

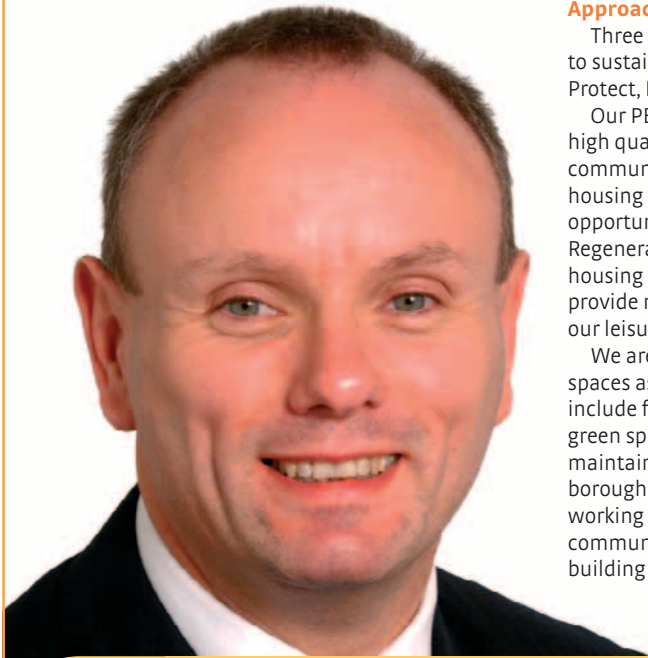
A smiling woman is visible in the background, slightly out of focus. In the foreground, there is a blue plate filled with fresh fruit, including orange slices, green grapes, and yellow pineapple chunks. To the left of the plate is a small white container of yogurt.

## Getting in the healthy habit

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**Don't lose your right to vote –  
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# Message from the Leader



## Pegging our hopes on the Three Strand Approach.

Three key words sum up our approach to sustainable development in Barnet – Protect, Enhance, Grow.

Our PEG strategy is about protecting our high quality suburbs, enhancing communities through delivering new housing and growing employment opportunities within the borough. Regeneration will provide first class housing for our growing community, provide new business spaces and expand our leisure and cultural sectors.

We are focusing on protecting open spaces as much as possible. Our plans include fighting to have gardens classed as green space not brownfield so we can maintain the suburban nature of the borough. We want to enhance Barnet by working hard to achieve balanced communities and high quality design and building is a key part of this enhancement.

Barnet is an attractive borough which is why so many people want to move here. PEG is about protecting, enhancing and growing the elements that make it so good. It's important to remember that more than a third of the borough is made up of open space and parkland. Our planning policies are there to make sure that the strongest possible protection is provided for all our open spaces. The Green Belt, Metropolitan Open Land and our parks and public gardens are fundamentally our untouchable precious natural assets.

Protecting and enhancing is not just about making sure we don't develop on our parks but also making sure that we invest in them properly. Which is why we are particularly pleased that now four of our parks have achieved premier park status.

**Councillor Mike Freer  
Leader of the Council**

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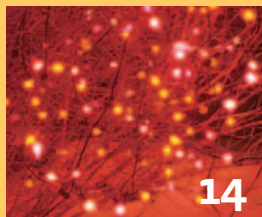
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# Barnet's top of the class for healthy school meals

Barnet Council is leading the way when it comes to dishing up healthy school meals.

**Since September all 72 primary schools and seven secondaries using the council's in house catering team have been serving up freshly-made food, with crisps, sweets, snacks and fizzy drinks strictly off the menu!**

The council was one of the first London boroughs to introduce the changes and we are already ahead of Government measures, announced at the start of the new academic year, which require schools to provide healthy meals for all.

Councillor Fiona Bulmer, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, says: "In Barnet we really are leading the way when it comes to putting the health of our pupils at the top of the menu!"

"Traditionally we have always spent more than most other local authorities on our school meals as we strive to ensure that children understand the benefits of eating healthy, well-balanced meals.

"These improvements are another example of our commitment. But we are not complacent and are now looking at ways to improve our service even further."

The council started to make the changes after meetings with head teachers revealed that governors and parents wanted to see new, healthier menus introduced.

A pilot was originally launched in 15



primary schools in June 2005, with all primaries coming on board during the 2005/06 school year.

Changes included:

- All the produce used is fresh, sometimes organic, and prepared on site. Dishes now being served include roast dinners, pasta, vegetables and salad.
- Catering staff have all been trained to prepare the meals.

Changes were introduced in secondary

schools this September with all vending machines – serving crisps, confectionary and fizzy drinks – removed. A more sophisticated version of the primary school menu has also been introduced, with pupils given a variety of healthy meals to choose from.

The council has already held over 65 tasting events for parents, carers and governors to find out what kind of food they wanted to see on offer and this will continue as we further develop the menus.

## Keep warm this winter

**Once more we're approaching winter and the additional risks that it poses to our health.**

People are more likely to catch a cold or flu in winter. The cold weather can also cause other serious health problems like heart attacks, stroke, and pneumonia. So it is vital that you take the necessary steps to ensure that you keep warm.

Every year, Barnet Council supports the Department of Health's 'Keep Warm Keep Well' campaign, which was launched at the beginning of October. The campaign aims to provide useful advice on how to stay healthy and warm in the winter months, along with information about financial and practical help that is available.

The campaign booklet gives advice on how to stay warm and well. Each section has information on how to prepare for winter, tips for what to do in cold weather, and contact details for where you can get more help and advice.

You can pick up a copy from local libraries or at Adult Social Services offices, download one at: [www.dh.gov.uk/socialcare](http://www.dh.gov.uk/socialcare) or call 0870 155 5455. The booklet is published in several different languages.

