if you're frightened, call the police on the emergency 999 number to check if the callers actually are the police.

Basic precautions

Do not open the door unless you are 100% sure the caller is who they say they are and you feel comfortable letting them into your home.

"Please ask your readers to tell family, friends and neighbours, especially older people, about these precautions," says PC Kenny. "Review their security as if it was your own home."

Planning Applications

Barnet Council

224 Creighton Avenue, N2

Hip to gable roof extension, including rear dormer with Juliette balcony, and two front roof lights.

219 East End Road, N2

Hip to gable loft extension, with rear dormer and three front roof lights. Metal staircase from rear of property to first floor.

14 Elm Gardens, N2

Single-storey rear extension: depth 4m, eaves height 3m, maximum height 3.8 m.

20 Elmhurst Avenue, N2

Single-storey side extension. Partial removal of wooden fence. Construction of brick wall.

92 Hertford Road, N2

Hip to gable roof extension to facilitate loft conversion, including rear dormer with Juliette balcony, new gable, and three roof lights.

27 Ingram Road, N2

Roof extension, including rear dormer and front roof lights, to facilitate loft conversion.

Islington and St Pancras Cemetery and Crematorium, N2

Construction details re. previous planning permission.

406 Long Lane, N2

Porch to side elevation.

100 Ossulton Way, N2

Setting back of side passage access door.

Stanley Road Playing Field, N2

Details of conditions for flood-lighting and lighting levels.

Tarling Road land, N2

Details re. contaminated land, demolition and construction methods, and landscaping.

13-18 Wardell Court, N2

Replacement of windows and doors.

Haringey Council

14 Twyford Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension.

34 Twyford Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension. Depth 4.5m, maximum height 3m. Eaves height to match existing.

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