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## BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

**Number Champions**, based in N2, is an award-winning charity that helps young primary school children who are struggling with numeracy or lack confidence in maths. Its trained in-school volunteers use games and other creative activities in one-to-one sessions with children. If you have good basic numeracy, plenty of enthusiasm, 1.5 hours/week during term time and you're interested in volunteering from September, see [www.numberchampions.org.uk](http://www.numberchampions.org.uk) or contact [volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk). The charity is especially looking for local volunteers.

**Barnet Lone Parent Centre**, based in N2, is looking for creative support volunteers to deliver family-friendly art and craft activities for lone parent women with children aged 0-11 years. If you have patience, empathy, enjoy creative tasks, and can commit fairly regularly to four hours on the second Saturday of each month, contact [kealey.kissiedu@blpc.org.uk](mailto:kealey.kissiedu@blpc.org.uk). Find out more at [blpc.org.uk/](http://blpc.org.uk/)

**Food Bank Aid** provides essential items for 32 food banks in north London, who in turn support 20,000 people per week, and offer flexible volunteering for a wide variety of tasks in a convivial atmosphere. They can't do this without an army of volunteers. Located at the Great North Leisure Park, N12 (opposite Hollywood Bowl) with free parking, music, tea and coffee, volunteers are needed for a variety of roles including deliveries using your own car or the organisation's van, picking and packing. Find out more at [foodbankaid.org.uk/](http://foodbankaid.org.uk/) and contact [volunteering@foodbankaid.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@foodbankaid.org.uk).

**MS Haringey** is a local group of the national Multiple Sclerosis Society. It is looking to recruit a volunteer to manage all aspects of its financial activity under Charity Commission rules. Initial training will be given. The role could suit a retired person with an accountancy or similar background. Interest in the welfare of people living with multiple sclerosis would be a strong recommendation. For details please contact Jane Howard on [Haringey@mssociety.org.uk](mailto:Haringey@mssociety.org.uk)

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column and listed on the East Finchley community website, please complete the form at [www.ILoveN2.co.uk/be-part-of-it](http://www.ILoveN2.co.uk/be-part-of-it).



## Forward to the food bank

A reminder that GoodGym Barnet are running to raise awareness and bring donations for Finchley Foodbank in East Finchley on Tuesday 11 June.

They are inviting everyone to join in by meeting at the Phoenix Cinema for 6.45pm and then running, cycling or walking to the food bank at St Mary's Church Hall, further up the High Road, carrying donations of food and household items in backpacks. Find out more by searching Barnet events at [www.goodgym.org/happenings](http://www.goodgym.org/happenings)

## New chair for hospice

Simon Morris MBE has been selected as Chair of the Board of Trustees at North London Hospice. The announcement comes after Lis Burgess Jones decided to step down from the role, which she has held since May 2018.

Mr Morris joined the hospice's board in 2011 and is currently Chair of the hospice's Fundraising Committee and is a member of the Finance and External Audit Committee. He has wide experience in the charity sector and was the CEO of Jewish Care until 2018.

# Resident sets up community survey on parking zone

By John Lawrence

A resident who wants to get an independent community-led view of whether people are for or against a new controlled parking zone (CPZ) being introduced across the top half of East Finchley has set up his own online survey to do just that.

Sylvestre Road resident Edward Butler, one of 2,700 householders who would fall inside the 11am-3pm Monday to Friday zone, said he had run out of patience with Barnet Council's lack of communication and action on the issue.

We reported last month that Barnet Council has promised a second public consultation if it ever decides to implement the plans it had for restrictions from 11am-3pm Monday to Friday, which it paused in February in the face of a wave of complaints.

And we reported there was a question mark over whether the first consultation in 2021 could be seen as impartial as it was conducted by the same company that would be paid by Barnet Council to enforce the new zone, including employing traffic wardens. The council said it made all CPZ decisions based on trusted evidence.

### Fair and transparent

Edward, who runs engagement programmes on behalf of property developers for a living, says East Finchley deserves that any new consultation should be fair and transparent and allow everyone to express their opinion "without being funneled to the council's preferred outcome".

"I've tried to present the survey in an impartial way and kept the questions simple," he says. "It's not for me to justify the case for or against the CPZ. The most important thing is that people feel they've had a chance to make their opinions heard."

"I would like to think that Barnet Council will give some weight to the results of the survey in deciding whether to move ahead with the CPZ. That's why I'm asking for people who take part to submit their name and address, as this will fulfil the council's criteria on surveys of this sort." The East Finchley CPZ Community-led Consultation can be found at [www.n2cpz.com](http://www.n2cpz.com). At the time of going to press in late May, a total of 260 people had taken part.

### Your views on the CPZ

See letters page 11.

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East Finchley CPZ community-led consultation

Visit our consultation website and have your say on Barnet Council's plan to blanket East Finchley with a Controlled Parking Zone.

Do you have an issue in your street?

Do you think it is a good idea?

Were you consulted?

Can you afford to pay for it?

For more information and to take part in our community-led consultation:

visit [www.n2cpz.com](http://www.n2cpz.com)

East Finchley CPZ community-led consultation

Take part: Publicity for Edward Butler's CPZ survey includes a QR code and a web address

## East Finchley farmers market every Sunday

By Ruth Anders

A new Farmers Market will be coming to East Finchley from Sunday 16 June. Organised by London Farmers Markets, it will take place every Sunday come rain or shine from 10am to 2pm at The Engine Rooms, Great North Road, N2, a short walk from the tube station.

Produce will come directly from farmers, fishermen and producers and will include free range and organic meat and poultry, seasonal game, dairy, seasonal fruit and vegetables, juice, bread, cakes, pies, plants and flowers, eggs, fish, pasta and much more. The organisers ask that shoppers bring their own bags to help reduce, re-use and recycle.

Ian Smith, Farmers Market manager said: "2024 marks 25 years of farmers markets in London and what better way to celebrate a jubilee than with a brand new market launch?"

The market is also looking for local people who would like to help run the market, so if you are interested, contact London Farmers Markets via [info@lfm.org.uk](mailto:info@lfm.org.uk) for more details.

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