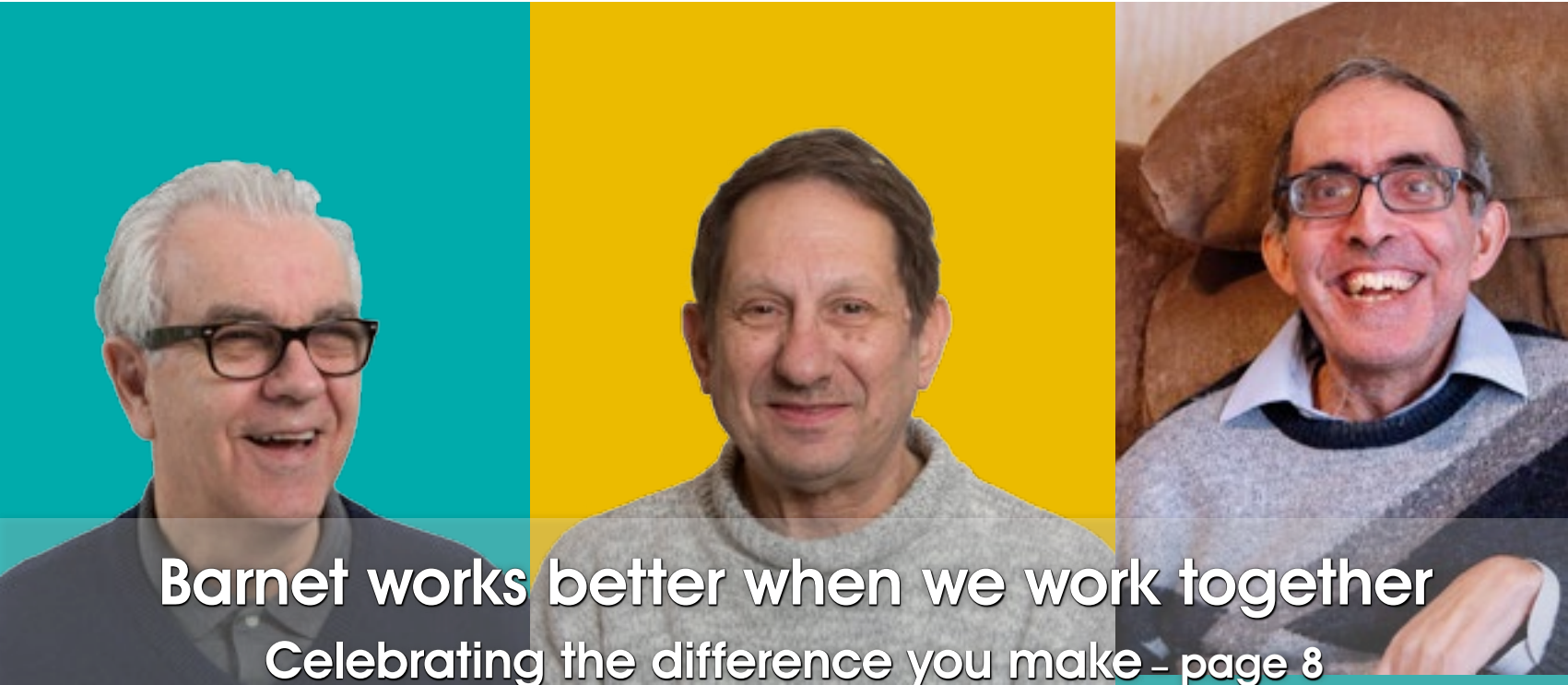


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## Leader's column

**W**anting to make a difference to my community was the main reason I stood as a councillor 11 years ago.

While becoming a councillor might not be for you, there are many other things we can all do to make a difference.

Even the simplest of things, like paying your Council Tax on time, can help. Our article on pages 8 and 9 focuses on some of the great things our residents are doing like; Michelle from East Finchley, a dedicated recycler, and, Paddy from Whetstone, who set up a night shelter to help the homeless.

These residents do their bit, not for the recognition, but because they are helping make their communities better. If you are a Michelle or Paddy, I'd like to say thank you. If you are on the fence and want to get involved but don't know where to start, visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether).

I am proud to represent Barnet's 390,000 residents and, as we face some tough financial decisions, I will play my part to make sure the funding we receive from central Government takes into account our unique set of challenges.

Good diets and healthy lifestyles mean we are living longer. With this increased life expectancy comes added costs and responsibilities and it is important we care for our elderly and vulnerable residents who have contributed so much during their working lives.

This year, once again, there is no increase in Council Tax to fund general services. However, after consultation we will be applying a 3 per cent precept to bills which will be spent exclusively on helping provide support and care for our elderly and vulnerable residents.

The precept will generate an additional £4.6m per year, adding £2.80 per month to Council Tax bills for a Band D property next year.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly, and I am pleased there has been no overall increase in residents' Council Tax bills for each of the past six years, equating to a 16 per cent real term reduction in Council Tax since 2010/11 (p14-15).

Keeping Council Tax bills low has been our way of making a small difference to our residents' lives. And, like thousands of our school children who have shown improved fitness and concentration after running a kilometre around their playground every day (p19), we can see that these small differences can add up to bigger benefits in the long run.

Yours



Richard Cornelius



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## news

## Council coming to Colindale in 2018

**W**e are on track to relocate to the heart of one of the borough's vibrant regeneration sites in 2018. New council offices are being built in Colindale, at the southern end of Bristol Avenue near its junction with Grahame Park Way.

This will integrate the council into one of its flagship areas, in a vibrant new community with major infrastructure improvements, improved transport links, a newly built college campus, community health facilities, replacement library, community and children's activity centres.

Deputy Leader, Councillor Daniel Thomas, said: "I am very pleased to see the building works for the new Barnet Council office commence. This move will not only bring the council closer to the community but provide new jobs and support to local businesses."

We will be sending out further updates on the relocation in the run up to 2018, so keep an eye on our website: [www.barnet.gov.uk/our-new-office](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/our-new-office)



A look at the future offices

## Green light for new leisure centres



Plans for the redevelopment of New Barnet Leisure Centre have been approved

**T**wo new leisure centres are on the way after councillors approved building plans earlier this year. An investment of up to £35million will see Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre redeveloped, creating a new facility, and a new leisure centre constructed in Victoria Recreation Ground to replace the existing Church Farm Leisure Centre.

This is part of our Sport and Physical Activity project which aims to get residents more active, after a recent survey indicated at least 50 per cent of the borough's adult population do not currently take part in any sport or physical activity.

We are also supporting campaigners to raise funds for a new regional diving facility, and have agreed to provide land and £500,000. The remaining funds will need to be raised from other organisations.

Residents can check for updates on the construction of the two new centres online at: [www.barnet.gov.uk/leisurecentredevelopment](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/leisurecentredevelopment)



An artist's impression of the new leisure centre for Barnet Copthall

## Targeted enforcement action in Burnt Oak

Barnet agencies were working together in January as part of a week of targeted enforcement action in Burnt Oak.

The operation, which took place during the week beginning 23 January, tackled anti-social behaviour, street drinking, fly-tipping and licensing breaches. Known as Operation Tungsten, the operation saw a number of arrests and fines issued for various offences. We will continue our work with agencies to target enforcement action in the borough.

## Listen live to the debate

Residents can now listen live to many of the borough’s committee meetings thanks to a new audio webcast service.

The new service allows residents to stream meetings live via the council’s website and listen in as the debate takes place during a selection of meetings. The technology also allows residents to listen to recordings of what was said at the committee and even select which agenda item they would like to hear.

For more information on upcoming meetings being broadcast live, visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/listen-live](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/listen-live)

## Top marks for our students

We know our pupils and teachers work hard and that many of our schools are among the best in the country, and now it’s official.

