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The results are in
Students celebrate exam success – page 10

Our primary schools are more popular than ever

Last year every parent who applied
on time got a place for their child



**Online applications are now open,
closing date is 15 January 2017**

www.eadmissions.org.uk

Leader's column

Exam results day, a time every student and parent approaches with nerves and excitement, came around again this summer. Although I'm sure a few tears were shed along the way, it was also a time for many to celebrate and take stock of our schools' achievements. Once again we are performing well above the national average, with provisional results showing that 99 per cent of our A Level students received A* to E grade, compared with 98 per cent nationally. Pupils excelled once again at GCSE, with 72 per cent receiving an A* to C Grade in English and Maths, an increase on last year. Congratulations to each of our hard working students; turn to page 10 to find how some got on.

Further education isn't the only option. Over the next 10 years, the council and our partners will be creating more than 300 apprenticeships across the borough. Whether you're keen on a career in construction, social care, human resources, waste and recycling or becoming an electrician, there are many opportunities available. You can read how some of our apprentices are fulfilling their career ambitions on page 11.

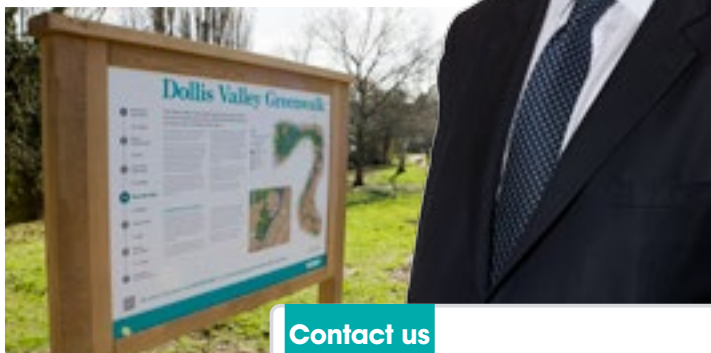
As I've written before, Barnet is undergoing an exciting period of growth and regeneration. We want to support local businesses to share in these opportunities, which is why we're asking aspiring businesses to enter our Entrepreneurial Barnet Competition. We also want to promote events and activities going on across the borough, so we have introduced a new 'What's On' section on page 4. If you have an event happening in your area, please share it with us.

As another way of celebrating our wonderful borough, we are keen to hear which favourite spots you enjoy visiting with family and friends. My hidden gem is the Dollis Valley Greenwalk, which stretches for 10 miles through the heart of Barnet. Please share your hidden gems with us at barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk and we will publish some images in our December edition.

Yours



Richard Cornelius



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what's on

East Finchley Arts Festival



The Massive Violins, one of the acts playing on Saturday 8 October

The East Finchley Arts Festival is a celebration of art, music, drama, poetry, film and opera. For a full list of what's on and more information visit www.eastfinchleyartsfestival.org.uk

Where: Various locations. Visit the website for more details.

When: 8 – 16 October

SHAPE – Half term activities

If you're 14 to 19-years-old with a passion for sports and being active or simply want to hang out with mates, there are a range of activities available in Burnt Oak and Colindale planned for the half term break.

Where: various locations

There are a range of SHAPE activities on various dates. For more information about dates and times visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/shape

Colindale job club

Job assistance provided by Groundwork. For more information contact the library on tel: 020 8359 3930.

Where: Colindale Library, 7 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4BR

When: 2 – 4pm on Fridays

Cost: Free

Robogals

This is a student-run organisation that aims to increase female participation in engineering through fun and educational LEGO robotics workshops for girls. For more information and to book a place phone Lucy Merritt on tel: 020 8359 4411 or email: lucy.merritt@barnet.gov.uk

Where: Colindale Library, 7 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4BR

When: Wednesday 26 October

Time: 2 – 3.30pm (primary school) and 3.30 – 5pm (secondary school)

Scrabble group

Test your word skills and join us for a game of scrabble. For more information contact the library on tel: 020 8359 3946.

Where: South Friern Library, Colney Hatch Lane, London N10 1HD

When: 2 – 4pm on Thursdays (term-time only)

Cost: Free

Knit and natter

Bring your latest project or find inspiration to start a new one! Meet other local knitters and make new friends. For more information tel: 020 8359 2628.

Where: Hendon Library, The Burroughs, Hendon, NW4 4BQ

When: Thursdays 11am – 1pm

Cost: Free

Beginner Plus six-week IT classes

Our IT drop-in sessions are ideal for anyone who needs help with their portable device. For more information contact the library on tel: 020 3764 4009

Where: East Finchley Public Library N2 9BB

When: Monday or Friday 10.15am – 12.15pm

Cost: Free

Creepy Craft Activity



Drop in and make a spider puppet and a bat decoration for ages 2+ (younger children will need parental help).

Where: Chipping Barnet Library

When: Thursday 27 October

Time: 2 – 3pm

Cost: £4.95

Silver Sunday celebrations

This annual event celebrates the value and knowledge older people contribute to our communities while combating loneliness and social isolation.

Events range from sports tasters, to free hairdressing, art exhibitions, coffee mornings, and digital technology sessions.

When: 3 – 7 October

Where: various locations, for more information check your local Barnet library or visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/silver-sunday



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: whatson@barnet.gov.uk

Submission does not guarantee inclusion in Barnet First but will be taken into consideration for future editions of the magazine. Submissions due by 10 November for our December edition.

Getting fit with purpose



GoodGym combines exercise with useful services to the community

The council is supporting a new and unique approach to fitness which combines exercise with doing something positive for the community.

Instead of running nowhere on treadmills or lifting weights that don't need lifting, GoodGym combines a short weekly run with a physical task, or pairs members with an older isolated resident who they can visit each week.