More information on keeping warm during the winter can be found on Barnet Online [www.barnet.gov.uk/index/health-social-care/services-for-older-people/keeping-warm-in-winter-service.htm](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/index/health-social-care/services-for-older-people/keeping-warm-in-winter-service.htm)

## Starting school next September?

**If your child is due to start school in a reception class in September 2007 then parents need to be applying for a school place now using the new co-ordinated primary admissions process.**

The closing date for primary school applications is 12 January 2007. Parents can apply either online or use a paper application form which is available from the School Organisation and Admissions Team on 020 8359 7651.



### New online application process

A secure online system is now available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and applications should only take between five and 10 minutes to complete. The guide to primary education is also available online. Once an application has been submitted online, parents will be able to log back into the system and change their application, right up to the closing date.

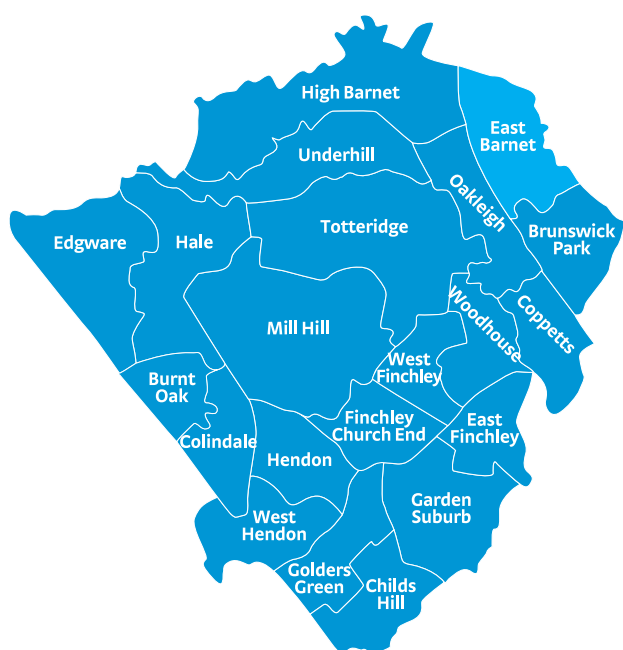
Results of applications will be posted to parents on Primary Offer Day which is 22 April 2007. For further information please visit [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk).



Spotlight on your ward

# East Barnet

As part of our continuing feature focussing on individual wards, we look at East Barnet, based in the north east of the borough.



**East Barnet was originally known as Barnet. Its parish church, St Mary's (c1140s), was the mother church to St John's in High Barnet. Much of the building is original, although the bell tower was built in 1828.**

Church Farm Industrial School was opened close to the church in 1860 by Lt Col. Gillum. Destitute London boys were taught at the school, learning useful skills such as tailoring and farming. The school moved out of the area in 1937.

It has been suggested that the area around the church may have been the original location of a medieval village. At some point the village moved closer to where Pymmes Brook is crossed by East Barnet Road. Apart from one or two streets – like Jackson Road which appeared in 1890 – the area remained a small village until well into the 20th century.

Cat Hill takes its name from an inn that existed for more than 200 years, but eventually had to be demolished after a fire in 1955.

The Great Northern Railway (GNR) began to plan the route of its railway and a new station – known for many years simply as Barnet Station –

during the 1840s. The company was forced to purchase more than 220 acres of an estate called Lyonsdown, but as it did not need all of the land for the railway, GNR sold the residue to the British Land Company, a development company.

This initial purchase, which was extended with other purchases, became New Barnet, and in 1884 the station changed its name.

There are many interesting people connected with East Barnet.

Daniel Augustus Beaufort, who was born in East Barnet in 1739, was the first person to produce an accurate map of Ireland in 1792.

More curious is one Alexander Cumming who was buried in East Barnet in 1775.

In 1730 Cumming, inspired by a dream his wife had, decided to go to the Cherokee mountains (now in South Carolina and Virginia in the United States). He must have impressed the Cherokee people because they made him a 'lawgiver, commander, leader, and chief' soon after his arrival.

Looking back: Cat Hill in days gone by



### Did you know?...\*

- 83% of East Barnet residents were born in the United Kingdom, the second highest in the borough.
- A higher proportion of East Barnet residents work in construction than any other of Barnet's wards. It also has the highest number of residents working in agriculture, fishing and mining.
- East Barnet has a comparatively low number of residents who have never worked or are long-term unemployed.
- With two mainline stations in the ward, East Barnet has the highest proportion of workers using trains to get to work – 10.4%.

\* Figures taken from the 2001 census.

On returning to Britain Cumming was accompanied by a party of Cherokee, including Attacullaculla (Little Carpenter), the future Cherokee leader.

A curious royal connection is in Lady Arabella Stuart (1575 – 1615). As a descendant of Henry VIII's older sister Margaret, Queen of Scotland, she was born with a claim to the English throne. But she consequently spent much of her life under house arrest. James I, angered because of her marriage to another claimant, William Seymour, without his consent, banished her to Durham. However, faking illness she managed to delay her exile, first at Highgate and then in a house in East Barnet, (possibly Monkenfrith or Church Hill House) for two months. From there, dressed as a man, she escaped. She was captured while on route to the continent with William and imprisoned in the Tower where she remained until her death.

Strangest of all the people connected with the area is Joanna Southcott (1750 – 1814). Local legend has it that Oak Hill Park was where the eccentric visionary had many of her visions. In her final year, at the age of 64, she announced that she was going to give birth to a Messiah. She died shortly after.

