



The Archer

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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

Age UK Barnet always 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.

The Together Project CIO is looking for a Group Welcomer to support its Songs & Smiles session at Spring Lane Care Home, Muswell Hill. The group runs on Mondays at 11am, bringing young children and older residents together through music and play. The Welcomer helps greet families, support the session leader, and create a warm, friendly atmosphere. If you're interested, please email songs@thetogether-project.org.uk

Finchley Foodbank is looking for a new kind of volunteer to help people with all things digital e.g. searching the internet, sending emails, booking appointments. You will signpost people to help with the cost of living, employment, housing etc. You will need to be available for food bank sessions on Tuesdays and/or Saturdays 11.30am-2pm twice a month. To find out more about becoming a digital champion volunteer or a general volunteer, please email: finchleyfoodbank@gmail.com

Volunteer stewards are wanted at **OmVed Gardens** in Highgate Village to welcome visitors, answer questions, signpost around the site and support Open Days and other events. A friendly, outdoor role with a chance to be part of a community and enjoy free access to some events. No experience needed – just enthusiasm and a love of people and nature. Contact enquiries@omvedgardens.com to register your interest or for more info.

Food Bank Aid is looking for new volunteers. The organisation provides essential goods to 33 food banks who in turn support over 20,000 people per week. Do you have spare time to sort and pack donations? Or are you a keen driver who can deliver donations to food banks in North London? The hub is a fun place to work in, with friendly people, music, cake, tea and coffee. Flexible shifts available. To apply, email volunteering@foodbankaid.org.uk and put 'The Archer' in the subject line.

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

Open garden

OmVed Gardens in Highgate Village is hosting an Open Day fundraiser in aid of North London Hospice on Sunday 19 April from 11am. The event will be a chance to wander through the gardens with a cup of tea and a slice of cake and to buy tickets for raffle prizes.

OmVed Gardens, off Highgate High Street, is a garden, exhibition, events, and learning space exploring food, ecology, and creativity



Lush garden in OmVed Gardens

for climate resilience. Find out more and get tickets at <https://omvedgardens.com/events>

Homes site to be sold



Saved space: The pocket park in Manor Park Road

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After hard campaigning, EEVRA, the newly formed resident's association for Manor Park Road and the neighbouring streets, is jubilant and its volunteers are working hard to improve the current site. Co-chair Nikki Austen said: "More than 200 residents have contributed to a 60-page proposal that cites repairs and

community uses of our park that has been woefully neglected by the council for over a decade." Councillor Ross Huston, Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration, said: "We will be working with residents in relation to how we can improve the site as it's currently configured." EEVRA has already played a significant role in

holding Places for Barnet partnership to account.

Referring to the Cherry Tree Quarter project, they said: "Over £2 million of public money appears to have been spent developing proposals, yet the site is now being sold to the incumbent developer without an open competitive process, and it remains unclear how that developer was originally appointed. "People are also worried about the future of the nursery and the six protected trees (five birch and one yew). We are told they will remain, but at the same time the sale is described as 'unconditional', which raises obvious questions about what guarantees actually exist. "Local residents simply want a well-designed, policy-compliant scheme that protects valued community assets and is developed through a transparent process. We hope the council will now work constructively with the community to achieve a better outcome for this important site". Barnet's explanation for the break-up and land sale is that it is due to the Council's budget pressures and that this sale will deliver a better outcome.

Oliver Kuropatwa, of London Placemaking, has already invited a party of up to ten residents from Ingram Road, neighbours to the Park House site, along with local councillors, to meet with him and this bodes well for signs of more public engagement before plans are submitted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

62 Huntington Road, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window with juliet balcony and two front-facing roof lights. Ref. No: 26/1077/192

Fairacres, 164 East End Road N2,

Submission of details of general condition of planning permission Biodiversity Gain Plan of 25/1113/FUL dated 22/01/25. Ref. No: 26/1059/BNG

456 Long Lane, N2

Roof extension involving rear dormer window with juliet balcony. Ref. No: 26/1050/192

55 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension with two roof lanterns. Ref. No: 26/1048/HSE

220A High Road, N2

Changes to side and rear fenestration. Ref. No: 26/1022/FUL

21 Church Lane, N2

Submission of details of condition 3 (Materials) 9 (Biodiversity Enhancement Plan-BEP)

12 (Low Impact Lighting Bats)

13 (Hard and Soft Landscaping pursuant to planning permission 25/4594/FUL dated 02/01/2025. Ref. No: 26/0917/CON

30 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension with two roof lights following demolition of existing timber extension. Single-storey outbuilding to rear garden with green roof. New front porch. Ref. No: 26/0905/192

Five Bells, 165 - 167 East End Road, N2

Remove one 12.5m pole and replace with one 20m pole with wraparound cabinet, remove three antennas and replace with one EE/H3G tri sector antenna and three EE antennas, install one GPS Node and ancillary equipment works. Ref. No: 26/0929/LIC

54 Huntington Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension with five roof lights. Ref. No: 26/0821/HSE

72-74 High Road, N2

Change of use of first and second floors from offices (Class E) into

two self-contained flats (Class C3)

Associated refuse/recycling and cycle storage. Ref. No: 26/0817/PNE

63 Bedford Road, N2

Variation of condition 1 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 25/1362/FUL dated 11/04/2025 for 'Single-storey side extension with five roof lights.' Amendments include increase in the depth of the approved side extension by an additional 0.5 metres. Ref. No: 26/0813/S73

Langley House, Park Road, N2

Change of use of part of the existing office car park (E (g)(ii)) to an outdoor play area for Day Nursery (E(f)) purposes including the construction of a new timber fence, surfacing and bin store. Ref. No: 26/0710/FUL

Haringey

24 Greenfield Drive, N2

Erection of a single-storey rear extension. Ref: HGY/2026/0517