



The Archer

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BE PART OF IT Volunteers wanted

Compiled by Lynn Winton

Could you be the new Digital Newsletter Editor for **HGSu3a**, the organisation for retired people where members participate in daily activities, meet new people and make lifelong friends. The newsletter is emailed to members monthly to keep them up to date with new events and groups each month. The role entails liaising with Group Leaders and compiling the copy for the newsletter. You would be working closely with Chair Carole Spiers and the Joint Group Organisers on the final copy. Our outgoing Editor reckons that the job takes about 6-8 hours per month. For an initial discussion please contact cs@carolespiersgroup.co.uk. Find out more at <https://hgsu3a.uk>

Dovetail DaCapo is a friendly place where asylum-seekers and refugees meet to make music together on **Saturdays from 2pm to 3.30pm at Wren Academy, N12 9HB**. The music is followed by a shared vegetarian meal. If you are interested in joining its rota of volunteers who prepare the meal (heating up soup, putting out bread, hummus, fruit, etc), they'd love to hear from you. They are also interested to hear from volunteers who would like to help in other ways. Email: jam@dacapo.co.uk

Join the team at the new **Finchley Free Legal Advice Centre**. This new community-led initiative is providing free legal advice to residents who are most in need. If you have a legal background, and can spare two hours a month, your experience could make a profound impact on someone's life. They are particularly looking for lawyers with experience in immigration, housing, benefits, crime and family. The new Advice Centre will rotate to different venues in the constituency every other weekend. Find out more by emailing sarah.sackman.mp@parliament.uk.

Finchley Foodbank is looking for a new kind of volunteer to help people with all things digital, such as searching the internet, sending emails and 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 between 11.30am and 2pm twice a month**. To find out more about becoming a digital champion volunteer email: hello@finchleyfoodbank.org.uk

Do you enjoy swimming? **WeSwim** is a London-based charity that creates safe, welcoming spaces where disabled adults can swim with the support of volunteers 1:1 in the water. They are looking for volunteers who are keen to make a difference by working with the disability community in Crouch End, giving just a few hours a month. No swim teaching/coaching qualifications required, although being comfortable in the water is a must. Contact harriet@weswim.club for more information.

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Barnet

79 Hertford Road, N2

Single-storey rear extension with pitched roof and three roof lights. Ref. No: 26/2659/HSE

14 Abbots Gardens, N2

Conversion of garage into habita-

-ble room, insertion of window to replace existing front garage door. Extension of existing roof extension involving hip to gable and enlarged rear dormer window with two juliet balconies. Changes to side elevation fenestration including infill of existing window and new side gable window

A doorway into the creative media



Head start: Anjola Fashawe found confidence to work in the creative industries

Exposure has been giving young people in north London a creative space and platform to publish their work and reach a wide audience since 1996. This year, the charity turns 30 and here Anjola Fashawe tells how she is part of the story.

I first walked through the doors of Exposure in Muswell Hill when I was 16, anxious and unsure I belonged in creative media. What I found was a community that told me I did.

Over 30 years, it has grown into a multi-award-winning youth communications charity working with over 200 young people every year, but its soul hasn't changed. It's still that same space where you can bring your full self, find your voice, and truly be heard.

I'm living proof. At 20, I'm a lead peer mentor supporting the next generation of young people coming through, building my journalism career through an apprenticeship at The i Paper, and profiling fellow Exposure

alumna Little Simz, the north London rap artist who was awarded both the Mercury Prize and a BRIT Award.

This summer marks a new chapter. Founder Andreas Koumi is stepping back, and Fran O'Connell, who has been at the heart of Exposure for 15 years, has become CEO. "Fran knows our young people. She knows what we stand for," says Andreas. "I am handing over the baton with enormous pride." "I've seen what happens when a young person finds their voice,"

Fran says. "It changes everything, their confidence, their sense of what's possible, their future." As it enters this new chapter, Exposure is looking for two new trustees, people who share a genuine commitment to young people and can bring expertise in fundraising, digital media, finance, charity governance or equality and inclusion. The role will entail four or Four trustee meetings a year, with hybrid options available. To find out more or express interest contact: info@exposure.org.uk or visit exposure.org.uk

[Amended Description]. Ref. No: 26/2628/192

10 Oakview Gardens, N2 2

Single-storey rear extension following demolition of the existing conservatory. Ref. No: 26/2492/HSE

330 High Road, N2

Demolition of rear storage/retail unit and construction of a retail unit with basement level and two self-contained flats over first and second floors, with side balconies and privacy screens. Associated refuse/recycling store, cycle store parking and amenity space. Ref. No: 26/2464/FUL

220 High Road, N2

Change of use of part of the ground floor commercial (Class E) to one self-contained flat (Class C3). Ref. No: 26/2377/PNE

47 Hertford Road, N2

Roof extension involving L-shaped rear dormer window and two front-facing roof lights. Ref. No: 26/2374/192

14 Lincoln Road, N2

Roof extension involving one rear dormer window over main roof and one rear dormer over outrigger roof with juliet balcony and three front-facing roof lights. Single-storey rear lean-to extension with parapet roof and one skylight. Changes to fenestration. Ref. No: 26/2339/192

65 Fortis Green, N2

Roof extension involving one rear dormer window over main roof and one rear dormer over outrigger roof with juliet balcony and three front-facing roof lights. Single-storey rear lean-to extension with parapet roof and one skylight. Changes to fenestration. Ref. No: 26/2339/192

Land adjacent to 290 Long Lane, N2

Erection of two terraced two-storey dwellings with rooms in the roof space with associated amenity space, provision of off-street parking and associated crossover, recycling/ refuse/EV charger and cycle storage. New front boundary wall. (Amended Description).

Ref. No: 26/2308/FUL

30 Summerlee Avenue, N2

Single-storey rear extension with a proposed depth of 4.05m, maximum height of 3.00m and an eaves height of 3.00m. Ref. No: 26/2299/PNH

Haringey

8 Eastern Road, N2

Non-material amendment to the application HGY/2025/0897 as approved on 21/08/2025 for: Demolition of side garage and erection of new single-storey side extension together with new insulated render finish to side and rear elevations, new and adjusted window openings and internal remodelling. Solar panels are to be added the rear elevation roof slope. The proposed amendments sought are: alterations to window positions, amendments to the style of the original windows and installation of PV panels on rear roof slope. Ref: HGY/2026/1449