## What's in East Barnet?

### Parks

- Oak Hill Park, Parkside Gardens. One of the council's 16 Premier Parks, which also has Green Flag Status, a national standard of excellence. Facilities include a children's play area, café, tennis courts, football, nine hole golf course, a wood and nature reserve.
- Victoria Recreation Ground in Park Road is also one of the council's Premier Parks. It has a bowling green, tennis courts, five-a-side football, basketball court, play area and a formal rose garden.
- Baring Road Open Space
- Belmont Open Space
- Church Farm Open Space
- Cranbrook Road Open Space
- Ludgrove Playing Fields

### Allotment sites

- Cat Hill

### Libraries

- East Barnet Library, Brookhill Road.

### Schools

- Brookhill Community Nursery School, Brookhill Road
- Danegrove Primary School (reception and year one), Ridgeway Avenue
- Danegrove Primary School (years 2 – 6), Windsor Drive
- East Barnet School (years 7 – 10), Chestnut Grove
- East Barnet School (years 11 – 13), Westbrook Crescent
- Livingstone Primary School, Baring Road
- St Margarets Community Nursery School, Margaret Road
- St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Littlegrove
- Trent Church of England Primary School, Church Way

### Your councillors

As with all of Barnet's 21 wards, East Barnet has three elected members, or councillors, who have been elected by the ward's residents to represent them. Councillors stand for four years at a time.

**Cllr Terence Burton (Con)** is currently Barnet's deputy mayor. He has been a councillor since 2002.  
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**Cllr Olwen Evans (Con)** was re-elected as a councillor in 1998. She previously served the ward from 1978 until 1994.  
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**Cllr Robert Rams (Con)** was elected in May this year.  
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### Meet your councillors

Barnet's councillors hold regular surgeries to give residents the chance to discuss any topics they wish to raise. You can meet Councillor Burton on the second Saturday of every month at East Barnet Library in Brookhill Road between 10.30am and 12noon. No appointment is necessary. Councillor Evans is available at The Community Centre in Victoria Road, between 10.30am and 12noon on the first Saturday of every month, and in the library on the third Saturday of every month between 10.30am and 12noon. No appointment is necessary. You can meet Councillor Rams on the fourth Saturday of every month at East Barnet Library between 10.30am and 12noon. No appointment is necessary.



# Barnet's beating the bugs

Don't let rodents and bugs share your home, the council's pest control team is here to help.

**Barnet Council has a dedicated team to respond to residents' requests for help to tackle a range of public health pests.**

The in-house service covers rats, mice, cockroaches, fleas, bed bugs, wasps and exotic ants. The comprehensive service won't break the bank either. You can see how much it costs in the table below.

A heavily discounted rate of £20 is available for residents on certain means-tested benefits - Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, Income Based Jobseekers Allowance, pension with minimum income guarantee and Income Support.

Between May and September this year over 500 properties took advantage of the team's skills.

Barnet Council's Cabinet Member for Environmental Protection, Councillor Melvin Cohen, says: "I'm very pleased to announce that the team have completed their training and are already hard at work getting to grips with a range

of pests that can make residents' lives a misery.

"This new service has also been set up in such a way that it will pay for itself, meaning its future does not depend on Government grants and the cost does not fall on the taxpayer.

"This service demonstrates Barnet Council's commitment to building a stronger and healthier, cleaner and greener borough."

You can contact the team on **020 8359 7997**.

In periods of particularly high demand, the pest control team can also visit properties on Saturdays.

## Fees

Rats	£108 (based on a requirement for three visits)
Mice	£108 (based on a requirement for three visits)
Cockroaches	£98 (based on a requirement for two visits)
Bed bugs	£98 (based on a requirement for two visits)
Fleas	£98
Exotic Ants	£108
Wasps	£53

## DISCOUNT MARKET SALE

Enjoy 100% of the property but pay only 80% of the current market value\*

Discount Market Sale has been devised to enable home ownership for those who cannot afford full market value in the London Borough of Barnet. This applies to select properties which are sold at 20% below market value, to those who qualify.

### WHO QUALIFIES?

The Discount Market Sale initiative has been devised in order to encourage home ownership in the London Borough of Barnet. There are set criteria that will determine who is eligible for a Discount Market Sale property in partnership with the London Borough of Barnet.

To qualify, you must:-

- Be a resident or be employed within the London Borough of Barnet.
- Have a gross annual household income at the date of application for the property that does not exceed 45% of the Discount Market Sale price of that same property.

For example (this serves as an illustration only): Market Value: £204,950

Discount Market Sale Value: £163,960

Maximum Household Income: £73,782

### HOW IT WORKS

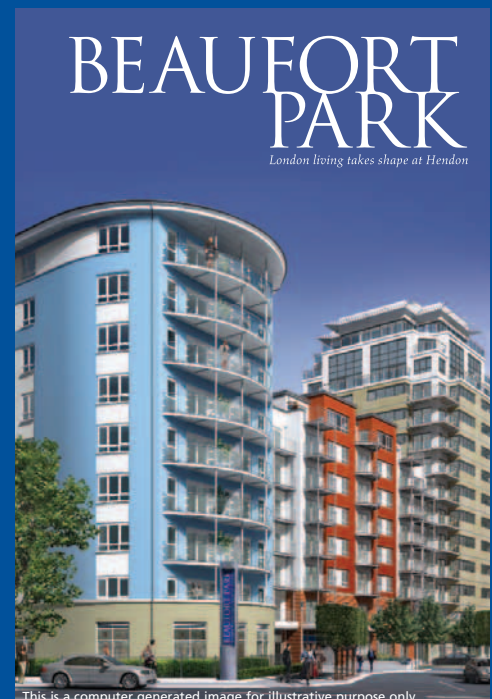
You pay 80% of the current market value of the apartment and enjoy 100% of the property. There is a covenant in place in the legal documentation with the London Borough of Barnet that when you come to resell the apartment it is sold in the same criteria as shown here. You then sell the apartment at 80% of the current market value at that time and you will therefore benefit from capital growth on 80% of the property's value rather than 100%.\*

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# Moving forward

A significant milestone in one of Barnet's major regeneration projects has been reached.