The latest 2016 figures show that our Key Stage 2 results place us in the top 20 per cent in the country for reading, grammar, punctuation, spelling and maths.

We received good Key Stage 2 results for reading, writing and maths combined, which were above the national average and our pupils were well above the national average for reading and maths (with 73 and 77 per cent achieving the expected standard, respectively).

Well done to all our pupils and teachers.

## John Hooton becomes new Chief Executive



**A**t a full council meeting in January, John Hooton was formally appointed to the role of Chief Executive at Barnet Council.

Mr Hooton has been in the role on an interim basis since May 2016 and, prior to that, served as Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive. He joined the council in 2010.

Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of Barnet Council, said: “The applicants were of an extremely high calibre but the panel decided that John Hooton has the right range of skills, qualities and experience for the job. Having worked with us for over six years and as interim Chief Executive for the

last nine months, John understands the complexities, challenges and opportunities in Barnet, which I am confident will be a real strength in this role. John has also been integral to us successfully meeting our financial challenges, and this will continue to be a key focus.”

John Hooton said: “I’m delighted to have been appointed as Chief Executive and it has been a privilege to have done this job on an interim basis for the last nine months. Barnet is a fascinating and diverse place and I’m looking forward to continuing to work with our councillors, staff and local partners to ensure that public services in Barnet are of the highest possible quality for residents and businesses.”

## New location for Barnet Register Office

Barnet Register Office has moved to its new home at Hendon Town Hall.



Residents can visit the new site to officially record births, death, marriages and civil partnerships within the borough. Residents will also be able to use the iconic Grade II listed building to get married.

## An increase in the national minimum wage



The National Minimum Wage throughout the UK will increase from 1 April.

If you are an employee and want to make sure you are receiving the correct wage, you should speak to your employer or check your pay online at: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

If you are an employer and want to make sure you are paying your employees the correct wage, visit the website for more support.

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# Partnering up for the future library service



In December we announced the organisations set to run four of Barnet's libraries from April 2017.

Childs Hill, Mill Hill, East Barnet and South Friern libraries were chosen to be supported in a partnership with voluntary or local community organisations. This is part of our strategy to keep all 14 libraries in the borough open, whilst reducing costs.

We are working with the partners to make sure they are fully equipped to operate the library services in time for their launch next month.

Under a 10-year agreement, we will lease the library premises to the partners and provide equipment and book stock with a small grant for running costs.

**In return, the partner organisations will manage and develop the service for you.**

The libraries will be open for a minimum of 15 hours per week but with a view to longer hours and additional services over time. There are already more than 300 community-led or managed libraries operating across the UK. We look forward to helping our libraries develop further under the stewardship of our partners.

### Who are running our libraries?

**Kisharon and Mencap:** Childs Hill Library

**NW7 Hub:** Mill Hill Library

**Inclusion Barnet:** East Barnet Library and South Friern Library

Following consultation with our residents, the current East Barnet Library will be relocated to the Victoria Recreation Ground in 2019. This new library, which will be known as the New Barnet Library, will share leisure and café facilities at the Victoria Recreation Ground. For more information on changes to the library service, visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/barnet-libraries-changing](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/barnet-libraries-changing)

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## A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL BARNET UNITY FESTIVAL OF FAITH AND CULTURE

Sunday 14th May 2017 | 12.00 - 17.00  
Burnt Oak Leisure Centre  
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In partnership with community groups in Barnet



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- Sports zones
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- Exhibitions and information

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The council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team often carries out blue badge operations to tackle blue badge fraud and misuse.

## Blue badge fraud – results

Between January 2016 and January 2017 the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team (CAFT) has investigated **170 blue badge cases**, seized **80 blue badges** and **22 drivers** were prosecuted. In October 2016 CAFT introduced 'Simple Cautions' as a sanction where fraud and blue badge misuse had been proved in accordance with our Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy. Between 1 October 2016 and January 2017 CAFT administered **27 cautions**.

Blue badge fraud and misuse limits the amount of available parking for genuine badge holders and causes a loss to public finances. Blue badges can only be used by the named badge holder, or by a person who has dropped off or is collecting the badge holder from the place where the vehicle is parked.

To report a blue badge misuse or fraud call the fraud hotline on tel: **020 8359 2007** or visit **[www.barnet.gov.uk/anti-fraud](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/anti-fraud)**

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# Fast Track Planning Application Service

Thinking about adding an extension to your home in 2017?

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to your needs

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# Thanks Barnet for doing your bit

Every year thousands of residents in the borough take part in community-based activities and it is this community spirit that helps make Barnet a great place to live and work. We know that our combined efforts to work together make a big difference and that's why we want to shine a spotlight on our residents who do their bit and celebrate the contributions you make. Whether you have a little time or a lot, it all makes a big difference and we want to say THANKS!

## Our challenge

We will always provide your most valued services, but as we have increasingly fewer resources, we want to work closely with you – our residents, businesses and community groups - to support you to do more

and get involved in making Barnet work together. Across all of our services, there are opportunities for everyone to do your bit – whether it's simply making sure you recycle right, or popping in to see an elderly neighbour, to getting involved in a community clean-up, or volunteering on a more regular basis.

## Can you help get stuck in?

There's lots of ways you can get involved, no matter how much time you have. To help provide some inspiration about how you can do your bit, we have created a fun, online quiz that will offer you a range of activities across Barnet. Take the quiz here: [www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether).

IF YOU WANT TO SHARE HOW YOU ARE HELPING BARNET WORK TOGETHER OR IF YOU JUST WANT TO THANK SOMEONE WHO IS A SHINING STAR IN THE COMMUNITY

LET US KNOW  
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*“With a busy family life, making the effort to recycle right is my way of giving back with the little time that I have. It’s nice to know that a little effort, makes a big difference.”*

Michelle, East Finchley

## Can you do your bit?

Even if you don't have much time to spare, it's the little things that all help make a community work. As well as recycling right, you could also...

- Give us your views on a consultation
- Donate old furniture to a local charity
- Sign up to My Account (see page 16)



*“I volunteer with the Good Neighbours Scheme. I drive my neighbours to lunch club and sometimes help out with the meals whilst I’m there. It’s a great experience and I enjoy helping out other people.”*

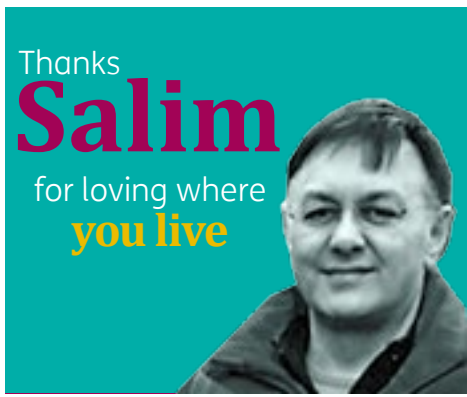
Martin, Burnt Oak

## Are you a good neighbour?

If you take the time to get to know your neighbours and would be there to lend a hand if they were to ask for help, how about...

- Going along to a local community group or organised event
- Checking in on an elderly neighbour
- Signing up to Age UK befriending service

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**“Keeping our neighbourhood clean and green is important to me and my neighbours. It’s a good feeling knowing that we can make a difference not just for ourselves, but also for the people who live in our local area.”**  
Salim, Whetstone (member of West Finchley Resident’s Association)

**Do you love where you live?**  
Are you interested in local issues? If you’re the kind of person who would be interested in taking up something new we suggest...

- Volunteering for a local litter pick
- Reporting local problems if you see one
- Adopting a place in your local park or green space



**“I’ve been helping to set up a partnership library in Barnet. It’s been really rewarding for me because I know that it will make a difference for the community.”**  
Sarah, Mill Hill

**Do you want to get stuck in?**  
If you’ve got a little more time and want to get involved, you might like to get stuck in with opportunities like to...

