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Air craft: David T Waller, left, and his brother John with their walkthrough art work.

Walk through a wall of memories

Sculptor and visual artist David T Waller has enlisted the painstaking skills of his brother John to create his latest immersive work on display at Stephens House and Gardens in East End Road, N3.

As children in the 1970s,

the brothers shared a love of building model aircraft and it's a hobby that John has kept up in the decades since, partly as a way of coping with the stresses of his obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD).

David's piece, called Plane Wall, brings together all the plastic models made by John

and intertwines them with items of family memorabilia for visitors to discover. It is accompanied by an evocative soundtrack created by David Harris.

"Our intention is to create a nostalgic atmosphere for reflection and thoughts and to invite stories and memories from visitors about aircraft and the objects," said David, who is a member of the East Finchley Open artists group.

Plane Wall is on display at Stephens House and Gardens until Saturday 29 September. Entry is free with donations encouraged in support of the military mental health charity Combat Stress.

Late-night robbery

By Janet Maitland

A man was robbed on The Walks between Leslie Road and Leopold Road, N2, at about 11.30pm on Tuesday 26 June.

He had been walking home up the High Road when he noticed two hooded men dressed in black on the other side of the road, walking in the opposite direction. Thinking no more about it, he carried on walking and turned left down Leslie Road, unaware that the men had crossed the road and followed him.

The robbers caught up with him just as he turned right into The Walks. A scuffle followed. The men threatened him, then grabbed his bag and ran off towards Market Place.

The victim, a man in his 40s, walked home and submitted an online report to the police. "Their faces were covered," he said. "I could only see their eyes and noses."

Anyone who witnessed this incident or has information is asked to call police on 101 or Twitter @MetCC. Infor-

mation can also be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

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Plastics drive on the move... but your help is needed!

By Nick Allan

The campaign to rid East Finchley of throwaway plastics is moving fast with a plan for the community and local businesses to work together and make a real dent in this worldwide scourge.

Ruth Anders, who is coordinating the campaign on behalf of the businesses represented by N2United, has been talking with other East Finchley groups to ensure everyone is able to work together and is looking for ideas and volunteers so that the campaign kicks off with maximum impact when it launches formally later this summer.

Say no to single-use plastic

Ruth told *The Archer*: "The challenge we face in ridding East Finchley of single-use plastics is that we must all work together and get everyone involved."

"The main cause for the increase in plastic production is packaging but the best way to curb single-use plastic pollution is to reduce our own personal plastic consumption, starting by refusing single-use plastics like straws, cups and shopping bags and replacing them with a sustainable alternative."

It's not plastic's fault... it's ours!

The facts speak for themselves when you consider that single-use plastics frequently

do not make it to a landfill or get recycled. It's estimated that one-third of the 78 million tons of plastic packaging produced annually is left to flow into our oceans.

That's like pouring one garbage truck of plastic into the ocean every minute and it's expected to increase to two per minute by 2030 with roughly half of annual plastic production destined for single-use products, including plastic bags. Those bags are used for an average of only 12 minutes before being discarded and their life expectancy is up to 1,000 years.

Ruth added: "We really can make a difference. As a local plan is developed, groups are seeking ideas of how the community can get involved as well as appealing for volunteers and leaders to make East Finchley the first community in London where people shop without using throwaway plastics."

To hear more, share your ideas or volunteer, members of the East Finchley community are invited to write to no2plastics@gmail.com.



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