



# BARNET

## LONDON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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## COUNCIL RETAINS THIRD PLACE IN DOMESTIC RATES TABLE

EACH YEAR, Barnet London Borough Council publishes a "league table" showing the domestic rate of the 32 London Boroughs.

The Council has again produced a table which shows that Barnet retains the third position behind Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster, who drop from leading the table to second place.

This is how the full table looks:

No.	Borough	Last Year's Position	Increase over 1973/74	Decrease	Domestic Rate in the £
1.	Kensington & Chelsea	(2)		0.40	27.50
2.	Westminster	(1)	1.80		29.00
3.	Barnet	(3)	5.00		33.50
4.	Wandsworth	(6)	3.00		33.60
5.	Hackney	(18)		2.00	34.00
6.	Hammersmith	(11)	1.00		34.00
7.	Croydon	(5)	6.50		36.50
8.	Enfield	(8)	4.50		36.50
9.	Islington	(23)		1.00	37.00
10.	Lambeth	(12)	3.70		37.30
11.	Kingston-upon-Thames	(16)	2.80		37.80
12.	Camden	(15)	3.30		38.00
13.	Greenwich	(17)	2.84		38.00
14.	Richmond-upon-Thames	(14)	4.50		38.50
15.	Lewisham	(22)	1.50		38.70
16.	Southwark	(26)		0.80	39.00
17.	Bromley	(10)	7.00		39.50
18.	Ealing	(27)	—	NIL —	40.00
19.	Redbridge	(19)	3.80		40.00
20.	Hillingdon	(4)	11.50		40.90
21.	Waltham Forest	(24)	2.50		41.00
22.	Hounslow	(13)	8.60		42.40
23.	Brent	(7)	11.00		42.50
24.	Merton	(28)	2.10		42.50
25.	Harrow	(9)	11.20		43.20
26.	Barking	(25)	4.40		43.40
27.	Havering	(20)	6.50		43.50
28.	Newham	(30)	1.00		43.80
29.	Sutton	(21)	7.00		44.00
30.	Bexley	(32)	—	NIL —	46.00
31.	Tower Hamlets	(29)	4.50		46.00
32.	Haringey	(31)	8.50		52.00

## FULL CONSULTATION ON CHIPPING BARNET TOWN CENTRE PLANS

THE FIRST STAGE of the consultation process for the preparation of a new Town Centre Plan for the future development of Chipping Barnet Town Centre has now been completed, the Barnet London Borough Council announce.

This first stage was the preparation of a work programme and, after consideration by the Town Planning and Research, Development and Estates and Public Work Committees of the Council, it has been discussed by the members of the Chipping Barnet Town Centre Proposals Committee who represent local interested organisations.

The Proposals Committee have expressed satisfaction with the programme and it has now been approved by the Council.

The programme envisages that the preparation of the proposals is likely to take some two years or so to complete. The programme provides, in brief, for the achievement of the objectives by six stages. In Stage 1 the work programme was to be determined and that has now been done. The next stage will be to carry out any additional surveys and research work that is necessary and then

to establish the objectives for the future development of the Town Centre.

The third stage will be to consider alternative strategies for achieving the objectives and to identify that which is preferred. In the fourth stage consideration will be given to alternative plans for achieving the preferred strategy and the selection of the plan which is the most satisfactory in all the circumstances and ultimately its formal approval and adoption by the Council. The last and sixth stage will, of course, be the progressive implementation of the approved Plan.

The programme provides for full consultation with local residents and organisations before any final decisions are reached and publicity will be given to the completion of each stage so that the public are aware of how work is progressing.

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# Meet three more elected representatives of the Council



COUNCILLOR MRS. EDNA PARKER JAMES was elected in 1971 and is a representative of the Ward (St. Paul's) in which she lives and works. She serves on Town Planning and Research, General Purposes and Establishment, Carnival and Shows Committees, and has been a member of Social Services and Health Committees. She is a Manager or Governor of several schools within the area and a Manager of the Welsh Harp Sailing Base.

### FIRST WOMAN

As well as being the first woman to act as an Officer on the Conservative Group of the Council, Mrs. James is Hon. Secretary of the Moss Hall Branch of Finchley and Friern Barnet Conservative Association, also serving as a delegate on the Divisional Council and Local Government Committees of that Association.

### SCOUTS

She is a member of East Finchley Methodist Church and in common with her husband, Michael, she is involved in the activities of the local District Scouts.

COUNCILLOR DAVID DELL was born and has spent nearly all his life living or working in the Borough of Barnet. He is married with two children and has represented Edgware Ward since 1971, and is currently Chairman of his local Conservative branch, as well as being a member of his Ward and Divisional Committees.