GoodGym, which launched in Barnet during August, is made possible through the Mayor of London's Sport Participation Fund, with support from the council and is led by running coach Pennie Varvarides.

The free weekly group runs take place every Tuesday night at 6.45pm and is open to all abilities, leaving from the Phoenix Cinema, East Finchley.

To get involved, or to find out more, visit: www.goodgym.org

Blue badge cheats caught

Since January this year our counter-fraud investigators carried out regular spot checks and have seized 45 disabled parking permits from motorists found to be misusing them. This year 11 drivers have been brought before the courts and prosecuted for badge misuse offences.

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. It is a criminal offence for anyone else to use a blue badge in any circumstances.

To report a fraud call the fraud hotline on tel: 020 8359 2007 or visit www.barnet.gov.uk/anti-fraud

The council is under a duty to protect the public funds by preventing and detecting fraud. It may also share all information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds.

Colindale move given go-ahead

The go-ahead was given this summer to start construction of a new council office in Colindale. This will become the main office for most staff and partners.

Building started on the complex in September and will be completed in late 2018. As part of a strategy looking at changes to the way council staff work, we will also be developing a network of locations which can act as hubs and 'touchdown spaces' to help our staff work more flexibly and responsively to our customers' and residents' needs.



Artist impression of the new office in Colindale

Brent Cross development to provide more jobs and homes

A major regeneration scheme, which will provide thousands of new jobs and homes to the borough, moved a significant step closer in July following the signing of an agreement between Barnet Council and its development partners, Argent Related and Hammerson and Standard Life Investments.

The multi-billion pound Brent Cross Cricklewood scheme brings together the redevelopment of Brent Cross Shopping Centre to the north of the A406, and the scheme to regenerate the area to the south of the A406.

Brent Cross Cricklewood covers an area of around 350 acres in Barnet.

The development will:

- create up to 27,000 jobs
- build 7,500 homes
- rebuild three schools,
- create new parks and public spaces
- build new community facilities
- build an additional Thameslink train station; and
- make some major improvements to roads and public transport.

“This is a fantastic opportunity for a major part of our borough to be transformed, creating thousands of new jobs and homes. Securing the agreement signifies our partners' confidence in the scheme and London's future. I am sure that together we will be able to breathe new life into this area and create a thriving London neighbourhood which will be a model for the 21st century and beyond.” – Leader of Barnet Council, Councillor Richard Cornelius

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Joining forces to stamp out crime and anti-social behaviour

Barnet Council has teamed up with local police and partners to help to reduce anti-social behaviour such as littering, fly tipping and street drinking. Although we have low levels of crime in the borough, we want to do more to improve the quality of life for our residents.

The council has also had a major overhaul of the borough's CCTV network, with more than 100 cameras replaced with high definition equipment to capture better quality evidence.

One area where we have seen a real improvement as a result of our partnership is in Burnt Oak. After speaking with local residents, we took the following action:

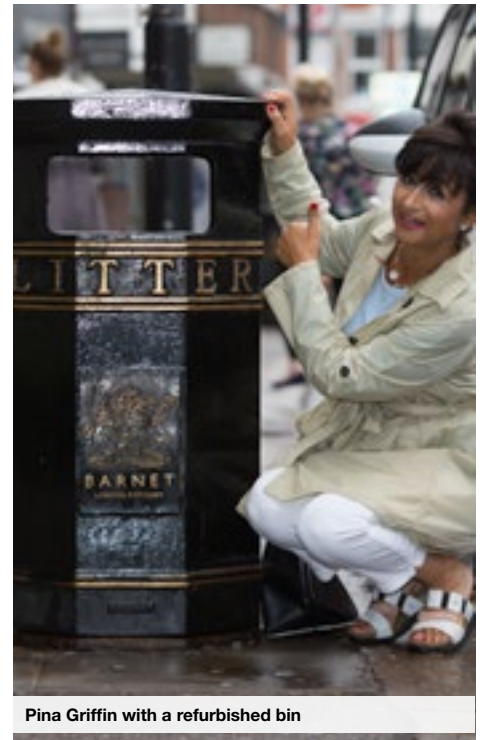
- our Street Scene team cleared the area of rubbish and litter
- reduced anti-social behaviour by targeting street drinking
- issued 18 Community Protection Notices
- audited more than 70 businesses about waste collection services.

Local resident making a big difference

The council, police and its partners will continue to monitor the area and work with residents to improve public places and keep areas clean and free from anti-social behaviour. One resident, Pina Griffin, has contributed to helping reduce anti-social behaviour and litter in High Barnet.

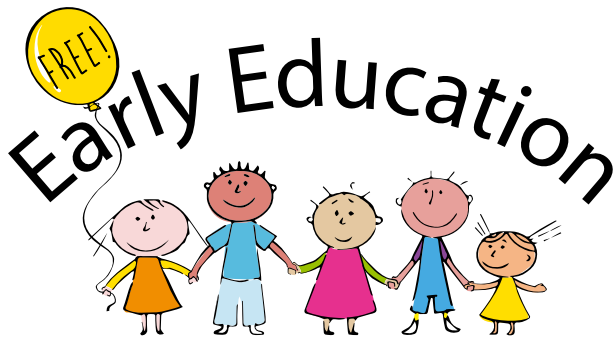
She said: "I was walking along Barnet High Street with my dog one day and noticed the street looked untidy. I contacted the council Street Scene team and following this conversation, bins have been painted in the street, the pavement is cleaner and the area looks more appealing."

