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## BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

N2-based **Number Champions** is an award-winning charity that helps young state primary school children who are behind in maths. It trains volunteers to use games and other creative activities in one-to-one sessions. The charity is active across London and is especially looking for N2 volunteers. If you have enthusiasm to help children, confidence in basic numeracy, 1.5 hours/week available in term time, and can volunteer from September, see [www.numberchampions.org.uk](http://www.numberchampions.org.uk) or contact [volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@numberchampions.org.uk).

**Reengage** host monthly Sunday tea parties in and around Finchley for people aged 75 and over who are lonely, isolated or in need of companionship. Volunteer drivers are needed to collect older guests from their homes and take them to and from the tea party where between 10 and 15 older guests and volunteers share tea, cake, and companionship, and enjoy a change of scenery for an afternoon. If you would like to get involved please contact [ruth.carter@reengage.org.uk](mailto:ruth.carter@reengage.org.uk)

**Finchley Foodbank** is on the lookout for volunteers. Roles range from receiving deliveries to sorting food donations to restocking shelves and staffing Tuesday and Saturday sessions at St Mary's Church on the High Road, N2. We are always looking for people who want to contribute to the local community and provide a warm welcome to people in need. Find out more at [finchleyfoodbank.org.uk](http://finchleyfoodbank.org.uk)

**Driving Aid to Ukraine** is a non-profit organisation based in N2 delivering humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian conflict zones, via border transfer points. They require all kinds of volunteers: to help scale up in building and sustaining a social media campaign, fund raising and grant writing and to organise collections of vital humanitarian and medical aid items. Find out more at [Drivingaidtoukraine.org](http://Drivingaidtoukraine.org) or ring Michael Byrne on 07791 912389.

*The Archer offers this space free to local organisations that need volunteers. Please submit your listing of max 80 words to [news@the-archer.co.uk](mailto:news@the-archer.co.uk)*

# Homeless set up camp alongside North Circular



Roadside: A small group of tents has been set up on the North Circular bridge

By Janet Maitland

**A group of homeless people have set up camp alongside the A1000 bridge as it crosses the North Circular. Half a dozen tiny tents are jammed together on a patch no bigger than the average living room.**

"The camp is clean and tidy, tucked away from housing, and there's been no complaints," said Jan Lovell, from East Finchley Safer Neighbourhood Team. "We'll assist them by liaising with Outreach groups and Barnet Council and deal with any crime or anti-social behaviour if it arises."

### Nowhere to go

Barnet has roughly 16 rough sleepers, including those in tents, according to a count taken one night at the end of May. Westminster has the most in London, with around 400 a night.

There are also 2,886 households living in emergency accommodation in Barnet, up from 2,520 a year ago. This B&B and nightly-let accommodation can often lack basic facilities such as a kitchen, which is why food banks find

packet soup and noodles are in high demand from those with only a kettle.

Despite the huge need for shelter, only 51% of Barnet's government Homeless Prevention Grant of just over £10 million for 2025/26 can be spent on temporary accommodation. Meanwhile, the cost of such accommodation continues to skyrocket.

Options for those facing homelessness are limited. Cheap bedsits, flat shares and lodgings are in extremely short supply or non-existent in London's expensive rental market.

For anyone becoming homeless through the ending of a tenancy, domestic abuse, family breakdown, the death of a parent or spouse, addiction, mental health problems, or leaving a care institute or the army or prison, there are hostels but

nowhere near enough.

One of these, Arlington House in Camden, opened in 1905 and used to take 1,200 people a night, but now it's just 95. Squatting in a disused building is also not possible as that's been illegal since 2012.

Just before going to press, the Government's Spending Review announced an injection of almost £1 billion into council budgets over the next 10 years to "break the cycle of spiraling homelessness".

### How you can help

In the meantime, you can help a rough sleeper by calling StreetLink on 0300 500 0914 or go to [thestreetlink.org.uk/start](http://thestreetlink.org.uk/start). They will send the details to a local outreach team who will locate the individual, assess their needs and offer support services with the aim of ending their homelessness.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### Barnet Council 430 Long Lane, N2

Internal alterations including splitting of the living room into a bedroom and dining room. The study room to be converted into a laundry & WC room

### 21 Church Lane, N2

Erection of new two-storey dwelling following demolition of the existing dwelling. New front hardstanding to provide off-street parking. Associated landscaping and patio area

Land At Central Avenue (adjacent to Willow House), the Grange Estate, High Road, N2

Submission of details of condition 22 (PV panels) pursuant to planning permission 22/3539/FUL dated 03/01/2023

### 95 Huntingdon Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension following demolition of the existing extension

### 150 High Road, N2

Single-storey side and rear extension to existing rear outrigger and creation of roof terrace at first floor. Roof extension including new pitched roof with three roof lights and one rear gable window. Conversion of upper floors into two self-contained flats with associated refuse storage

### 28 Lincoln Road, N2

Single-storey side/rear extension with three roof lights

### Outside 54-64 High Road, N2

Installation of one double-sided internally illuminated LCD screen with integral electrical vehicle

charging point

### 8 Manor Park Road, N2

Single-storey side lean-to and rear extension following demolition of the existing extension. Reduction of size of existing window on side of rear outrigger and increasing of the size of window on rear of outrigger. Replacement windows to match existing and addition of one skylight to roof of outrigger

### 66 Park Hall Road, N2

Side dormer extension of rear addition dormer over roof terrace

### 220 High Road, N2

Change of use of part of the ground floor commercial (Class E) to one self-contained flat (Class C3) Changes to fenestration

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