### COMMITTEES

Councillor Dell serves on the Development and Estates, and Finance Committees, and in 1972 was appointed Vice-Chairman and now currently Chairman of the Libraries and Arts Committee of the Borough of Barnet. He is also a member of the Western Area Road Safety Committee, and in addition, he is a Governor of Edgware Comprehensive School, Moat Mount Comprehensive School and Rosh Pinah Primary School.

### DISTINCTION

Councillor Dell has the happy distinction of being President of the Springwood Tenants Association (part of the Broadfields Council Estate), and has therefore taken as one of his primary concerns the improvement of the living standards on this Council estate, as well as the environmental problems particularly caused by traffic in Edgware. He is particularly concerned with the maintenance of the high standard of the Library service and the expansion of the arts facilities throughout the Borough.

COUNCILLOR PATRICK K. LAURANCE is one of the three Councillors for the Garden Suburb Ward and was elected to Barnet London Borough Council in May of 1971.

He is married with two daughters—"all actively engaged in social and community work."

Councillor Laurance, who lives in Hill Close, Hampstead Way,

serves on the Council's Education Committee. He is also a member of the Joint Consultative Sub-Committee for Education and the Schools and Special Services Sub-Committee of the Education Committee.

In addition, the Councillor serves on the Council's Social Services Committee, and is chairman of that committee's Western Area Family Care Sub-Committee. He was a member of the former Health Committee, which was disbanded on April 1 at the commencement of the Barnet Area Health Authority, upon which he serves.

A manager of Bell Lane Garden Suburb and Brookland schools, Councillor Laurance is also governor of Christchurch and Alder schools. He is chairman of the Board of Governors of his old school.

A keen cricketer, Councillor Laurance also has strong interests in soccer and spends much time refereeing in the Barnet Youth League.

He is a sales director of a Bournemouth firm which manufactures cake decorations.

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R. H. WILLIAMS Chief Executive & Town Clerk

## Home for aged is like an hotel

ONE OF THE interesting features about Abbots Lodge Old People's Home, Brunswick Park Road, N.11, is that it gives an air of a small de-luxe hotel.

Set in its own grounds and situated adjacent to the Osidge Health Clinic and Library, 55 residents of either sex are accommodated in 41 single and 7 double rooms, the latter allowing for married couples to spend short stays or become permanent residents together.

Opened just over a year ago, Abbots Lodge was designed by the Architect's Department of the London Borough of Barnet and constructed by Messrs. Hales Construction Company.

Within the home there is a large vestibule leading to a spacious lounge on the ground floor. There are 4 bathrooms fully equipped with hoists, medic baths and showers which allow people who are substantially handicapped to be cared for.

There are specially designed toilets and utility and handicraft

## WIDE RANGE OF OPEN SPACES AND SPORTS FACILITIES IN THE BOROUGH

BARNET London Borough is indeed fortunate in having large areas of open space where the recreational needs of a modern society can be met and so provide enjoyment for all who wish to become members of clubs or take advantage of the facilities available to all members of the public.

Spectators can watch top-class professional and amateur football clubs, athletics of near international standard and many clubs which are well known in their particular field, but with the growth of interest in more and more sports, increased measures are being taken by the Council to encourage active participation in sports at all levels.

In addition to some 400 acres of

private playing fields in the Borough, where many Clubs flourish, for the former pupils of schools or sponsored by firms or statutory undertakers, there are about 40 parks or open spaces wherein some recreational facility can be enjoyed.

Most people must be aware of playing fields near to them where soccer, rugby, football, hockey,

cricket, bowls and tennis are played, and which of the eight golf clubs or four swimming pools in the Borough is nearest to them, but there must be many who do not know that there are three golf courses open to all members of the public to learn or improve their play and that municipal facilities can be offered for outdoor athletics, angling and horse-riding.

Further information of the parks and the facilities offered is readily available on application to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, 322 Regents Park Road, Finchley, N3 2LP (Tel: 349 9121).

rooms, the latter allowing residents to undertake personal tasks such as washing and ironing. There is a bell system covering all rooms in the home with special extra

length cords to enable easy contact to the staff.

The residents are encouraged to participate in numerous activities which include draughts, dominoes,

bingo and whist. Most mornings, many of the female residents spend their time knitting knee-rugs, and

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## WHAT'S ON IN THE COUNCIL LIBRARIES

THE COUNCIL'S Libraries and Arts Committee have arranged the following exhibitions:

March 2-March at North Finchley Library

March 27-April 20 at East Finchley Library

### Anita Jon : Exhibition of Work

Anita Jon is a member of the Craft Council of Great Britain. This will be her first one-woman show and will include examples of "wall sculpture".