Peter Murphy, Development Director of Barratt West London; Tony Shoultz, Chief Executive of Metropolitan Housing Partnership and Councillor Freer, Leader of the Council.

**The £450m regeneration of the West Hendon estate moved a step closer last month when the partners involved signed an agreement committing them to the redevelopment.**

Representatives from Barnet Council, Metropolitan Housing Partnership and Barratt Homes attended the signing ceremony which took place on West Hendon Broadway.

The project forms part of the wider £4.2bn regeneration of Cricklewood, Brent Cross and West Hendon but will progress independently of the larger scheme.

It will bring approximately 2,000 new homes, with 680 affordable properties – mainly for rent but with others on a shared

**“The additional homes will create a stronger and more sustainable community while the project will also look to make the most of the area's excellent transport links”**

equity basis to ensure they are within the financial reach of residents - in place of the existing 1960s-built homes currently on the estate. Remaining homes will be for sale on the open market.

The exciting scheme will also provide a new health centre, a new community centre, youth sailing base and new shops in a new town square.

Homes will be located in such a way as to open up views of the Welsh Harp reservoir and surrounding parkland.

Considerable improvements are also planned to provide better traffic movement along the busy Broadway and encourage

pedestrian access to Hendon Station.

Barnet Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Councillor Anthony Finn, said: “This is the first tangible aspect in one of the most exciting regeneration schemes in the capital and indeed the whole country.

“The additional homes will create a stronger and more sustainable community while the project will also look to make the most of the area's excellent transport links and the outstanding benefit of being so close to the Welsh Harp.”

The next step will be to draw up a detailed design for the project. Extensive consultation will be undertaken involving the Residents' Regeneration Group and the wider community.

In the next edition of Barnet First we will report on progress with the council's other regeneration programmes in the borough.

Major developments are planned in Barnet over the next 10 to 15 years which will see new and improved neighbourhoods and significant investment in supporting facilities and infrastructure.

These include the regeneration of the council's four largest estates and development of the Cricklewood, Brent Cross and West Hendon regeneration area, Colindale and Mill Hill East.

Visit [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk) for more information.

## Living Longer, Living Better in Barnet

**A new three year plan to improve services for older people and their carers has been published for Barnet.**

‘Living Longer, Living Better in Barnet – A joint plan for older people and their carers’ has been developed by Barnet Council and Barnet Primary Care Trust in partnership with a variety of private, voluntary and community agencies.

The key priorities in the plan include promoting independence and choice for older people, more emphasis on person-centred care, the need to improve service delivery in key areas and a focus on smarter use of resources.

The council realises that services for older people and carers need to match the changing demographic and social trends that shape current and future needs in Barnet. Those likely to impact on service delivery are increasing numbers of frail older people and increasing numbers of people with dementia. There will also be a significant number of carers, many of whom will be retired or approaching retirement age and who may have health problems of their own.

Living Longer, Living Better in Barnet is the starting point for ensuring that the ambition of maximising choice and independence for older people becomes a reality. The council and PCT are committed to working in partnership to develop more integrated services and raise quality and create high standards across health and social care.

You can download the strategy at [www.barnet.gov.uk/olderpeople](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/olderpeople).

## Cycle training – for youngsters by youngsters

**A total of 284 young people have passed safe cycle training this year.**

Barnet Council and its team of teenage trainers ran 14 courses for Year six pupils at Deansbrook School in Mill Hill and Church Hill School in East Barnet. Each course lasted two days and included theory, as well as playground and on-road training.

One parent commented: “I think one of the main advantages of the course was seeing the mix of mature experienced instructors with young teenage instructors – what an exceptional system of partnership, that resulted in both parents and children feeling relaxed, assured and children ‘wanting’ to learn – superb initiative. Thank you so much!”

The council has a team of instructors aged 16 – 19 as participants find it easier to relate to trainers of a similar age. The young instructors passed the training themselves and showed they were confident and safe cyclists. They were then invited back when they were old enough to become trainee instructors, and for many it's their first ever paid job.

# Meet... your members

**Note: All codes are 020 unless otherwise indicated.**

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10.30am – 12noon

Third Saturday every month, East  
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East Barnet, EN4  
10.30am – 12noon

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MH, 5 October – Edgware)  
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### Surgery details:

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10 – 11.30am

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### Finchley and Golders Green

#### Dr Rudi Vis

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### Hendon

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### Greater London Assembly Member for Barnet and Camden

#### CLLr Brian Coleman

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# Don't lose your right to vote

Registering to vote is very easy.

**Remember - if you aren't registered you cannot vote in elections.**

As Barnet Council is responsible for services including schools, social services, roads and pavements, parks, planning and libraries, you won't be able to have your say on important issues that affect us all every day.

It's also very difficult to open a bank account, take out a mortgage or other loan, set up a mobile phone account or obtain store cards unless you are registered.