Each area in Barnet has its own Safer Neighbourhood Team. These teams continue to engage with local residents and businesses to identify the local crime and anti-social behaviour concerns in your area. For further information about your local safer neighbourhood team, visit the Met Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams website: <http://tinyurl.com/hsvpke4>



Pina Griffin with a refurbished bin

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www.barnet.gov.uk/free-childcare

Free Early Education for 2 year olds

Barnet Council is offering eligible 2 year olds free early education and childcare places for up to 15 hours per week (up to 570 hours per year).

[Claim your entitlement now](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/free-childcare)

www.barnet.gov.uk/free-childcare

For more information on the Free Early Education for two year olds please contact Barnet Family Information Service (FIS) on 0800 389 8312

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Making the commitment to build a healthier Barnet



Cllr Helena Hart (centre), presented businesses with their certificates

Businesses in Barnet are being urged to sign up to healthier catering practices.

On Tuesday 13 September, we celebrated the first businesses that have made their commitment to the initiative.

Councillor Helena Hart, Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, presented the businesses with their certificates.

What is the Healthier Catering Commitment Award?

It is a London-wide scheme which publicly recognises and rewards catering businesses that demonstrate a commitment to providing healthier food choices and healthier cooking techniques.

“Registering with the Healthier Catering Commitment has been helpful for our restaurant. The training has helped me increase my nutritional knowledge and introduced healthier options into our menu.”

– Malginder Atwal, Two Brothers Fish Restaurant

Why should you get involved?

Food outlets that sign up to the programme, and successfully meet the required criteria, will receive a window sticker to promote their award. Businesses receive free Level 2 nutrition training and advice, and further support on providing healthier food options. They will also receive 20 per cent off food hygiene training for two employees.

How can you get involved?

If you would like to join the increasing number of Barnet food outlets signing up to the Healthier Catering Commitment you can contact us on tel: 020 8359 7995 or by emailing foodsafety@barnet.gov.uk

Protect yourself from the flu

Each year in Barnet there are more than 100 winter-related deaths as well as more preventable illnesses induced or exacerbated due to excess cold – which is why it's important you look after yourselves and others who may be vulnerable this coming winter.

If you are over 65, or suffer from a long term health condition, you should enquire about a flu jab from your local doctor.

A flu jab protects you from the most common strains of the flu predicted for the coming winter (but not all of the possible strains). The jab will minimise the risk that you will catch the flu virus, so it is worthwhile getting, and is free through the NHS. The best time to have a flu vaccine is from the beginning of October. For more information on when flu jabs will be available in your area, check with your local surgery.

Help put an end to violence against women

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is on 25 November.

Come to our free event and show your support from 11am – 2.30pm, at the Sangam Centre, 210 Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 0AP.

There will be a wide range of information stalls available providing information on local services in the borough, including specialist support around domestic violence and abuse and other related services. There will also be free refreshments and creche and activities for children.

For more information visit www.barnet.gov.uk and search for 'domestic violence and abuse'.



Talking to our loved ones about their end of life care wishes

The idea of losing a loved one is something most of us find hard to think about, let alone talk about.

To help get this important conversation started, we are hosting a series of Dying Matters events that help people to prepare, plan, care for and support those who are dying or who want to prepare for later in life.

Last year, a national survey found that only seven per cent of people had written down how they would like to be cared for if they couldn't make decisions and just 18 per cent had asked a family member about their end of life wishes.

With this in mind, Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern hospice movement, has stated how much of an impact this has on those closest to us.

“How people die remains in the memory of those who live on.”

– Dame Cicely Saunders

At the events, residents can pick up information on existing services and will be able to speak to a trained counsellor for guidance, emotional support or to understand more about end of life care.

For more information email: jenne.patel@barnetccg.nhs.uk

future

Small coffee business with big ambition

Barnet is a great place to start and grow a business. This month, in the lead up to Small Business Saturday, and to encourage people to shop locally, we are shining the light on Tintico, in Finchley Central. We asked shop owner Nader Sarabadani to tell us a little bit about his coffee shop which was one of Barnet's first businesses to be awarded a Healthy Catering Commitment certificate.

Q Why did you first go into business?

A Tintico started because of my love for great coffee, to celebrate what makes great coffee, where your coffee beans come from, and the hard work coffee farmers have to do to produce speciality grade coffee. In 2016, we won third place in the UK as part of Project Waterfall and UK Coffee Week for raising money to provide clean water for coffee-producing communities.

Q Where did the name come from?

A Tintico is a small Latin American black coffee which includes a small amount of molasses as a sweetener, served at train stations in flasks to people going to work.

Q What has been the biggest challenge as a small business?

A The biggest challenge for a new business is to balance your outgoings with your income whilst keeping the best service and quality.



Raluca Tintea, who works at Tintico

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

A I think believing in your product and always being genuine and honest with your customers is very important.



Small Business Saturday is on 3 December 2016. Support small business in your local area. Visit: www.smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com

Colindale Library opens its doors to the community

Barnet is home to a new library after Colindale Library opened its doors on 5 September.

The new library is a modern public space which features new self-service opening hours, an extensive range of books, reference materials and much more including:

- free wifi and access to computers
- study space for children and adults
- books for all ages including e-books and e-audio books
- activities and events
- printing and scanning facilities
- community space for hire.

Self-service opening hours are currently being phased in at the library and are expected to be fully operational by late autumn.

The new library is part of the wider Colindale regeneration scheme, a 15-year project which aims to create a vibrant new community with major infrastructure improvements, better transport links and community health facilities.



Toddler Time at Colindale Library

Do you have a great business idea?

Are you a start-up of less than two years looking for your big break?

The Entrepreneurial Barnet Competition is an opportunity for new and aspiring businesses to pitch their products

and services, practise their presentation skills and refine their business plans.

This competition aims to encourage new start-ups within the borough and to help equip our innovators with the skills necessary to succeed in business.