- Register at Altogether Better Barnet
- Volunteer at your local library
- Sign up to join Team Barnet for volunteering opportunities across Barnet



**“I knew I could help to make a difference in my local area so I helped set up a charity to help homeless people. Thirteen years on, we have grown beyond what I could have ever imagined.”**  
Paddy, Whetstone

**Do you lead the way?**  
If you love getting involved in resolving local issues, why not...

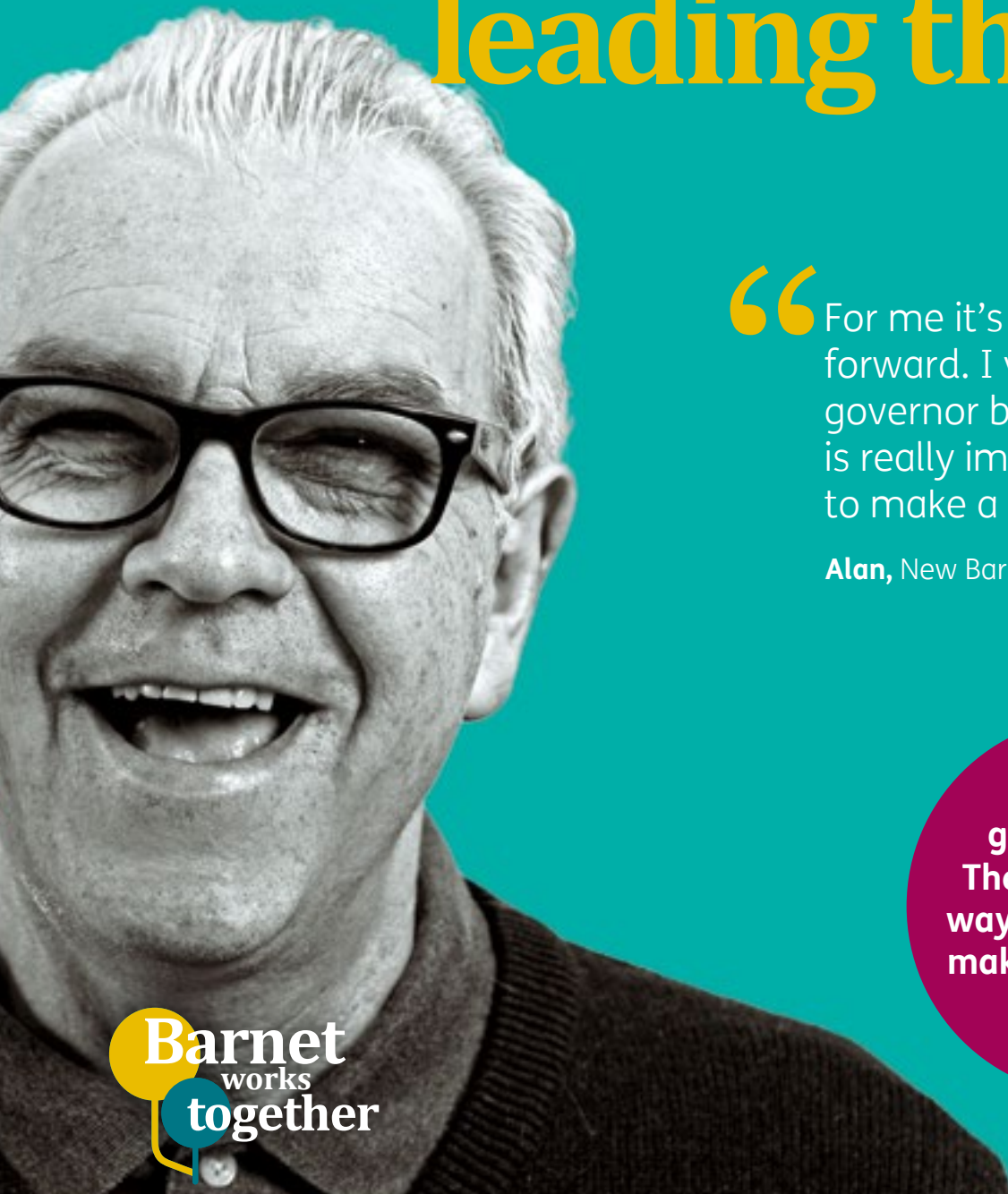
- Become a school governor
- Apply to become a trustee of a charity
- Organise a community clean up
- Follow a passion by setting up your own organisation or group.

If you would like more information about any of these opportunities please visit our website. Alternatively, if you would like to find other ideas for how you can get involved, we have created a fun, online quiz that will offer you a range of activities across Barnet. There’s something for everyone so be sure to take the quiz and find out how you can help Barnet Work Together. Visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether)



**Find out how you can make a difference**  
Take the quiz online! [www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether)

Thanks  
**Alan** for  
leading the way



“For me it’s quite straight forward. I volunteer as a school governor because education is really important and I want to make a difference.”

Alan, New Barnet

Can you  
get involved?  
There are lots of  
ways you can help  
make Barnet work  
together.



**#barnettogether**

Find out about the opportunities to suit you and take  
our quiz at [www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/barnettogether)

## Are you a landlord?

If you rent out a property to private tenants, read this short notice or you could be at risk of prosecution and a significant fine.

Landlords must licence certain properties in Barnet. If you do not have a licence for your house where there is multiple tenants, you could face enforcement action. Most landlords try and comply with the law, but some don't, leaving unsafe conditions for tenants and businesses.

Enforcement Officers are active in Barnet visiting properties across the borough looking for the landlords who are evading the law. Renting out a property covered by the scheme without a licence is a criminal offence. Don't get caught out.

To find out more, and to see if your property needs a licence, use our HMO Licensing tool on: [www.barnet.gov.uk/hmos](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/hmos) or call us on tel: 020 8359 5355 or email: [HMOs@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:HMOs@barnet.gov.uk)

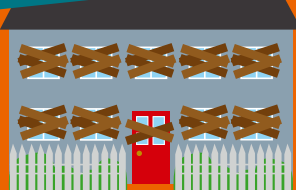


## Improving houses, making homes

Do you want free advice on the help available to improve your property?

**We can help you!**

### Empty properties



Do you own an empty property?  
Does it need some work?  
Don't know what your options are?

**We can advise you.**

### Private rented



Do you live in a rented house, bed sit or similar? Is it safe? Is it licensed?  
Is it cold, damp, in disrepair?

**We can help to get it improved.**

### Owner occupied



Can't get or keep your house warm?  
Struggling to get around the house?  
Concerned about being burgled?

**Grants are available.**

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# Delivering for Barnet

## Protecting and enhancing the borough for generations to come

**R**edevelopment and investment within Barnet will deliver significant opportunities for everyone that lives in the borough. We are maximising the opportunities that come from growth and redevelopment and use the proceeds to invest in essential infrastructure and community facilities that will benefit everyone for many years to come.

We're working closely with developers to make sure that growth and redevelopment within Barnet is managed responsibly and happens in areas that can be improved by change.

By 2020, a total of £834million will be invested in transport, schools and community facilities to benefit new and existing residents in the borough. There will be 27,000 new and replacement homes built by 2025, including over 700 homes, being built by the council and The Barnet Group by 2020.

Councillor Richard Cornelius, Leader of Barnet Council, said: "Over the next three years we'll invest heavily in infrastructure, homes, transport and community facilities across the borough.

"We will make sure that existing residents and local businesses benefit from new growth and that we have the facilities to accommodate all the people who will live in the borough."

# DID YOU KNOW?

**BARNET HAS THE LARGEST POPULATION OF ANY BOROUGH IN LONDON**



Deputy Council Leader Councillor Daniel Thomas and Chief Executive John Hooton check in on progress

### What are we delivering for you?

#### New homes



We're building 27,000 new and replacement homes by 2025, including over 700 homes being built by the council and The Barnet Group by 2020.