**But fortunately it is very easy to register.**

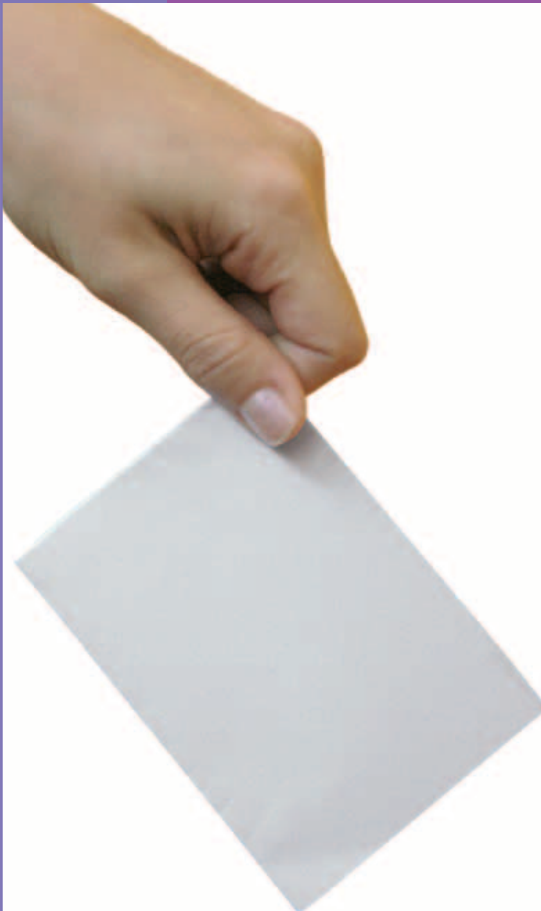
By now, a form about registering should have landed on your doorstep. There are three simple ways of making sure you keep your right to vote.

If you registered last year, your details will already be on the form. If these are still the same, all you need to do is call us on the telephone number provided.

If there are changes, mark them on the form, sign it and pop it back in the post in the return envelope provided.

If you prefer, you can register online but you'll need to use the security numbers printed on your form. Visit [www.registerbyinternet.com/barnet](http://www.registerbyinternet.com/barnet) to find out more.

If you are yet to receive your form or you have any other queries, ring the helpline on 020 8359 5577 or email [ero@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:ero@barnet.gov.uk). Alternatively visit [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk) and go to the Electoral Registration section.



# Don't forget to be waste aware

Preventing waste is one of the best things you can do for the environment.

**So why not follow our top tips to reduce the amount of waste you create over the festive period:**



- Avoid excess packaging and choose items packaged in materials which can be recycled
- Buy a Christmas tree with roots and plant it in the garden for next year
- Say no to plastic carrier bags – use a reusable shopping bag instead
- Buy recycled products
- Send electronic greetings cards
- Buy rechargeable batteries for toys and electrical goods
- Make decorations from scrap materials
- Buy alternative gifts e.g. support a charity, sponsor an animal through an animal welfare group
- Sign up to the Mail Preference Service to reduce junk mail; register at [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) or call 020 8359 7400 for a registration form

- Avoid buying disposable items, like paper napkins and plastic cups
- Make gift tags by cutting up last year's Christmas cards
- If a family member or friend is expecting a baby why not suggest they try real nappies
- Take your unwanted gifts and textiles to local hospitals and charity shops.

For the latest information and advice on recycling and waste prevention, visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/waste-minimisation](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/waste-minimisation), call 020 8359 7400 or email [recycling@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@barnet.gov.uk)

## Webwatch

What's new on Barnet Online in November and December?

**Free computer training is now available in Barnet's libraries. Log on to:** [www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries-ittraining](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries-ittraining) to find out more.

**Want to find out more about Barnet?** Then visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/barnet-in-facts-figures-updates](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/barnet-in-facts-figures-updates)

**Did you know that Barnet has links with eight different towns around the world?** [www.barnet.gov.uk/town-twinning/](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/town-twinning/)

**The council's statement of accounts for 2005/6 is now available:** [www.barnet.gov.uk/statement-of-accounts](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/statement-of-accounts)

**The council's complaints procedure and details of service complaints officers is online at:** [www.barnet.gov.uk/complaints-procedure](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/complaints-procedure)

# An introduction to Barnet Youth Board

Jennifer Garcia is a member of the Barnet Youth Board. Here she explains who they are and what they do:



**Barnet Youth Board is an organisation of young people living in Barnet who come together to help young people take an active role in the community. We want to help make Barnet a better place for them to live.**

We work closely with the decision makers and try to ensure they do what they promise. We give feedback to young people from a young person's perspective on the issues we discuss.

Our membership includes various groups in Barnet, such as ethnic minorities and disabled young people, and we have a wide variety of views.

Over the last two years we have made sure that the voice of young people is heard by taking part in important activities, such as the Mayor's young people conference last year.

We meet fortnightly to plan and carry out various projects.

We're currently helping the council and other organisations make improvements to help young people to enjoy themselves and feel safe. Other challenges include identifying the range of activities currently on offer to young people to make them more aware of what's available.

We're currently looking for new members. If you're interested in finding out more contact Joanna Domingo by emailing: [Joanna.domingo@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Joanna.domingo@barnet.gov.uk) or call 020 8359 6360.

## What do young people think about living in Barnet?

Over the last year, two major surveys of children and young people living and going to school in Barnet revealed:

- Over two thirds thought their school was either good or excellent
- Almost three quarters thought libraries provided a good or excellent service
- Young people were less happy about the cleanliness of streets than the adults asked (so we've asked young people for their help in a project to clean up the environment)
- Young people were least happy about activities for them to do, saying this was the thing that most needed improving (Barnet Youth Board are working with us to look further at this)
- Almost half said they were very healthy, compared to just over a third nationally
- 95% said they had an enjoyable life, slightly more than the national figure
- Almost the same percentage reported feeling safe in school although children and young people said they felt less safe in the area around their school.

## Don't play with fire – you might get burnt

The nights are getting darker and colder, leaves are starting to fall from the trees – and Bonfire Night is nearly upon us.

**While for the vast majority of Barnet residents the build-up to 5 November is an enjoyable time for families to attend professional fireworks displays, there's a minority of troublemakers who misuse fireworks, with potentially tragic consequences.**

The council's trading standards department is running a series of underage sales 'stings' on fireworks retailers during October, having recently secured several successful prosecutions against retailers that flouted the law during stings earlier in 2006.

Guilty traders face fines of up to £5,000 under tough new Government legislation, as part of a wider push to decrease the number of fireworks-related accidents that occur every year.