The competition was launched on 1 October with cash prizes and pop-up spaces available to the winners to showcase their products and services. For more information, email: barnetbusiness@barnet.gov.uk or visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/business-competition



future

OneStonegrove: the heart of the community

A shared vision for a brighter future has led to the opening of a community centre and church, OneStonegrove, as part of Barnet’s regeneration programme.

The community centre was integral to the design of the regenerated estate delivered by Barnet Council, Barratt London and Family Mosaic, replacing the existing St Peter’s Church with a £4.2 million joint community centre and church.

Dan Goodman, local resident and Chair of Stonegrove Community Trust, thanked all those involved with building such a fantastic centre.

“This project was made possible by community spirit, co-operation and partnership. Our vision for this centre is to be at the heart of this community for the 900 families that live here.”

An official opening of the building took place in July with a family-friendly event that included a free barbecue, a face painter, massage therapist, bouncy boxing, smoothie bike, adult rodeo bull and afternoon tea.

Council Leader, Councillor Richard Cornelius, said: “I am delighted that our ambitious plans for regenerating the Stonegrove area have come to fruition. The new joint church and community centre will provide a real focal point on the estate, serving the St Peter’s congregation as well as Stonegrove residents from young to old. I hope these fantastic new facilities will be enjoyed by families in the area for years to come.”

When complete in 2018, the scheme will deliver 999 new homes, 499 affordable and 500 private homes for sale. A third of the properties will be for rent, half for sale and the remainder will be low-cost home ownership.

To date 821 new homes have been delivered, including 427 affordable units. More than a third of people moving into the affordable units are existing Barnet residents.



OneStonegrove: joint community centre and church – opened July 2016

Young swimmers return inspired from Rio Games

Team GB’s momentous Olympic Games created great sporting memories and left millions of viewers inspired. None more so than two young swimmers from Barnet, who represented their home nations in the pool at Rio.



Swimmers: Gaurika Singh and Haris Bandey

Haris Bandey, 17, and Gaurika Singh, who at 13 was the youngest competitor in the Games, swam for Pakistan and Nepal respectively, but both live in Barnet and train at the Barnet and Cophthall Leisure Centre. The club has a proud Olympic history, with at least one Cophthall swimmer competing at every Summer Games since 1980.

Gaurika said: “It was a really good experience. For such a young person, it was an amazing opportunity.”

Haris added: “It was quite surreal. I’ve dreamed of this since I was a kid and I’ve watched idols of mine like Michael Phelps in every Olympics since 2004.”

Two more Barnet residents, Richard Kruse of West Finchley and James-Andrew David of High Barnet, also competed at the games in the fencing. Congratulations to all of Barnet’s athletes.



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LIFE BEGINS AT 40

Brent Cross shopping centre revolutionised shopping when it opened 40 years ago.

network and significant employment opportunities for local people.

Today, development partners, Hammerson and Standard Life Investments, are working up detailed plans for its modernisation, transforming the centre into a world-class shopping and leisure destination.

Later this year, before they submit a planning application next year, the development partners will be launching a new website for the project and sharing their plans with the local community at public exhibitions. They look forward to hearing your views about the transformation of London’s most iconic shopping centre.

These exciting plans will act as a catalyst for the regeneration of the wider Brent Cross area, which will encompass significant upgrades to the local transport network, an impressive public realm



people

Pupils celebrate exam success

After a tense wait, thousands of students collected their A Level and GCSE results this summer and once again have recorded impressive results.

At the time Barnet First went to press, A Level results from 18 of 19 schools showed that 99.3 per cent of A Level examinations were awarded an A* to E grade – above the national average of 98.1 per cent.

There were 84.6 per cent of students who achieved an A* to C, 62.6 per cent A* to B and 35.9 per cent A* to A. The percentage awarded an A* to A is 35.8 per cent which is 10 per cent higher than the national average.

Based on GCSE results from 18 of 23 schools, 72.5 per cent of pupils received an A* to C Grade in English and Maths, an increase on last year's results.



Students at Hendon School after receiving excellent results for the past year

We asked the students at Woodhouse College in Finchley and Hendon schools how their exams went and what their future plans were.

Sandy Kershaw Brown, 19, Barnet

Three A* grades and an A* in her EPQ



I will be starting a Classics degree at Lady Margaret Hall, at Oxford University.

Jenni Luckit, 18, Whetstone

Two A grades, one at AS Level, and one B



I'm about to embark on three years of study in France to pursue my passion for theatre.

Jaydee Cozzi, 18, Westminster

Achieved an A* and two A grades



I'm going to go and study Japanese at SOAS, University of London.

Keziah Doudy, 18, Wood Green

An A and two B grades in her A Levels



I will be studying Geography at Manchester University.

Berke Goker, 18, Barnet

Two A* grades in Maths and further Maths, and an A in Chemistry



I plan to study Maths and Statistics at degree level.

Rohan Dabasia, 16, Colindale

Achieved 5 A* grades and 6 A grades in GCSE



I plan to study Maths, Economics, Government and Politics, and Geography at A level.

Regeneration for the next generation

With regeneration and change taking place across the borough, it's important Barnet's young people understand what this means for them, how it will affect them and what opportunities can come from big regeneration projects.

Last year, pupils at Whitefield School were given an insight into the role urban regeneration plays in the rejuvenation of cities.

This year, the council is going back to schools across the borough to host a series of new workshops that aim to bring urban environment and regeneration to life for sixth form pupils and to promote the development industry as a career option.

Pupils attending the workshop are grouped into teams to form property companies responding to a call for proposals from a fictional local council. At the end of the workshop, the teams have developed a 3D model of their plan and present their proposal to a panel made up of volunteers from the property industry.

This programme is designed for A level students with an interest in planning and regeneration. If you would like your school to take part, please email: skills@barnet.gov.uk.