#### Better school buildings



8,000 new school places have already been created in the borough and six new schools will be built by 2022. £6million will be invested in early education and child care places by 2020.

#### Better roads and highways



We are three years into a five year plan to invest £50million into creating better roads and pavements, making it easier and safer for you to get around the borough.

#### Enhanced transport links



As part of the £4.5billion Brent Cross regeneration project, a new Thameslink station will be built that will link Brent Cross to King's Cross in less than 15 minutes.

#### Improved public spaces

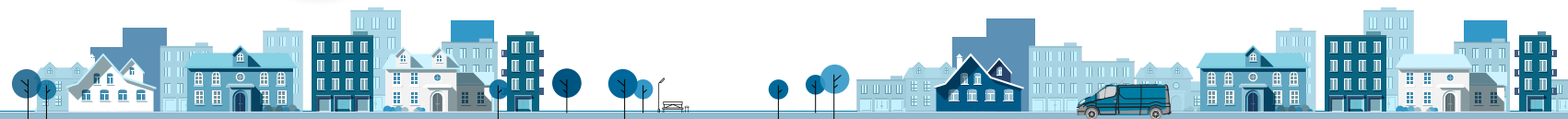


Creating acres of new open spaces and walkways as well as building a new landscaped pedestrian bridge at Brent Cross. Also maintaining 200 parks and open spaces for you to enjoy.

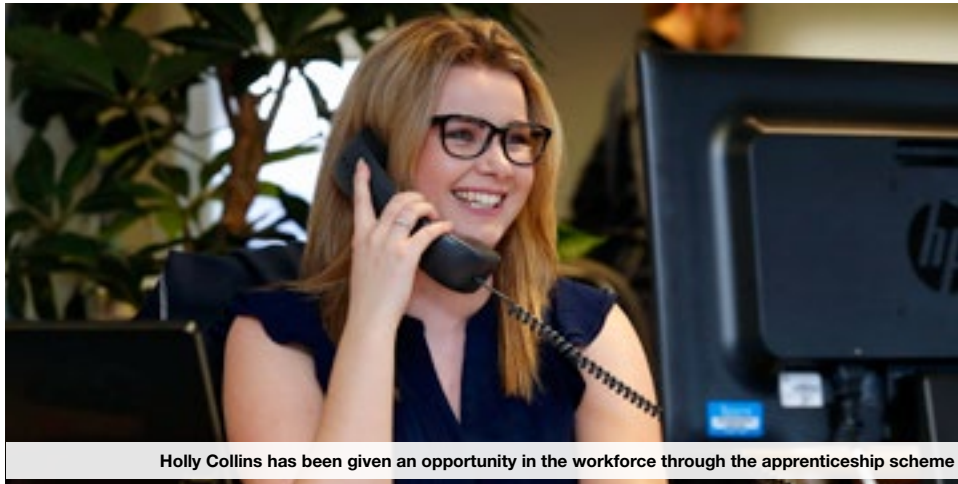
#### Community services



We're building two new leisure centres at Barnet Copthall and Victoria Recreation Ground, investing £35million into state-of-the-art sporting facilities.



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Holly Collins has been given an opportunity in the workforce through the apprenticeship scheme

### Stimulating the job market

Over the next 10 years, we will create hundreds of apprenticeship opportunities. In 2016/17 we, along with our partners, have pledged to create 82 apprenticeships, across a variety of fields including: social care, parks, waste and recycling and business administration.

As well as apprenticeships we have also invested money into a number of other programmes to help people into work. The Burnt Oak Opportunity Support Team (BOOST) has helped almost 200 people into work since it launched in June 2015. The Brent Cross Job Shop, which opened two years ago, has also helped more than 200 residents into retail and hospitality work within Brent Cross Shopping Centre.

### Delivering jobs in the borough

Alongside the creation of jobs that will come through our regeneration schemes, we are also working with our partners to ensure the right support is available for our residents to find work.

We are currently trialling a number of programmes that aim to get our residents better equipped to find sustainable work; including ‘Opportunities for Young People’ and the ‘Skills Escalator’ programme which supports low-income earners to obtain higher paid work which will help increase independence.

Apprenticeships with local businesses and developers in the borough also help to provide local residents with opportunities to progress their careers.

Holly Collins, a 23-year-old resident from Golders Green, was recruited as a Business Administration apprentice by housing developer St George in April 2016.

Holly works at the Beaufort Park development in Colindale four days a week as an office administrator whilst also studying for her NVQ Level 2 Business Administration at Barnet and Southgate College for the remaining day. We asked Holly about what it was like to be an apprentice in Barnet.

### National Apprenticeship Week

It was National Apprenticeship Week in March. To find out more about apprenticeships visit: [www.getingofar.gov.uk](http://www.getingofar.gov.uk)

### My job as an apprentice

I decided to take an apprenticeship because I wanted practical, on the job skills, that would set my career up and complement the skills I am learning on my college course. I work at Beaufort Park in Colindale. It’s a really exciting project to be part of, especially being a Barnet resident. The development is transforming the former RAF Aerodrome site in Colindale into a vibrant new community.

### My working day includes

I work closely with the Project Director and help his team with daily tasks, including organising meetings with contractors, general office management and assisting with processing and logging the daily visitors to the site. No two days are the same and it’s really exciting to see the development process taking place outside.

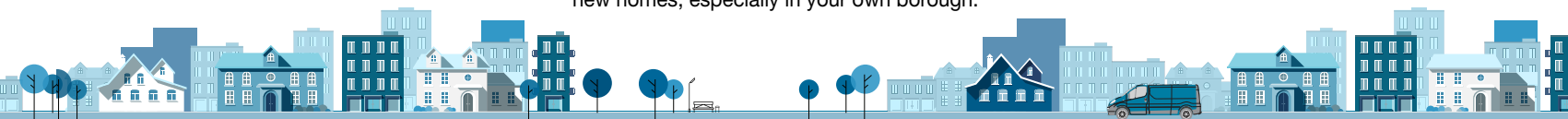
### My proudest moment as an apprentice so far

I have seen this project develop over time through to the final stages where the first residents moved into one of the new buildings, Goldhawk House, in June 2016. I was also nominated for the Berkeley Group Apprentice of The Year award last year and that was a real highlight for me.

### If you had one piece of advice for young people in Barnet

I would strongly encourage more young people, especially girls, to consider an apprenticeship role in the construction industry. There is such a variety of roles to choose from and it is brilliant to play a part in shaping the environment, helping to deliver new homes, especially in your own borough.

For more information on regeneration projects taking place across the borough visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/regeneration](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/regeneration)



## feature

# Your Council Tax bill: what's changing?

**Y**our annual Council Tax bill will be delivered to you soon explaining how your contribution supports the delivery of local services.

Once again there is no increase in Council Tax to pay for general services. However, to help make sure we can continue to care for elderly and vulnerable residents, the Government has given local authorities the flexibility to increase the amount of money that supports adult social care, known as the 'social care precept'. For 2017/2018 we have applied the 3 per cent precept to help meet costs in this area.

**We are working to close the budget gap of £53.8million by 2020 and we will need to make some bold decisions to enable us to live within our means.**

Despite sustained budget pressures, we have successfully saved £112million between 2011 and 2016, while maintaining high levels of resident satisfaction.

While we continue to reduce our running costs, there will be £834million invested in essential infrastructure such as housing, schools, regeneration, transport, community hubs, and leisure centres over the coming years, drawing on the proceeds from development.

On these two pages you can see where we will be spending your Council Tax over the next year, and we also set out some of our major plans for supporting people and families, our neighbourhoods and our plans for the future.