If you are considering holding your own private display, bear in mind a few 'dos' and 'don'ts' before getting started:

- **DO** only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- **DO** keep fireworks in a closed box
- **DO** supervise children around fireworks
- **DO** keep pets indoors
- **DO** light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves

- **DON'T** go near a firework that has been lit – it could still explode
- **DON'T** give sparklers to a child under five
- **DON'T** set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm
- **DON'T** drink alcohol if setting off fireworks

If you want any more information on fireworks and the law, contact the trading standards department on 020 8359 2178.

## Mayor's appeal helps youngsters into work

**The former Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Andreas Tambourides, has handed over a cheque for £58,423.48 to Mind in Barnet, his chosen charity for his year in office, which ended in May.**

The money was raised from a series of fundraising events throughout the year, including a charity golf day, dinner in the Members' Dining Room at the House of Commons, the Mayor's Ball and a luncheon reception with the actress and comedienne, Maureen Lipman. Councillor Tambourides also took part in the London Mayor's Walk.

He made the presentation at the AGM of Mind in Barnet, held in the summer.

Councillor Tambourides, who serves the Brunswick Park ward, said, "As always, I am overwhelmed at the generosity of the residents of Barnet.

"This donation will benefit 18 local people with mental health problems to develop cooking and food hygiene skills, which will help them find employment in the catering industry."

# Multi-million pound modernisation of learning disability services unveiled

A multi-million pound modernisation of Barnet's facilities for people with learning disabilities has been unveiled.

**Two new state-of-the-art resource centres, supported living accommodation, a residential care home and a respite home have opened in the borough this autumn.**

By 2009 another resource centre and housing with support service will also be up and running.

The New Choices Project is an innovative partnership between Barnet Council and Notting Hill Housing Group (NHHG).

The £24million project will give people with learning disabilities greater choice and independence. People with autism who have previously had to travel outside of the Barnet area for specialist services will now have their needs met within the borough. Tailored programmes will be developed with increased emphasis on developing people's skills within their local community.

It is anticipated that two of the services will be accredited by the National Autistic Society.

Council Leader Mike Freer said: "Barnet is leading the way in developments in social care.

"The New Choices project has created state-of-the-art facilities which offer people with learning disabilities greater independence and choice over their care.

"I am extremely proud that this groundbreaking modernisation programme is likely to earn Barnet national recognition. It is yet another example of our forward-thinking approach to delivering services."

In 2003, Barnet transferred ownership of the existing properties that were delivering services to people with learning disabilities to Notting Hill Housing Group.

NHHG has redeveloped these sites, building new facilities for people with learning disabilities,



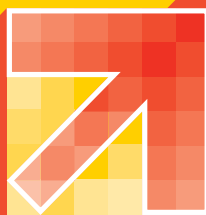
**"The New Choices project has created state-of-the-art facilities which offer people with learning disabilities greater independence"**

as well as private flats. They will now sell these flats which will help finance the multi-million pound project.

As the registered social landlord, NHHG will own and maintain the remaining buildings

where facilities for people with learning disabilities will be based but Barnet's Adult Social Services will continue to run the services and provide the staff.

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# What's on in Barnet during November and December

## Leisure/pastimes

### Fireworks Display

**4 Nov gates open 5.30pm**

Underhill Junior School, Mays Lane EN5.  
Professional fireworks display, BBQ. Tickets: £5 adults, £4 children



### Christmas past

**6 Dec – 7 Jan 2007**

The museum's 1850s dining room will be decorated for a Victorian Christmas.

**6 Dec – 21 Jan 2007**

Display of traditional Christmas angels and fairies

**Until March 2007**

Exhibition of 19th and early 20th Century toys and games. Church Farmhouse Museum, Greyhound Hill, Hendon, NW4. Details/opening times: 020 8203 0130.

### Line dance

**Thursdays 8.30 – 10.30pm**

Sacred Heart Church, Flower Lane, Mill Hill, NW7. Sacred Heart Line Dance Club meets weekly. Beginners most welcome. Cost: £3. Further details: Marjorie 020 8445 6580.

### Latin dancercise

**Mondays 6.45 – 7.45pm**

All Saints Art Centre, 122 Oakleigh Road, N20.

**Thursdays 7.15 – 8.15pm**

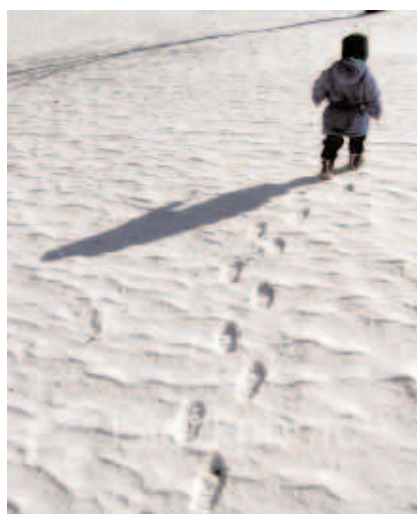
Trinity Church Centre, 15 Nether Street, N12. Get fit and have fun. Suitable for all levels. Latin Dancercise is a fusion of aerobic exercise with Latin dance. Cost £4.75. Further details: www.thecreativecrewparties.com

## Music

### English Chamber Orchestra

**19 Nov 2.30pm**

Haberdashers' Aske's Boys School hall, Butterfly Lane, Elstree, WD6. Mill Hill Music Club event. Enjoy the brilliance, verve and intimacy of one of the world's most celebrated and widely travelled Chamber Orchestras. Cost: £12.50



## Miscellaneous

### Barnet Plus Social and Leisure Group

**Sunday evenings 8.45pm**

Upstairs function room, Bull and Butcher pub, 1277 High Road, Whetstone, N20. Social and leisure activities for 18 – 35 year olds. More details visit: www.barnetplus.com or contact Mark on 020 8361 2827. Cost: free.