Students at Whitefield School

people

Apprentices getting a start

More than 300 apprenticeship opportunities will be created by the council over the next 10 years in Barnet.

Out of this, Barnet Council and its delivery partners have pledged to provide 82 apprenticeship opportunities in 2016 alone in a variety of fields including: business administration, social care, parks, passenger transport, waste and recycling.

Here we catch up with four of our current and former Barnet Council apprentices and ask them how they became involved in the programme.

Alessandro Sfragaro

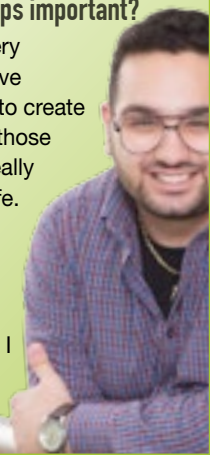
Workforce Development Support Officer

Q Why are apprenticeships important?

A Apprenticeships are very important because they give opportunities to everyone to create their future, especially for those young people that don't really know what to do in their life.

Q What are your long term aspirations?

A My idea is to stay here and widen my experience. I still have a lot to learn but I would like to run my own business...one day.



Brett Service

Libraries, Workforce and Community Engagement

Q Why become an apprentice?

A I became an apprentice as I decided that college wasn't for me but I still wanted to learn new skills.

Q Would you recommend being an apprentice in Barnet?

A I would 100% recommend being an apprentice in Barnet as the range of opportunities are amazing.



William Enninful

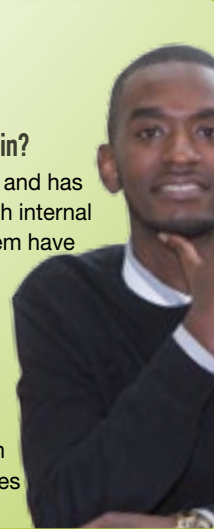
Finance team, Customer and Support Group

Q How have you settled in?

A The team is very busy and has numerous customers, both internal and external and all of them have made me feel welcome.

Q What's an average day like?

A As well as everyday work, I'm working on a small project for the Youth Justice Board. This involves financial administration.



Niah Gunning

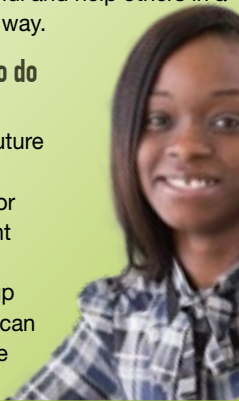
Human Resources apprentice, Customer and Support Group

Q What skills have you learnt?

A I have learnt how to communicate with individuals and build good relationships with customers and colleagues. I've learnt how to ID check documents and do pre-employment checks for new starters. Most importantly I have learnt to use my own initiative to be resourceful and help others in a professional and polite way.

Q What do you hope to do long term?

A My long term and future aspirations would be to become a manager or director of a department within the council and progress my way up within a sector where I can help people and resolve problems and queries.



Barnet Council apprenticeships are advertised throughout the year on the council recruitment website: <https://jobs.barnet.gov.au/jobs/apprenticeships>

For all other apprenticeship opportunities visit: www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch

Get on board skills escalator

Giving your career a boost is what fast-food restaurant employee Chris was looking for when he was introduced to the Skills Escalator project.

The Skills Escalator project is for people who are in low-paid employment, who receive Housing Benefits, and would like to improve their skills to boost their income.

Knowing he was capable of much more, Chris went to see an advisor through this project and his life turned a corner that day.

Chris spoke with the adviser and discussed potential job prospects, including a career as a bus driver.

The adviser helped Chris pursue this career path as they talked about bus driver lessons, putting together job applications, further training and helped him apply to a number of different bus companies.

The Skills Escalator project provided funding to help Chris with the driving exams and he is now a qualified bus driver.

Chris said: "Thank you very much for all your help. It has been invaluable to me and has changed my life."

About the Skills Escalator project

To book an initial appointment contact the BEETS team on tel: 020 8359 6496 or by emailing: skillsescalator@barnet.gov.uk

Appointments will be offered at The Broadwalk Centre, Edgware (Wednesdays) and Barnet and Southgate College, Wood Street and Southgate campuses (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

The project is receiving up to £135,400 of funding from the European Social Fund as part of the 2014 – 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme in England. Established by the European Union, the European Social Fund helps local areas stimulate their economic development by investing in projects which will support skills development.



Creating

27,000 homes

and up to

30,000 new jobs

whilst protecting and enhancing
what makes Barnet great



Millions of pounds are
being invested to enhance
what needs improving,
while protecting
what's valued

We're working together
to manage growth responsibly
by creating new houses, jobs
and business opportunities
to secure Barnet's future

Barnet
works
together

View of Brent Cross Shopping Centre, image supplied
by Brent Cross Cricklewood Development Partners

Find out more about growth and regeneration in Barnet and our
plans to 2020 and beyond at www.barnet.gov.uk/barnetworks

people

Shaping the future for Barnet’s young people

What kind of a future do you want for Barnet? Rather than just sitting on the sidelines, watching other people make these decisions, one of Barnet’s younger residents, TJ, decided to have a say in the future of the borough and this is his story.

Q Tell us a bit about you

A I have lived in Barnet since 2009 and have always loved the borough. When I was at school, I heard about Youth Parliament (YP). I was keen to become more involved and thought it would be a great opportunity to do something good for the community.

Q What is it like being involved with the YP?

A Being a member of YP has opened up so many new doors and exciting opportunities for me. It has pushed me towards my goal of becoming a politician by increasing my political knowledge. I first became involved with YP because I believe it is important that young people have a voice within their community so we can grow up to enjoy where we live. I would certainly recommend this to my school peers and every young person who is a part of Barnet’s community and wants to make a positive change in their lives.