## Applying a 3 per cent precept: what does this mean for you?

In Barnet, we have both a growing and ageing population and demand for social care is increasing. It is essential that we are able to fund high quality care for the elderly and other vulnerable adults. The precept will generate an additional £4.6million per year, adding £2.80 per month to your Council Tax bills for a Band D property in 2017/2018.

The money will be used exclusively on care for our adult services and caring for our elderly residents, including residential and day care for older people. It will also help to pay for services which help individuals look after themselves, such as lunch clubs and befriending services.

For more information on Council Tax visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/council-tax](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/council-tax)



## Where our money comes from

41%

Council  
Tax

£163.560m

22%

Fees and  
Charges

£86.696m

16%

Government  
Grants

£62.618m

13%

Business  
Rates

£54.846m

8%

Other  
Contributions

£30.860m

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# How our money is spent for core services

Adults and Communities	£87.141m
Central Costs and Capital Financing*	£52.723m
Children's Family Services	£52.445m
Customer and Support Group*	£21.161m
Commissioning	£20.563m
Public Health	£17.610m
Street Scene*	£12.881m
Children's Education and Skills	£6.525m
Parking and Infrastructure	£5.936m
Housing Needs and Resources	£5.560m
Assurance*	£3.848m
HB Public Law*	£2.011m

Our net budget for the coming year is £287.518m. Some council services also generated income from fees, charges or specific grants, in total £111.062m, bringing core expenditure on services up to £398.580m. This also includes income from Regional Enterprise of £0.825m and Birth, Deaths and Marriages of £0.061m.

\*To find out more visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/council-tax](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/council-tax)

## Here we outline some services we deliver and our plans for the borough over the coming years

### Caring for our Neighbourhoods

Last year we collected **147,700 tonnes** of household waste with 54,400 tonnes being recycled or composted.



We maintain **200 parks and open spaces** for you to enjoy.



We are investing **£50m** in improving roads and pavements between 2015 and 2020.

We are investing up to **£1m** in new technology to clean the streets more efficiently.





### Supporting People and Families




We have helped **1,300** into work through employment support programmes.

All **14 libraries** are being kept open, with extended Self-Service Opening hours introduced.





We spent **£80m** on adult social care services in 2016/2017.


**£6m** will be invested in early education and child care places by 2020.



### Planning for the Future




**£834m** capital investment will be invested in transport, schools and community facilities to benefit new and existing residents by 2020.

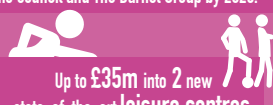


Over **£6billion** private sector investment in housing and infrastructure.

**30,000 local jobs** will be created by 2025.



**27,000** new and replacement homes by 2025, including over **700** homes being built by the council and The Barnet Group by 2020.



Up to **£35m** into 2 new state-of-the-art leisure centres.

# Signing up to 'My Account' gives you fast and flexible access to your Council Tax account

Once you have signed up, just enter the details on your Council Tax bill to access your account, so you can:

- make a payment and view your payment details
- view your property band and Council Tax bill
- add multiple accounts\* for multiple properties.

If you sign up before 28 April you could win an iPad.



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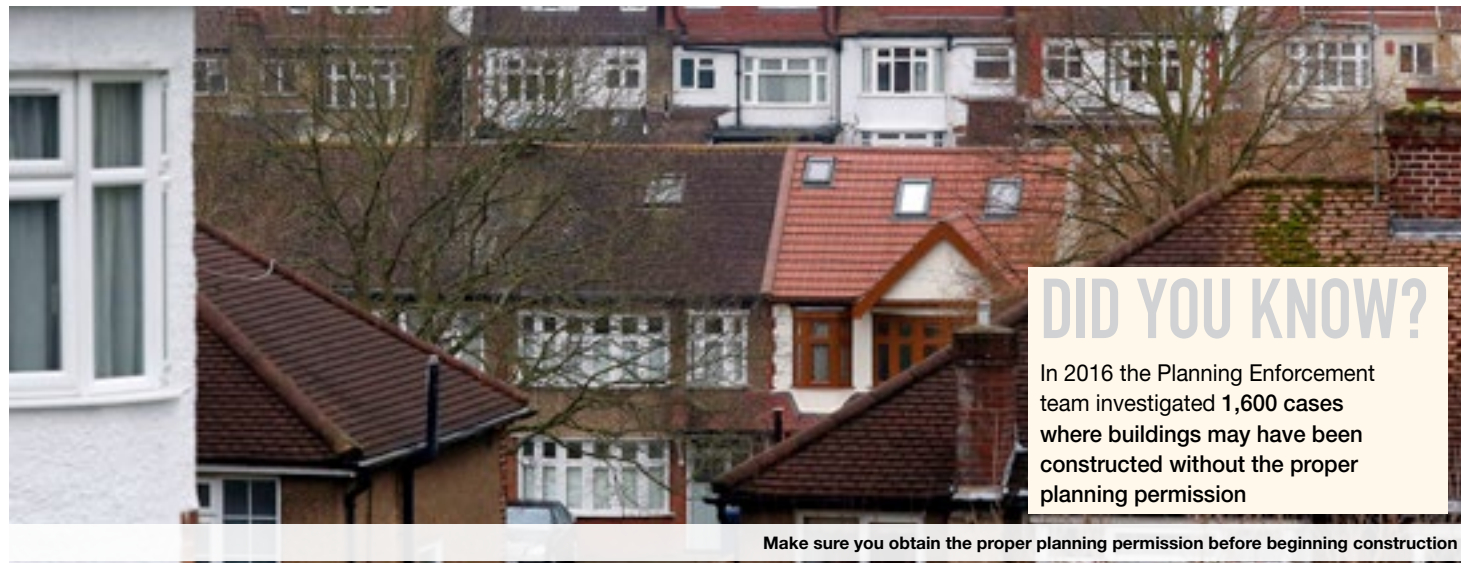
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# Planning Enforcement – safeguarding our borough



## DID YOU KNOW?

In 2016 the Planning Enforcement team investigated **1,600 cases** where buildings may have been constructed without the proper planning permission

Make sure you obtain the proper planning permission before beginning construction

**P**rotecting our borough and keeping you safe is the most important role for Barnet's Planning Enforcement team.

Each year the team looks into cases where buildings may have been constructed without the proper planning permission. Last year the team looked into almost 1,600 cases of these kinds of breaches.

Councillor Melvin Cohen, Chairman of the Planning Committee, said: "Planning rules are a very important way of protecting the character of the borough and ultimately make sure buildings are safe.

"Our Planning Enforcement team is key to making sure those rules are followed and if necessary we will take action against those who flout them."

Where planning rules have been broken the team has a range of measures it can use.

Action can range from advising the owner to apply for planning permission so the structure can be properly considered by the planning process, to prosecution through the courts or even carrying out demolition works with the costs met by the owner.

The team can also order work be carried out to resolve a planning breach, for work to immediately stop on site, or for any damage caused to be rectified, such as the replacement of protected trees or undertaking repairs to a listed building. Planning Enforcement staff work hand in hand with our Corporate Anti-Fraud and Environmental Health teams to ensure that broader housing and development problems can be resolved, and that any proceeds of crime are recovered.

## Illegal sub-division

One prosecution last September involved a landlord who was found guilty of illegally subdividing a semi-detached home into nine flats which he then rented out after being refused planning permission for the scheme. The landlord ignored repeated warnings before being brought before the courts where they were ordered to hand over almost £556,000 under the Proceeds of Crime Act for illegal income generated by renting out the flats in Quantock Gardens, Cricklewood. In addition the landlord was fined £65,000 for the planning offence, and ordered to pay costs of £80,000.

## Tree Preservation Order Breach

Another prosecution in December last year saw a communications company fined £3,000 and ordered to pay £4,398 in costs after pleading guilty to four offences of contravening Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).