### Walks

Guided walks in the Barnet area. Various starting points. Cost: £5, concessions £3. Call 020 8440 6805 for details.

### Women only forum for the over 40s

**1 Nov 7.30pm**

London Jewish Cultural Centre, Ivy House, North End Road, NW11. To launch a series of Informal evenings on women's issues for women to hear from and ask questions of the experts, speakers will consider the menopause and how to cope with it. Tickets: £15. More info: 020 8457 5000 or events@ljcc.org.uk

### Hannukah Party

**10 Dec 2 – 5pm**

London Jewish Cultural Centre, Ivy House, North End Road, NW11. A chance to celebrate the religious holiday with activities for children. In association with the JCC. Cost: £5 per child. More info: 020 8457 5000 or mandy@ljcc.org.uk

## Book sales

**• 24 – 28 Oct**

East Finchley Library, 226 High Road, N2

**• 31 Oct – 4 Nov**

South Friern Library, Colney Hatch Lane, N10

**• 7 – 11 Nov**

Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11

**• 14 – 19 Nov**

Golders Green Library, 156 Golders Green Road, NW11

**• 21 – 25 Nov**

North Finchley Library, Ravensdale Avenue, N12

**• 28 Nov – 2 Dec**

Childs Hill Library, 320 Cricklewood Lane, NW2

## Council meetings – dates for your diary

Meetings are open to the public and are generally held at the Town Hall, Hendon starting at 7pm, unless otherwise stated. The Area Forums (which start at 6.30pm) meet at a variety of venues around the borough, and details can be found online, on our posters or by contacting the Democratic Services team on 020 8359 2031. Members of the public can ask to speak at most meetings. Further information can be obtained by contacting Democratic Services.

### November

- 6 Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 7 Council
- 8 Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 9 Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 16 Audit
- 20 Cabinet Resources
- 21 First Class Education and Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee
- 22 Hendon Area Forum; Planning and Environment Committee; Finchley Area Forum; Barnet Area Forum
- 27 Cabinet
- 30 Tackling Crime and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### December

- 4 Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny; General Functions Committee
- 5 Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee; Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 6 Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 7 Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 11 Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 13 Whetstone Area Forum; Golders Green and Childs Hill Area Forum; Edgware, Burnt Oak and Mill Hill Area Forum; Supporting the Vulnerable in our Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 18 Resources, Performance and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 19 Council

# What's open in Barnet C

## Refuse collection

### Monday 25 December

Collection will be on Saturday 23 December

### Tuesday 26 December

Collection will be on Tuesday 2 January 2007

### Wednesday 27 December

Normal service

### Thursday 28 December

Normal service

### Friday 29 December

Normal service

### Monday 1 January 2007

Collection will be on Saturday 30 December

Please place wheeled bin(s) on the boundary of your property by 6.30am on your scheduled collection day. For more information call 020 8359 4600.

## Libraries

All libraries will close at 5pm on Saturday 23 December and remain closed until Wednesday 27 December when normal opening hours will apply until Sunday 31 December inclusive.

All libraries will be closed on Monday 1 January 2007.

Normal opening hours will resume on Tuesday 2 January 2007.

## Local Studies

The Archives and Local Studies Service will be closed from Saturday 23 to Tuesday 26 December inclusive and Saturday 30 December to Monday 1 January 2007 inclusive.

## Church Farmhouse Museum

The museum will be closed on Sunday 24, Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 December 2006 and Monday 1 January 2007. (Please note that the museum is always closed on Fridays.)

## Customer Care Unit

The Customer Care Unit (020 8359 4600), which takes residents' calls on street-based issues such as road and pavement subsidence, street lighting, street cleaning, refuse and recycling services, will be open:

Friday 22 December: 8am – 4pm

Saturday 23 to Tuesday 26 December: closed

Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 December: 8am – 6pm

Friday 29 December: 8am – 4pm

Saturday 30 December to Monday 1 January 2007: closed

Tuesday 2 January 2007: 8am – 6pm

## Block cleanse

Block cleansing of every street, complete with free skips, takes place twice per year.

For further information, visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/street-cleaning-programme](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/street-cleaning-programme) or call 020 8359 4600. We notify all residents by letter at least one week in advance of the cleanse.

Please do not place Christmas trees in the skips. They should be recycled using green waste bins, cut up into manageable bits if they are too large to fit in the bin.

## Black Box recycling



### Monday 25 December

Collection will be on Saturday 23 December

### Tuesday 26 December

Collection will be on Tuesday 2 January 2007

### Wednesday 27 December

Normal service

### Thursday 28 December

Normal service

### Friday 29 December

Normal service

### Monday 1 January 2007

Collection will be on Saturday 30 December

- Place your black box on the boundary of your property by 7am on your scheduled collection day.
- Use your black box to recycle: aerosols, cans and tins, car and household batteries, engine oil, foil, glass bottles and jars, junk mail, mobile phones, newspapers and magazines, shoes, textiles, and Yellow Pages.
- Excess materials should be placed in labelled carrier bags, next to your black box.

For more information or to order a Black Box call 020 8371 3670 or email [barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk](mailto:barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk)

**Remember, it is compulsory to recycle your cans, paper and glass**

# ouncil and when?



## Green garden and kitchen waste collections



### Saturday 23 December

No service

### Monday 25 December

Collection will be on Saturday 23 December

### Tuesday 26 December

Collection will be on Tuesday 2 January 2007

### Wednesday 27 December

Normal service

### Thursday 28 December

Normal service

### Friday 29 December

Normal service

### Saturday 30 December

No service

### Monday 1 January 2007

Collection will be on Saturday 30 December

- Place green wheeled bin on the boundary of your property by 6.30am, on scheduled collection day.
- Collection of: grass clippings, prunings (up to 8cm diameter), leaves, twigs, flowers and any food waste such as vegetable peelings, tea bags, pasta, bread, fruit, meat and fish, except bones.
- Please leave your Christmas tree next to your green bin, on your collection day for composting.