Q How have you made a difference?

A I helped to write the Children and Young People’s Plan 2016 – 2020 which helps guide important decisions for the borough to make Barnet the most Family Friendly borough in London by 2020.

Q What are you up to now?

A I’m passionate about food and cooking. I am a cooking instructor for the national children and young adult services. I’m also the holiday and breakfast club ambassador for the Mayor’s Fund for London Youth Board.

Family Friendly Barnet

Barnet’s Children and Young People’s Plan sets out an ambitious vision to make Barnet the most Family Friendly borough in London by 2020 – a place where children, young people and their families are safe, healthy, resilient, informed and listened to. The council, schools, police, voluntary and local community organisations are committed to working together to deliver this vision, successfully supporting children, young people and families to build resilience and bounce back from adversity.

If you would like to find out more about Youth Parliament or to see other opportunities available to young people in the borough, see: www.barnet.gov.uk/youthopportunities



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LITTER HOT-SPOTS TARGETED TO KEEP BARNET CLEAN

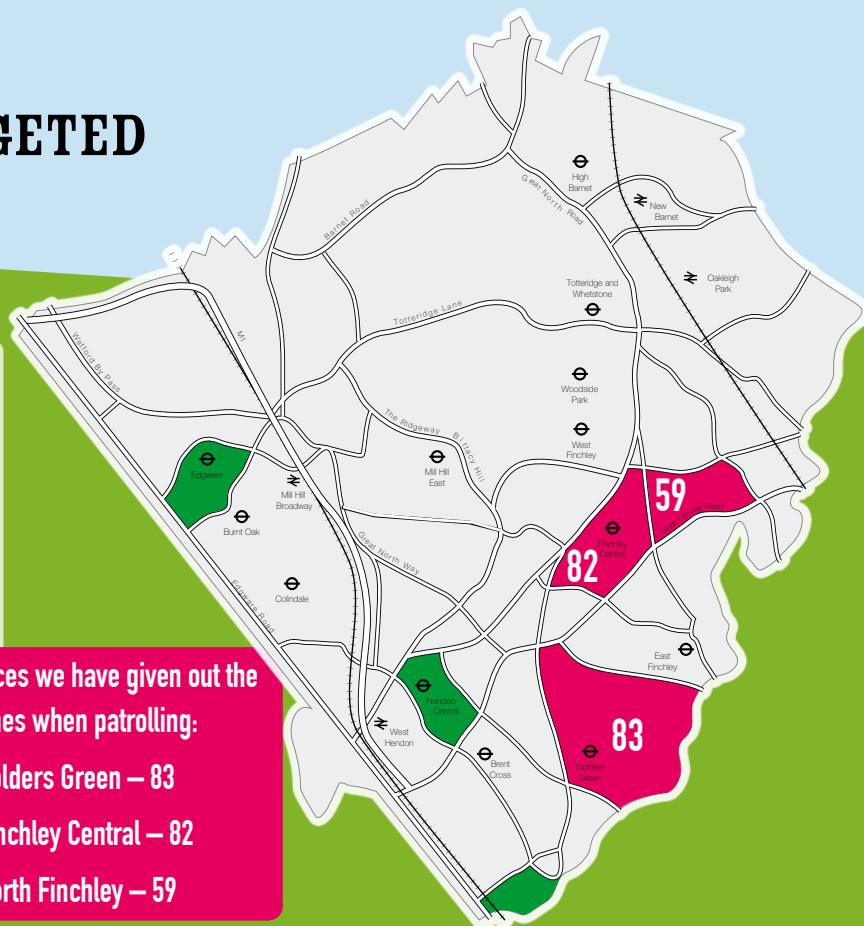
The drive to Keep Barnet Clean is well underway with over 300 fines issued to people caught littering and fly tipping in the borough.

Our Environment Enforcement officers have been focusing on littering hot-spots around the borough.

Places we plan to patrol more over the next month include:

- Edgware
- Cricklewood
- Hendon Central

If you know of an area with a persistent litter problem, please report it on the council website so we can track and monitor issues around the borough: www.barnet.gov.uk/keepbarnetclean.



The places we have given out the most fines when patrolling:

- Golders Green – 83
- Finchley Central – 82
- North Finchley – 59



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Community litter picks to help Keep Barnet Clean

Residents across the borough have been doing their bit to help Keep Barnet Clean by organising local litter picks throughout September.

Philippa Welch, from the Friends of Mill Hill Park group, said: “Our friends group is proud to support this initiative. These events are easy to organise and really make a big difference to our local area. It is a very satisfying job.”

The council would like to thank everyone who has taken part in or organised a litter pick during September. With a special thanks to: Friends of Mill Hill, Friends of Windsor Open Space, Friends of Friary Park, Hadley Resident’s Association, Year 5 of Christ Church Primary School, Hernan and Malena Pecile and Willmott Dixon. If you would like to host a local litter pick, you can do so at any time of the year. Please email: parks@barnet.gov.uk and we can help provide you with everything you need.



Community litter picks across Barnet (clockwise from top left): Friends of Friary Park, Hernan and Malena Pecile, Christ Church Primary School Year 5, and Friends of Windsor Open Space.

WHAT IS SHISHA?

Shisha smoking – also called hookah, narghile, waterpipe, or hubble bubble smoking – is a way of smoking tobacco, sometimes mixed with fruit or molasses sugar, through a bowl and hose or tube.

Smoking shisha can damage your health and the health of those around you.

Do you know the health risks about smoking shisha?

Fact 1

Smoking shisha is just as damaging to your health as smoking cigarettes. The flavourings and sweeteners only disguise the harmful ingredients in the tobacco.