March 30-April 20 at North Finchley Library

April 24-May 25 at East Finchley Library

### Nancy Kuo : Exhibition of Paintings

Nancy Kuo was born in Shanghai, China and studied western painting at the Hsin Hua Academy in Shanghai and traditional painting under Chen Shu-jen. She has exhibited internationally and has paintings in private collection all over the world. In 1970 she was awarded the silver medal from the Academia Internazionale Tammasco Campanella di Lettere-Arte-Scienze for her beneficial services to the arts.

May 1-June 1 at North Finchley Library

### Finchley Art Society : Spring Exhibition

This will be the 26th spring exhibition of work by members of the Society.

June 5-June 29 at East Finchley Library

July 6-July 27 at North Finchley Library

### Temple Fortune Art Club : Members Exhibition

The Temple Fortune Art Club was founded in 1928 by the late Maurice Codner, R.I., at the wish of Dame Henrietta Barnett. Membership is open to both amateur and professional artists and regular meetings are held at The Studio, Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute.

June 8-June 29 at North Finchley Library

July 3-July 27 at East Finchley Library

### W. G. Huntley : Exhibition of Paintings

W. G. Huntley held the John Christie Art Scholarship at King's

College, Durham University and later studied at Salisbury Art School and the British Dominion School of Drawing. A committee member of the Finchley Art Society, Mr. Huntley also teaches painting. He specialises in landscape and flower painting and watercolours will predominate in this exhibition.

August 3-August 31 at North Finchley Library, East Finchley Library and Hendon Library

### Picture Lending Service : Exhibitions of New Additions

Original paintings by local artists will be shown at North Finchley Library and reproductions will be exhibited at East Finchley Library and Hendon Library.

September 4-September 28 at East Finchley Library

### Patients' Art Exhibition : Friern Hospital

This collection of paintings from Friern Hospital represents a year's work produced in the Art Department of the hospital by short and longer stay patients. Of particular interest are pictures from a geriatric ward by patients who have been in hospital for 20-50 years.

### HOW TO GET THERE

#### North Finchley Library

Ravensdale Avenue, London N12 9HP. 01-445 4081  
Nearest station: Woodside Park. Nearest buses: 26, 104, 125, 221, 260, 263.

#### East Finchley Library

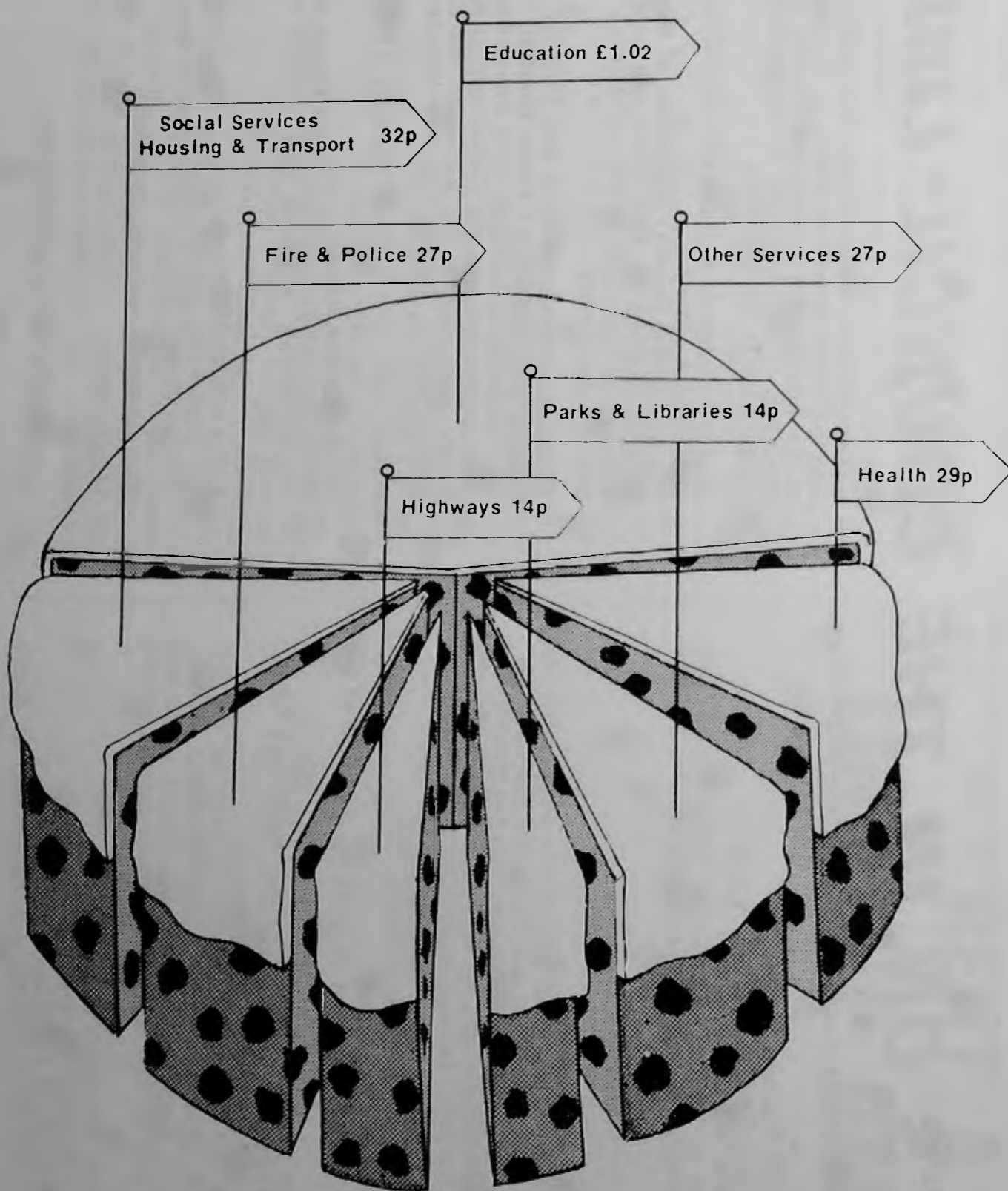
226 High Road, London N2 9BB 01-883 2664  
Nearest station: East Finchley. Nearest buses: 104, 263.

