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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

Age UK Barnet needs volunteers to help in its Tuesday or Thursday day clubs in East Finchley which are for people living with mild to moderate dementia. By chatting to people, helping with activities and serving lunch and refreshments, you will help to make the club a warm, welcoming and stimulating environment for members. To find out more, please contact Lisa on lisa.robbs@ageukbarnet.org.uk or call 0208 432 1422.

Finchley Foodbank has supported people in need in Barnet for ten years, and demand continues to grow. It supports more than 500 people a week with emergency food and essentials. Volunteers are crucial and rewarding roles range from receiving/sorting deliveries and donations to restocking and staffing twice-weekly client sessions. Email finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com to find out how you can give back to your community.

Volunteer at the **North London Scouts** group, who are looking for adults to help their Beavers (age six to eight) and Cubs (age eight to ten) have fun, learn new skills, and go on adventures. From games and crafts to cooking, outdoor activities, and trips, no two weeks are the same! You don't need experience, just enthusiasm and a willingness to join in. Whether it's a weekly commitment, occasional help, or support behind the scenes, you'll make a real difference and be part of a friendly team. Interested? Email del@224northlondonscouts.org.uk

The **North London Hospice** shop in the High Road, N2, would love to hear from people of all ages who are interested in helping out with sales and donations. They offer places for students from 16 years old as well and can help with work experience placements. Please drop into the shop and speak to the manager Anastasiya.

If you'd like your organisation to be included in this column please email news@the-archer.co.uk

Developer puts plans on hold



On the move: Monkey Puzzle Nursery is leaving its current home in Park House

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"We will continue to relocate the nursery to Langley House, further up the High Road where I have now signed a lease," said Paula. "The future of the Park House site is up in the air and Langley House, which we are renovating now to meet our needs, is a marvellous space. "I was lucky to get it as two nursery chains were after it as well and putting in higher offers. It remains to be seen how many years will go by before a building on the Park House site is ready for us. Ultimately we hope to return, but we must have a secure space for the nursery children for as long as necessary".

At the time of going to press she was still in dialogue with Barnet Council regarding her request for an extension to stay until the end of September 2026. Parents of children at

the nursery are urging Barnet Council to confirm the extension, saying youngsters will be severely disrupted without it. They are also questioning the way Places for Barnet have handled the planning application process. *See their full letter to The Archer on page 11.*

Meanwhile, in another strand to this saga, The Friends of Manor Park Road finally received a formal answer to a question they submitted on 11 July to Councillor Ross Houston, Barnet Council's Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Homes & Regeneration. They had asked who were the other developers who were considered and on what basis were Kuropatwa considered to be the better partner option. Councillor Houston's response revealed that The Hill Group as well as Kuropatwa (now renamed as London Place-making Group) were invited

to submit proposals. Calendar records show that meetings with both took place in November 2022 when they gave presentations to the council's Director of Growth, but they cannot find any files or information as to how they came to a decision. The letter states the two lead staff who attended that presentation have left the council and concludes: "We recognise we have not met the standards we would expect in terms of record keeping and have taken steps to ensure that this does not happen in the future."

Turning back to Cherry Tree Quarter, Monkey Puzzle owner Paula Murphy is convinced that the longer-term commitment to keeping a nursery on the Park House site, however it is developed, will be honoured, and this has been confirmed to *The Archer* by Places for Barnet spokesman Marcello Burbante.

It also has the backing of local MP Sarah Sackman, who told *The Archer*: "My priority has always been the needs of the children at the Monkey Puzzle nursery and ensuring that any development that comes forward on the site serves the needs of our East Finchley community for the long term. "Developments need to happen, that is a fact of life given the housing crisis in London, but we must mitigate the impact on the children and the wider community. As your MP, I am not the decision maker on developments, but I am pushing for more family homes that respect the local environment and it's why I have campaigned throughout for a guarantee that a new nursery will be built on the site. We have secured that and must hold developers to account."

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

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. Ref: 25/4594/FUL

13 Leicester Road, N2

Single-storey side extension with pitched roof and three roof lights. New rear glazed doors and window. Replacement flat roof to rear. Ref: 25/4575/HSE

121 High Road, N2

Submission of details of condition 5 (Demolition, Construction Management and Logistics Plan) 12 (Air pollution mitigation) 13 (Noise mitigation) pursuant to planning permission 25/3020/FUL dated 10/9/2025. Ref: 25/4553/CON. Submission of details of condition 5

(Demolition, Construction Management and Logistics Plan) 10 (Noise Mitigation) 11 (Mitigation Measures - Insulation) pursuant to planning permission 25/1785/S73 dated 04/06/2025. Ref: 25/4550/CON

North of 1 Fairlawn Avenue, N2

Rooftop extension over garage and conversion into office unit. Insertion of one front and two rear facing roof lights. Associated refuse and recycling storage. Ref: 25/4432/FUL

18 Trinity Road, N2

Non-material amendment to planning permission 23/2747/HSE dated 18/08/2023 for 'Part single, part two-storey rear extension with one roof light' Amendments include removal of first-floor extension and reduction of ground-

floor extension footprint. Ref: 25/4320/NMA

22 Deansway, N2

First-floor side extension with pitched roof and one side roof light. Ref: 25/4191/HSE

Haringey

40 Beech Drive, N2

Construction of new ground-floor, single-storey rear extension and dormer extension to the side and rear. Roof slope and associated internal reconfiguration and refurbishment. Ref: IN/2025/2604

78 Great North Road, N2

Conversion of existing dwelling into two dwellings with associated alterations. Ref: IN/2025/2760

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