Fact 2

The water in the shisha pipe does not filter out harmful chemicals and you are still exposing yourself and those around you to these chemicals. The water cools the smoke making it less irritating but not less harmful.

Fact 3

Smoking shisha tobacco is just like smoking cigarettes. They both contain nicotine, which is addictive.

Fact 4

Smoking herbal shisha is not safer as it usually contains tobacco. Even if you use tobacco-free shisha, you're still at risk from the carbon monoxide and any toxins in the coal or charcoal used to burn the shisha.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE DANGERS OF SHISHA VISIT:

WWW.BARNET.GOV.UK/SHISHA

OR CALL THE SMOKEFREE NATIONAL

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Burnt Oak: From a small field to a town centre



Burnt Oak: then and now

Historically, Burnt Oak was farmland and home to the Hendon Union Workhouse, along with a few village amenities. Historians have said the name Burnt Oak was first used in 1754. Back then, the area was no more than a field on the eastern side of Edgware Road.

Today Burnt Oak is a thriving town centre in the west of the borough serving residents with a range of local amenities and affordable retail facilities for businesses.

Realising the importance of valuing the past, but also the need to meet the demands of the growing population, the council and its partners have secured around £650,000 of funding to make improvements to Burnt Oak town centre and to support local businesses that will boost the local economy and enhance the environment.

Benefits of the funding

Nearly half of the £650,000 of funding has been provided to improve public spaces in Burnt Oak that feel cohesive and provide a sense of place for the diverse community.

The Burnt Oak Town Centre Plan takes a partnership approach to improving the area. It also sees a boost for local businesses and residents because of improvements to the streetscape such as upgrading a

number of shop fronts, decluttering the high street, improving the area around Burnt Oak Underground Station, and introducing new seating.

These changes will encourage residents to shop, invest and socialise locally.

Councillor Daniel Thomas, Chair of Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee, said: “Burnt Oak has a very bright future, building on a vibrant past. By improving the local area through investment and long-term planning, we are making this area another great destination for the borough. This is part of a wider plan to regenerate key areas in Barnet to improve the lives of people who live, work in or visit the borough as part of our Entrepreneurial Barnet approach.”

Residents were encouraged to have their say about the future of the area over the summer and we are now at a stage where we can start implementing the changes with work expected to be completed by early 2017.

The Burnt Oak Town Centre Plan will be published in late autumn.

To read more about the history of Burnt Oak, visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/burtoak

With thanks to ‘Barnet Archives’ and ‘We Made That’ for image contributions.



High Road, Burnt Oak



A modern day photo of Burnt Oak Broadway



Artist impression of Burnt Oak library

Renewing a parking permit in Barnet is simple

click pay park



From October, you will need to renew your electronic parking permit using a PIN and PERMIT number. You will receive a letter with your pin and permit number via email or post.

If you need to request a pin and permit reminder, log on to 'My Account' www.barnet.gov.uk/myaccount

Once you have applied and paid online, you can park within your controlled parking zone (CPZ) immediately.

To renew or apply for a new resident parking permit visit:
www.barnet.gov.uk and select parking permits

Volunteering opportunities

Volunteering in Barnet

Hospital

Barnet Hospital

Happy to help – Chase Farm

This role is for the Chase Farm site. We are looking for volunteers who are 'Happy to Help' in a variety of ways; directing and escorting, meet and greet near check-in kiosks, along with basic admin and errands.

Who can apply: **17 years and over**

Museum

RAF Museum

Administrator – Archive and Library

This role will support the curatorial team's enquiry service provided to the public. You will work with different team members depending on the tasks you undertake.

Who can apply: **Everyone**

Mental Health

Dementia Club UK

Support and Refreshments Volunteer

In this role you will be providing a fun and safe experience for people living with dementia and their carers, through providing refreshments, signing them in and generally chatting to the attendees.

Who can apply: **Everyone**

Gardening

The Pavilion Study Centre

Woodland Project Volunteer

For people that have an interest in the outdoors, landscaping and greenery to assist in our project which is to create an outdoor classroom, or a calming and relaxation space.

Who can apply: **Everyone**

Youth Work

Barnet Refugee Service

Youth Club Volunteer

In this role you will be working in a Youth Club with young asylum seekers and refugees.

Who can apply: **Everyone**

Health

Diabetes UK Barnet Group

Diabetes UK Barnet Group is looking for committee members who can help run the Diabetes UK Barnet Group.

Committee meetings are every two months and there are five group meetings per year.

Who can apply: **Everyone**

Administration

Barnet and Southgate College

Administration Assistant

You will be required to organise folders and files, check students registered details and attendances and send out emails. Flexible times are available.

Who can apply: **18 years and over**

Youth Work

Barnet Youth Offending Team

Community Panel Member and Reparation Supervisor

We need volunteers to supervise individuals who are taking part in community unpaid work across the borough. In addition, we help to support young people with any safeguarding needs they may have, in order to promote their personal safety and wellbeing.

Who can apply: **Everyone**

Inspiring and supporting volunteering

How to apply

These are just some of the fantastic volunteering opportunities available through Volunteering Barnet.

To apply for one of these roles, visit: www.volunteeringbarnet.org.uk and search for the job title.

The website offers hundreds of volunteering opportunities. To see what other opportunities are available visit the website.

Volunteering Barnet is the service provided by the charity Groundwork London on behalf of Barnet Council.

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Does your rented property need a licence?

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If you are a landlord you must licence your licensable properties.

To find out more, and to see if your property needs a licence, use our HMO Licensing tool on:

www.barnet.gov.uk/hmos

or call us on tel: 020 8359 5355

or email: HMOs@barnet.gov.uk



your views

How do you feel about Barnet?