For more information or to order your green wheeled bin call 020 8359 4600 or email [ccu@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:ccu@barnet.gov.uk)

## Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre, Summers Lane

The site will be closed on Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January 2007.

- Normal opening hours: Monday to Saturday 8am to 4pm and Sundays and Bank Holidays 9am to 4pm.
- The site recycles over 35 different materials including plastic bottles and cardboard. General waste is also accepted.
- No trade waste is accepted
- Van drivers by appointment only. Proof of address needed i.e. utility bill.

The centre closes promptly at 4pm and gates will close to new visitors at 3.50pm

For more information call 020 8362 0752.

## Festive recycling Christmas trees



Green garden and kitchen waste collection service:

- If your household has joined this free service, recycle your Christmas tree by leaving it at the side of your GREEN wheeled bin on your scheduled collection day.

Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre, Summers Lane, N12 0RF:

- Place in the green waste container for composting.

### Christmas cards

Take your cards to your local participating WHSmith store, Tesco store (not Metro and Express), local libraries or to the Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre at Summers Lane between 2 and 31 January 2007. Please place them in the special bins provided. For a full list of stores accepting cards, visit: [www.woodland-trust.org.uk/cards](http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk/cards). Funds raised from the card recycling scheme will go to help save the UK's ancient woods and trees.



# You can help make Barnet even better

## Community-minded volunteers have been joining forces to clean up their areas, for the Make Barnet Even Better campaign.

Launched in September by the Barnet Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), of which the council is a lead member, the community clean-up initiative is the first part of a three-stage drive to communicate the vision for Barnet in 2016, and encourage civic pride among residents.



The good news is that it's not too late to get involved if you want to play your part in making Barnet an even better place to live and work. If you and your friends or colleagues want to get your hands dirty, contact us and we can provide the equipment and put you in touch with other people on our database who you can join forces with.

You can also look out for more ways to make Barnet even better in the next six months, as two more initiatives - promoting the health benefits of responsible drinking and encouraging the use of public transport and green travel plans - are planned for the end of this year and early 2007. Visit Barnet Online at [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk) for more details.

look in 2016.

"Make Barnet Even Better is about bringing that vision home to the people who can make it happen - you.

"This campaign looks at making the borough cleaner, greener, safer and healthier - all ambitions we want to achieve over the next decade. Play your part by getting in touch and getting involved."

To find out more about Make Barnet Even Better, call 020 8359 7820, email [getinvolved@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:getinvolved@barnet.gov.uk) or visit [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk)

The council has also been encouraging young people to think about keeping their borough clean. Working with the Children's

### "Make Barnet Even Better is about bringing that vision home to the people who can make it happen - you"

Councillor Mike Freer, Leader of the Council and member of the LSP Executive, said: "Through our partnership work with many organisations in the borough, we have devised a vision of how we want Barnet to

Team at Barnet Voluntary Service Council (BVSC), it set a challenge for them to find and write about an area in need of a clean-up - with the winning entries due to be tackled during the October half-term holiday.

## We are the champions - but it will be you who wins



The team

Visitors to Barnet Council's housing office are assured of a first-class service, after the council's Homeseekers team was designated a regional champion for its work tackling homelessness.

The decision by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) means that Barnet will receive a grant to offer help and advice to

other councils in London, run training courses and seminars and develop sub-regional action groups.

The award comes a year after a total revamp of the council's approach to dealing with homelessness, culminating in the council recruiting 12 new members of staff to make up the Options First service.

The service now focuses on preventing homelessness through the development of alternative housing options, and has already had great success in enabling large numbers of people to avoid the misery and expense of temporary accommodation.

Councillor Lynne Hillan, Cabinet Member for Community Services, said: "I am delighted that the good work carried out by Barnet Homeseekers over the last nine months has been recognised at a national level.

"I am sure our neighbouring authorities can learn a lot from the success we have had in tackling homelessness and we look forward to sharing that experience. We will also see best practice elsewhere which will enable us to improve our service to Barnet people still further."

If you are homeless or are concerned about your housing situation, contact Barnet Homeseekers on 020 8359 4797 or email [homeseekers@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:homeseekers@barnet.gov.uk). Alternatively, visit the office at Barnet House, High Road, Whetstone, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday between 9am and 4pm.

## Saluting Barnet's sports stars

European and Commonwealth athletics medallist Andy Turner showered praise on Barnet's young sporting stars at a special ceremony hosted by Barnet Council.



Barnet's successful girls squash team

The 110 metre hurdler and Barnet Mayor Eva Greenspan congratulated Barnet's young athletes during an awards ceremony to celebrate the borough's achievements during this year's London Youth Games.

More than 20,000 Londoners took part in 30 different sporting competitions during the games - Europe's largest youth sporting event. But despite tough competition, Barnet's athletes stormed to victory in a variety of sports.

Our winners were Barnet Bulldogs basketball team, the girls squash team, Barnet Table Tennis Club, VK Barnet Volleyball Club, Alice Pearson of Cophall Swimming Club and Yacine Benichou from Oak Lodge School for PWD shot put.

Councillor Greenspan said: "The borough is very proud of all the young people who took part in this prestigious event. Their hard work, dedication, skill and passion are an inspiration to others and should encourage more young people to get involved in sport.

"Barnet Council is committed to sports development and events like the London Youth Games are an opportunity for us to showcase the wealth of talent we have in the borough."