The company was digging a service trench for telecommunications cables in the Mill Hill area when workers damaged the root networks of two mature oak trees, a thorn tree and a chestnut tree, all protected by a TPO. The company was prosecuted and pleaded guilty in magistrates' court to contravening the protection orders.

For more information on the team visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-enforcement](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-enforcement)



## people

# Marathon effort



## Raising money for the children's hospice

Running 26.2 miles might not seem like an ideal way to spend a day, but when it helps the building of a much-needed children's hospice, there can be no better reason. Mayor of Barnet, Councillor David Longstaff, will be one of eight competitors running on behalf of Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in the London Marathon on 23 April.

Cllr Longstaff said: "Noah's Ark Children's Hospice makes an amazing contribution across Barnet and north London. Having the opportunity to promote and support them in my year as Mayor has been an incredible experience. Noah's Ark has trusted me with one of their few precious places in the race and it will be a great privilege to run and wear their shirt in the marathon. I only have two paces for the race, slow and stop, and my aim will be to stick to the slow one."

Funds raised from the marathon will help Noah's Ark Hospice to continue their work with providing vital support to children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions and their families.

Senior Community Engagement Manager for Noah's Ark Hospice, Punyapriya Singh, said: "We are delighted to be chosen as one of the Mayor's charities and it's great to see Cllr David Longstaff go the extra mile by taking part in the London Marathon. Without the support of our local community we wouldn't be able to provide the services to families who do not have the gift of time."

Visit: [www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk](http://www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk) to find out more about donating or getting involved as a volunteer. You can also send a donation by texting NOAH05 and the amount to 70070.



The Mayor readying for action for the London Marathon

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# Mayor of Barnet's Golden km gets kids moving

## Improved classroom behaviour, better food habits and an increase in fitness through new programme



The Mayor's Golden Kilometre scheme is getting kids in shape

**W**hat has 10,000 legs, can hop, skip and jump and has been spotted at several locations throughout Barnet?

No it's not anything to be scared of – it is thousands of young people taking part in the Mayor of Barnet's Golden Kilometre.

The programme encourages primary schools in Barnet to help their pupils take part in a 1km walk, jog or run every day around their school or local green space which is the equivalent of about 15 minutes of activity. Schools are encouraged to be as creative as they can to achieve this goal.

Councillor Helena Hart, Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, said: "It's amazing how such a short and enjoyable group activity can have such a beneficial effect on children's health. As the borough

with the second highest population of children and young people in London, we felt we had to do something about the fact that one-third of our 10 to 11-year-old pupils have excess weight. I would like to congratulate fellow Councillor Caroline Stock for coming up with the concept and everyone else involved in promoting this fantastic scheme."

In 2015 we launched the Mayor of Barnet's Golden Kilometre scheme with our partners at Saracens and in Public Health to help protect the health and wellbeing of our young residents. Since then 10 primary schools have signed up with 5,000 children taking part from across the borough and the results have been an outstanding success.

Schools that have taken part have reported improved classroom behaviour, better lunchtime food habits and an increase to the fitness and stamina of less active children.

Head teacher of Christ Church School in High Barnet, Elena Print, said: "The classes have loved doing it and have socially encouraged their peers to join in and cheered them on. The children have gone home and spoken to parents about their enjoyment of it and feedback from parents has been extremely positive."

This has been a fantastic programme throughout the borough and we would like to see more schools become involved.

For more information and advice on the Mayor of Barnet's Golden Kilometre visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/goldenkm](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/goldenkm)



## supporting local business

# Brent Cross PopUp Business School

## Barnet residents set up shop

**A**spiring entrepreneurs from Barnet got a lesson in how to turn their talents into profit at Brent Cross Shopping Centre.

The PopUp Business School, which provides free courses on how to set up a small business, joined forces with Barnet Council to offer advice to those living in the borough.

The school gave advice on how to register as a business, set up a website, create a social media profile for trading and offered a mentoring service alongside a variety of workshops. Attendees were also able to display their products to shoppers, ranging from artwork and jewellery to cocktail kits.

One of these hopeful business owners, Nitin Rabadia, 35, from Hendon, said: “When I saw the PopUp Business School come up on my Facebook account, it screamed out as something I had to do. It was local which I thought was brilliant, and it’s the fastest thing I’ve ever committed to in my life.



Aspiring business owner Nitin Rabadia

“It has absolutely transformed my new business, creating and selling cocktail kits. Before I came here it was ideas on pieces of paper, it was research, it was me talking

to friends. Two weeks later I have a website, I’ve registered with Companies House and have opened a business bank account.”

Another local resident who took up this opportunity, Giulia Vincenzi, 27, from Cricklewood, said: “I’ve been interested in being self-employed as a freelance artist full-time for a while. I’ve been trying to do it a little bit on the side but this was a really good insight into actually how to get set up.



Giulia Vincenzi learned how to set up a side business

**“You can apply the advice to pretty much every self-employed business you want to set up. I’m doing art and illustrations but you can apply it to basically everything.”**

This PopUp Business School was made possible thanks to its partners Hammerson, Microsoft and Barnet and Southgate College.

If you are thinking about starting a new business from scratch, expanding your existing business or relocating to Barnet visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/business](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/business)



## Entrepreneurial Barnet finalists

New businesses may be on the way thanks to the third instalment of the Entrepreneurial Barnet competition. Aspiring businesses pitched their business models to a panel of independent judges with the following finalists selected.

Barnet & Southgate student:  
**Chrystle Perkins (Reggae Aerobics)**

Barnet Business resident:  
**Lee Dien (Magic Link Limited)**

Middlesex University Undergraduate:  
**Jasmine and Bethany (Agent Dance)**

Middlesex University Postgraduate:  
**Andre Thompson (Student Light)**

Each finalist received £500 and a banner designed and made for their business. Andre Thompson was the overall winner and received £2,500.

supporting local business

# Make a commitment today

## Giving customers a healthy option

**B**arnet is a great place to start and grow a business. This month, we talked to one of the Barnet businesses who have signed up to the Healthy Catering Commitment, Oliver's Fish and Chips. We asked shop owner Mario Budwig to tell us a little bit about what makes his shop so special and why he became involved with the Healthy Catering Commitment programme.



Oliver's Fish and Chips has made the commitment to provide healthy options

## Working with our businesses

The Healthy Catering Commitment is a London-wide scheme which publicly recognises and rewards catering businesses that demonstrate a commitment to providing healthier food choices and using cooking techniques that are better for you.

All types of catering establishments are eligible to apply for the scheme including sandwich bars, pubs, restaurants, business caterers, leisure centres and take-aways.

Food outlets which sign up to the programme receive free nutrition training and advice, and further support on providing healthier food options.

This year we will continue our work with food outlets, focusing on the businesses with lower levels of healthier catering awareness. In doing this, a Health Improvement Officer will visit businesses in the borough to give advice and encourage them to serve nourishing meals.

We have also commissioned a nutritionist to deliver workshops to secondary schools, highlighting the harm eating unhealthy food can do to our health.

As part of this project, we will introduce the Healthy Catering Commitment project to Years 7 and 8 and encourage them to look for the window sticker when visiting food outlets. Students are also being asked to tell us the fast food outlet they visit most often, to get a better understanding of where they eat so we can work with these businesses.

For more information email: [foodsafety@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:foodsafety@barnet.gov.uk) or visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/hcc](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/hcc)

### Q Tell us about your business?

**A** We are a fish and chip shop that specialises in fresh fish, either battered or grilled. We also have a selection of vegetarian meals and salads as well.

### Q Why did you register with the Healthy Catering Commitment?

**A** The principles behind the Healthy Catering Commitment complement the way we operate and we felt it was a great programme to push healthy food in our area.