Resident survey results

Your views about the council and the services we provide are important to us. To better understand how we are doing, we conduct regular Resident Perception Surveys.

Our next survey will take place in late October. If you receive a telephone call asking for your views, please take the time to take part.

To see the full results visit: engage.barnet.gov.uk

We asked, You said, We did

The council is committed to feeding back to residents how we are acting on the results of our consultations. Thank you to everyone who has taken part.

We have recently published how we are taking action on the following consultations.

- Proposal to Expand Childs Hill Primary School
- Children and Young People’s Plan 2016 – 2020 consultation
- SEN Future Needs
- Customer Access Strategy
- Recycling and Waste Strategy and Future Delivery
- Parks and Open Spaces draft strategy consultation
- Lyttelton Playing Fields sports courts refurbishment consultation.

You can find out more about our consultations by visiting: engage.barnet.gov.uk

Here are a few of our Resident’s Perception Survey results



Overall satisfaction with the work we are doing continues to be high at

74%

in line with the national average and significantly higher than the Outer London average.



85%

agree that people from different backgrounds get on well together in Barnet

89%

of residents are satisfied with their local area as a place to live – six per cent higher than the national average recorded last autumn.



60%

of residents agree the council provides value for money for the council tax they pay



How you can get involved in shaping your area and local services

Involving residents and businesses in shaping the decisions that will affect your local areas is important to the council.

If you want to share your views, visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Here we outline some of the ways you can have your say:

- participating in current consultations by visiting: engage.barnet.gov.uk

- contact your local councillors (details on page 23)
- attend a committee meeting (barnet.moderngov.co.uk)
- give your comments on a current planning application at: www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-conservation-and-building-control



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
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
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
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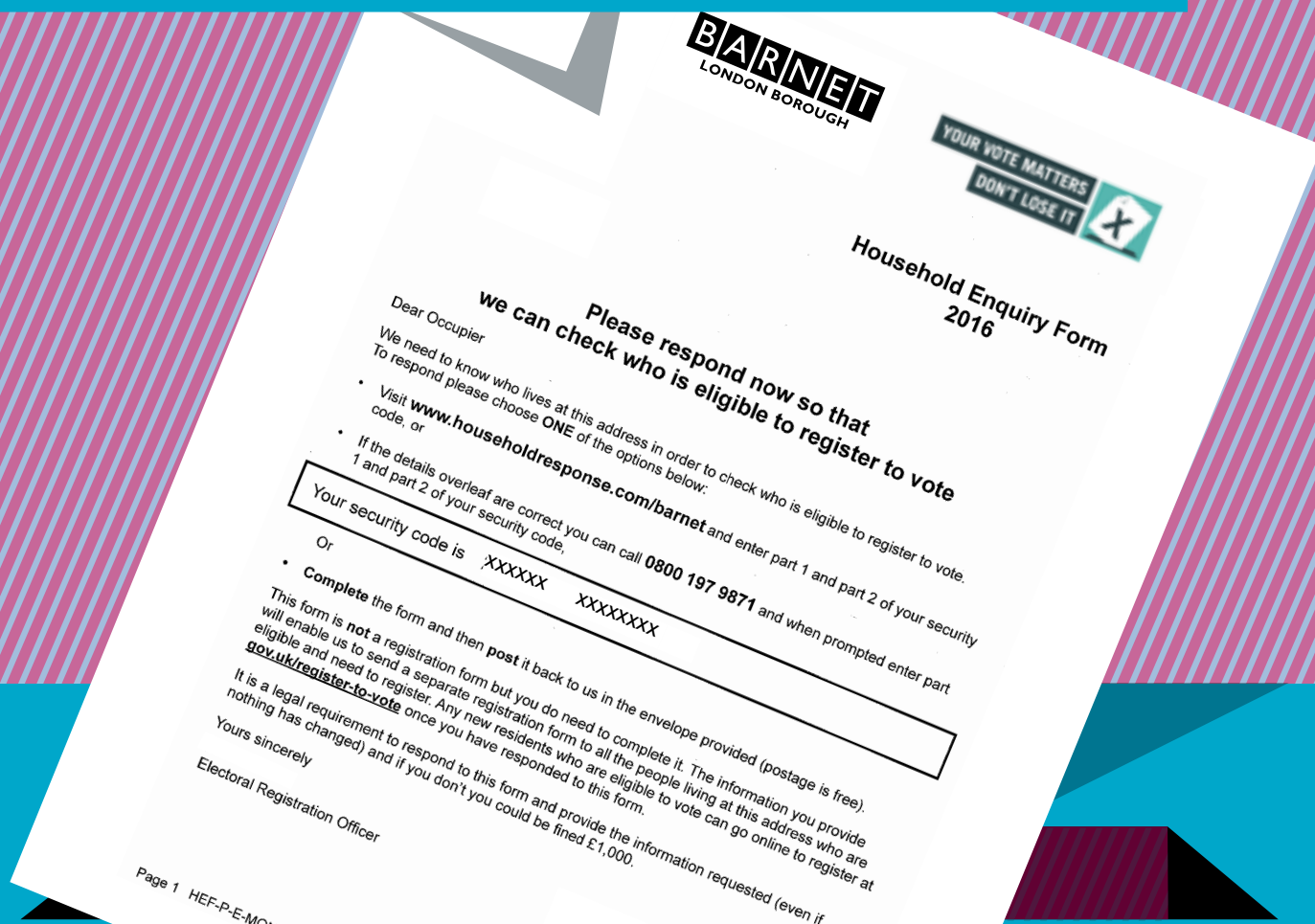
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Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum
Wednesday 26 October, 6.30pm, Avenue House, Finchley, N3 3QE
Hendon Residents Forum
Wednesday 26 October, 6.30pm, Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4

For details of surgeries

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