### Q How has it helped your business?

**A** Doing grilled fish has been successful for us and it lets our customers know we aim to be healthy with our cooking methods.

### Q What has been the biggest challenge in business?

**A** Friday and Saturday nights are the most popular times for our customers and we would love a bigger shop for the same rent to welcome everyone to our shop.

### Q What tip would you give someone planning to start their own business?

**A** Always assume it will cost you more than budgeted to start. Also assume that your profits will be far less in the first year or two than expected so you need to have a reserve of cash to allow for this. Focus on giving a clear message to your customers which should be repeated time and time again and finally make sure your design and marketing works well, so have other people comment on it before you press the button.



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# Volunteering opportunities

## Volunteering in Barnet

### David, Edgware



Eight years ago a friend put me in touch with Active Volunteering Barnet; a project from Volunteering Matters which supports adults with disabilities to access volunteering.

Since being diagnosed with MS, I found getting out harder, but it certainly didn't stop me from wanting to help others. Through the befriending scheme I was put in touch with Mary\*, who I have been speaking with every fortnight for seven years. Mary is a widow so things can get a little lonely for her and our chats remind her that she isn't alone.

**“It's easy, I give her a call and ask her about her week and what she has planned.”**

When I started volunteering, my main challenge was whether this would be for me; I worried about whether I'd be able to do it. I reminded myself that my strengths lay in my people skills, dealing with people, so why shouldn't I be able to do anything I want? Although it's just a phone call, it makes a difference for Mary and for me too.

\*Real name withheld

### Children and Young People

#### Barnet Scouts

##### Adult Leaders and New Members

Do you want to take that next step to an exciting, adventurous, life? Barnet Scouts are looking for Adult Leaders and new members for Scout Groups right across Barnet. Volunteer leaders needed to help these groups – join an international movement supporting young people to do their best and make a difference.

### Mental Health

#### Jami

##### Outings volunteer

Jami runs outings on Sundays for centre users who have a history of mental health conditions. Accompany these groups on Sundays with centre staff, and help with the organisation of trips.

### Disability (hearing)

#### Jewish Deaf Association

##### Lovely Volunteer Driver

Take on a vital and rewarding role supporting services for deaf and hard of hearing people, aimed at reducing loneliness and isolation. The Jewish Deaf Association needs positive and cheerful drivers to collect, drop and pick up their members.

### Retail (Children)

#### Noah's Ark Children's Hospice

##### Retail Assistant

If you have a few hours to spare each week and would like to support an essential service, this could be the role for you. Become a Retail Assistant at Noah's Ark Charity Shop and help to raise vital funds.

### Outdoor / Young People

#### The Pavilion Study Centre

##### Woodland Support Volunteer

The Pavilion offers a range of educational programmes for young people unable to attend mainstream schools for a variety of reasons including social, emotional, behavioural and medical difficulties. They are looking for volunteers interested in the outdoors to assist in creating a calming, relaxing woodland space/classroom.

**G**et involved in your local community. Volunteering provides vital support to local organisations and charities, and brings many benefits to the volunteer. From improving your confidence to learning new skills to meeting a new part of your community, volunteering is a great way to make the most of your time. Volunteering Barnet is the accredited Volunteer Centre for Barnet and works with over 100 local organisations, who offer roles of all shapes and sizes. There's sure to be something to suit you. Below are just a few of the many opportunities available from Volunteering Barnet.

### Family

#### Home-Start Barnet

##### Home Visiting Volunteer

Home-Start trains volunteers to provide emotional and practical support to parents who live in the borough and have at least one child aged under 5. Can you offer around three hours a week to those who need emotional support, a friendly word, a listener or a simple gesture of comfort?

### Peer Support

#### Hestia Housing and Support

##### Peer Support Volunteer

Join the peer support programme and use your experiences to support, motivate and inspire others accessing Hestia services. Volunteers with experience of using Hestia services are welcome, as are those with lived experiences relating to mental health, domestic abuse, substance misuse and other support needs.

## what's on

# Mini London Marathon



Under 13 Girls team at last year's London Mini Marathon

Boys and girls between the ages of 11 – 17 will have a chance to represent Barnet in the Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon. The marathon course is from Old Billingsgate to The Mall, central London (the final three miles of the London Marathon). For more information visit [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk) and search for Mini London Marathon. Come and support our young runners on the day.

**Where:** Old Billingsgate to The Mall, central London

**When:** Sunday 23 April

### Celebration Barnet – Unity in the Community

A festival of faith and culture which promotes unity, strengthens confidence and demonstrates what can be achieved when we work together in harmony, peace and understanding. For more information visit: [www.barnetmultifaithforum.org](http://www.barnetmultifaithforum.org).

**Where:** Burnt Oak Leisure Centre, Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak, London HA8 0UB

**When:** Sunday 14 May

**Time:** 12 – 5pm

**Cost:** Free



### Family fair

Parnhams Family Funfair comes to the Montrose Playing Fields in April, bringing with it rides, games and food stalls for the family.

**Where:** Montrose Playing Fields

**When:** 12 – 17 April

**Time:** All day

**Cost:** Free entry

### Meet Humpty Dumpty

In celebration of the Easter holidays, little ones will have the opportunity to meet the much-loved star, at personal appearances during the shopping centre's meet and greet sessions.

**Where:** Broadwalk Centre in Edgware

**When:** Saturday 15 April

**Time:** 12 – 4pm

**Cost:** Free entry

### North Finchley Festival

The North Finchley Festival will be held in the Tally Ho area in cafes, pubs and shops, supported by local traders and enthusiasts. For more information tel: 07966 373 309

**Where:** North Finchley

**When:** 20 – 21 May

### Family fair

Parnhams Family Funfair comes to Victoria Park in May, bringing with it rides, games and food stalls for the family.

**Where:** Victoria Park

**When:** 4 – 14 May

**Time:** All day

**Cost:** Free entry

### Wake Up Whetstone

Wake Up Whetstone are following up on their initial event last year with a busy programme on their pavements. A small children's fun fair, food stalls, local arts and crafts, local amenity groups and local artisans will all be present. For more information visit:

[www.lovetwhetstone.co.uk](http://www.lovetwhetstone.co.uk)

**Where:** High Road, Whetstone

**When:** 4 June

### Toddler read and rhyme

Toddler read and rhyme combines physical activity with nursery rhymes and songs and is suitable for toddlers who have learnt to walk. Sessions take place weekly on Fridays during term time. Contact the Chipping Barnet Library on tel: 020 8359 4040 for more information.

**Where:** Chipping Barnet Library

**When:** Fridays (during term time only)

**Time:** 9.45 – 10.15am

**Cost:** Free

## Tell us what's on in Barnet



We want to hear about local events, community services or activities. To feature your event in Barnet First, email your event details to [whatsonbarnet@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:whatsonbarnet@barnet.gov.uk).

Submission does not guarantee inclusion in Barnet First but will be taken into consideration for future editions of the magazine.

## Big Fun Walk 2017



The Big Fun Walk is North London Hospice's biggest event and sees more than 1,000 people walk from East Finchley to Westminster, through some of London's most famous and beautiful parks. This event is fun for all the family and in previous years it has raised over £100,000 for North London Hospice. You can register online or find out more information at: [www.bigfunwalk.co.uk](http://www.bigfunwalk.co.uk) or by calling tel: 020 8446 2288.

**Where:** North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Avenue, N12 8TT

**When:** Sunday 30 April

**Time:** Check in at East Finchley between 9 – 10.15am

**Cost:** Registration costs £12.50 for adults, £7.50 for under 16s and under 5s are free

### Boosting job opportunities in the borough

We know from our Resident's Perception Survey that finding employment is important to our residents so in the summer of 2015, a pilot project called BOOST (Burnt Oak Opportunity Support Team) was launched to support people with finding work and to access a wide range of support in their communities. It was so successful it received funding from the council for a further year.

Building on this success, the Childs Hill Employment Project started its first job club in December and will now be running job clubs on the third Tuesday of every month.

Like BOOST, the Childs Hill Jobs Team will have support from our partners Jobcentre Plus, Future Path and Cambridge Education (Post-16 education employment and skills). The project will also be working with residents associations, community groups and encourage local volunteering opportunities.

For more information email:

[Childshill.ChildrenCentre@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Childshill.ChildrenCentre@barnet.gov.uk) or tel: 020 8450 2141.

**Where:** Childs Hill Children's Centre, Childs Hill NW2 1SL

**When:** Third Tuesday of every month

**Time:** 1 – 3pm

### Hartbeeps Baby and Toddler Classes

Hartbeeps offer original and super fun, developmental baby classes, toddler classes and pre-school classes, as well as educational sessions, pregnancy classes, stay and play with baby discos and fabulous children's parties. All classes are set to a soundtrack of original songs, remixed nursery rhymes and lullabies. Classes are also available in Cricklewood and Kingsbury. Email: [claire@hartbeeps.com](mailto:claire@hartbeeps.com) or tel: 07989 307 580 for more information.

**Where:** Chandos Arms, Colindale Avenue, NW9 5DS

**When:** Tuesdays

**Time:** 2.15pm Baby Bells (for babies newborn to sitting), 3.15pm Baby Beeps (for babies sitting to toddling), 4.15pm Happy House (for confident walkers and pre-schoolers)

**Cost:** £9 per class drop-in or taster class £3 (new bookers only)

### East Finchley library conversation café

An opportunity to practise speaking English in a relaxed environment. These sessions are aimed at adults who speak English as a second language. Contact the library on tel: 020 8359 3815 for more information.

**Where:** East Finchley Library

**When:** Mondays (term time only)

**Time:** 10.30 – 11.30am

**Cost:** Free entry

## hidden gems

In the sea, in a museum or at the movies – these are the places where you would normally expect to see a blue whale.

But that's not the case here in Barnet with a set of mammoth whalebones residing in one of our parks.

Located between Wood Street and Wellhouse Lane, the two jaw bones are 24 feet in length each and form the entrance to Whalebones Park.

Installed in May 1939, the bones were a replacement for a set of jaw bones which were previously in place from the 1800s.

An urban legend suggests anyone who walks through the archway and makes a wish will receive good fortune, so why not try your luck?

From iconic buildings to natural beauties, Barnet is full of fantastic hidden gems and as a way of celebrating our wonderful borough, we are keen to find out your favourites.

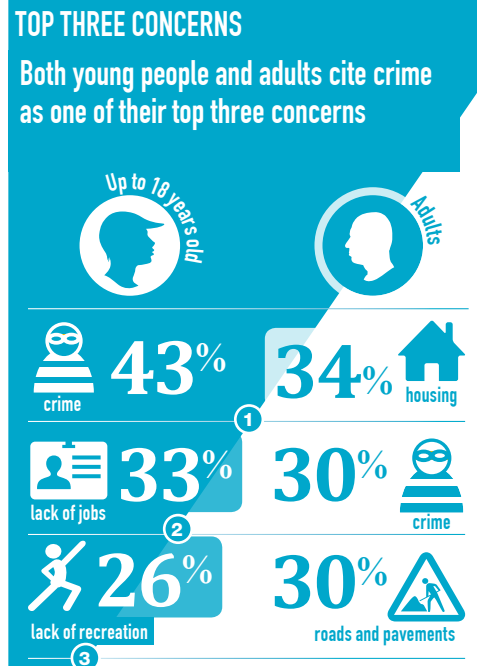
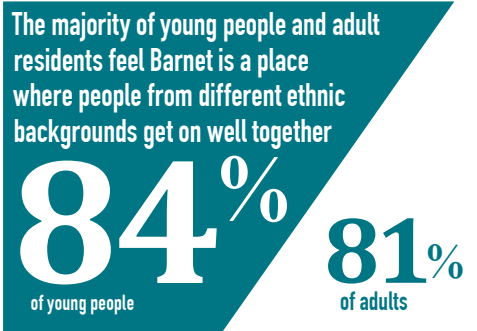
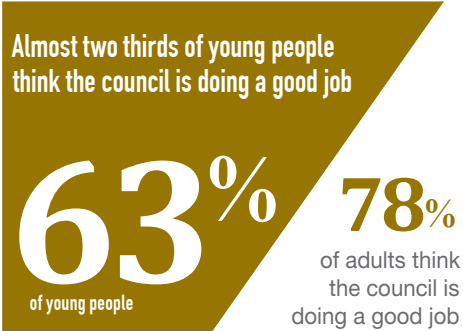
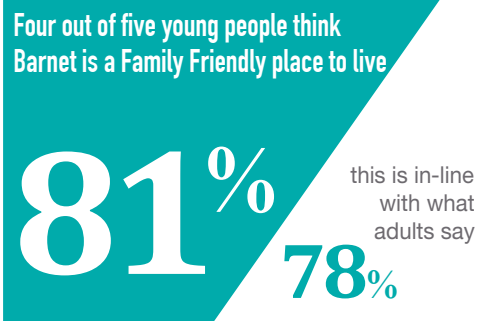
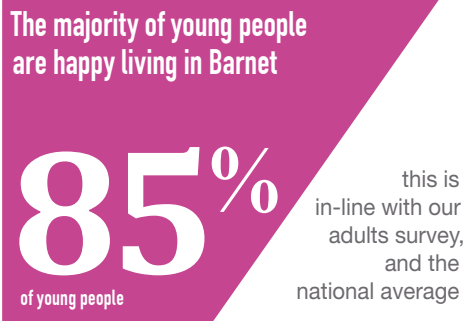
Please share your hidden gems with us at: [barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk) and we will share them in our future editions.



your views

# How do young people feel about living in Barnet?

Young People's Perception Survey (11 to 18 year-olds) results compared to our Adults Residents' Perception Survey



## Young People's Perception Survey results

The opinions of our young people are important to us and that's why we launched the Children and Young People's Plan at our youth convention last year. The plan sets out our vision to be the most 'Family Friendly' borough by 2020.

A key part of the plan is our commitment to listening to the views of children and young people. To achieve this goal, we have started conducting an annual Young People's Perception Survey to understand how 11 to 18-year-olds feel about living in the borough. Some of the questions are the same as the ones we ask in our adults Residents' Perception Survey which helps us understand how young people feel about living in Barnet compared to adults.

### Other ways young people can get involved in shaping their area

Involving young people in shaping the decisions that will affect local areas and services is important to us. As part of this we have become a UNICEF Child Rights Partner, which means we work with UNICEF to embed children's rights in all of the council's policy and practice.

On 23 February we also held our second annual young people's conference, the Youthorium, to get young people's views on the future of mental health and Youth Services.

Here are some of the other ways young people can have their say:

- Barnet Youth Board
- Youth Parliament
- Young Commissioners
- Barnet Youth Assembly.




We would like to thank all the young people who took part in the survey.

If you would like to find out more about these groups and how to join, please email: [haveyoursay@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:haveyoursay@barnet.gov.uk) or tel: 020 8359 4373.



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### Full Council meetings

Tuesday 4 April, 7pm  
Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4

### Residents Forums

**Chipping Barnet Residents Forum**  
Wednesday 22 March, 7pm, Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, EN5 4QT

**Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum**  
Wednesday 22 March, 7pm, Stephen's House, 17 East End Road, Finchley, N3 3QE

**Hendon Residents Forum**  
Wednesday 22 March, 7pm, Sangam Centre, 210 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, HA8 0AP

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Thanks

# Sarah for getting stuck in



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Sarah, Hendon

Can you get involved?  
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