The exhibitions are open as follows:

Monday-Friday	9.00 a.m.-7.00 p.m.
Saturday	9.00 a.m.-6.00 p.m.

Admission is free to all exhibitions

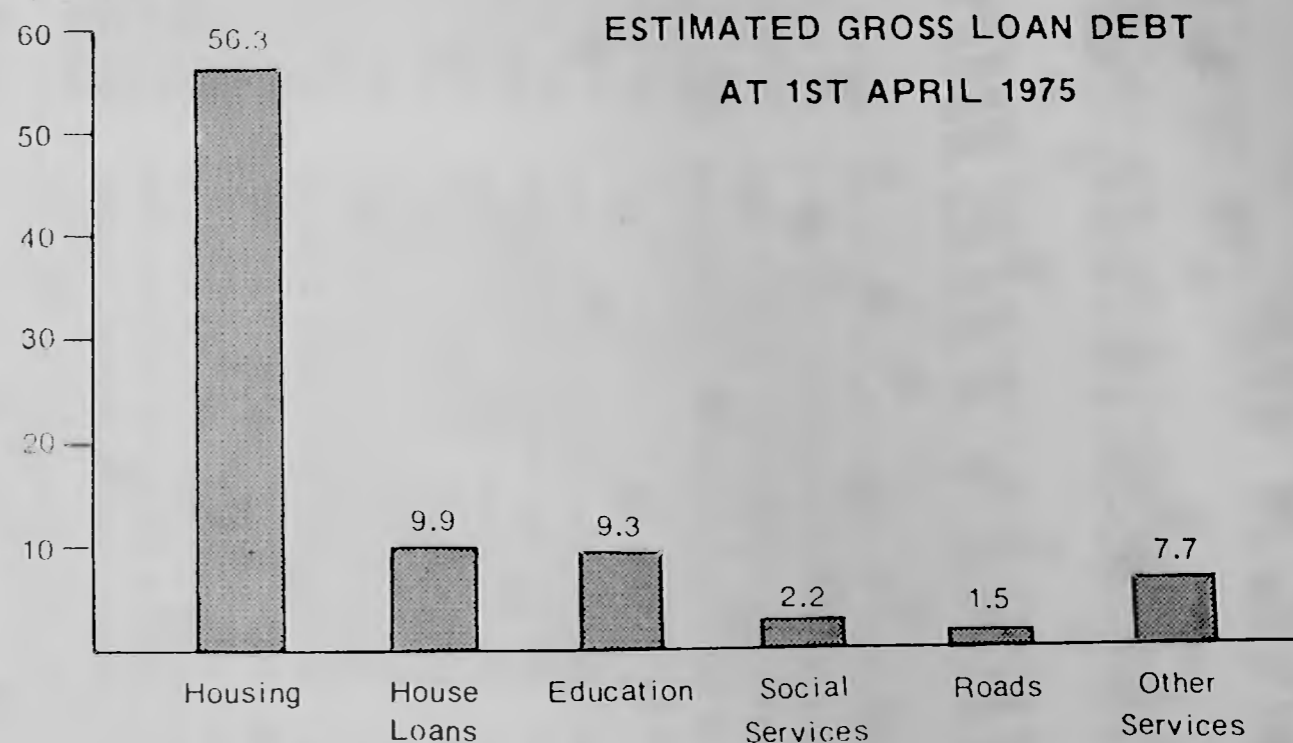
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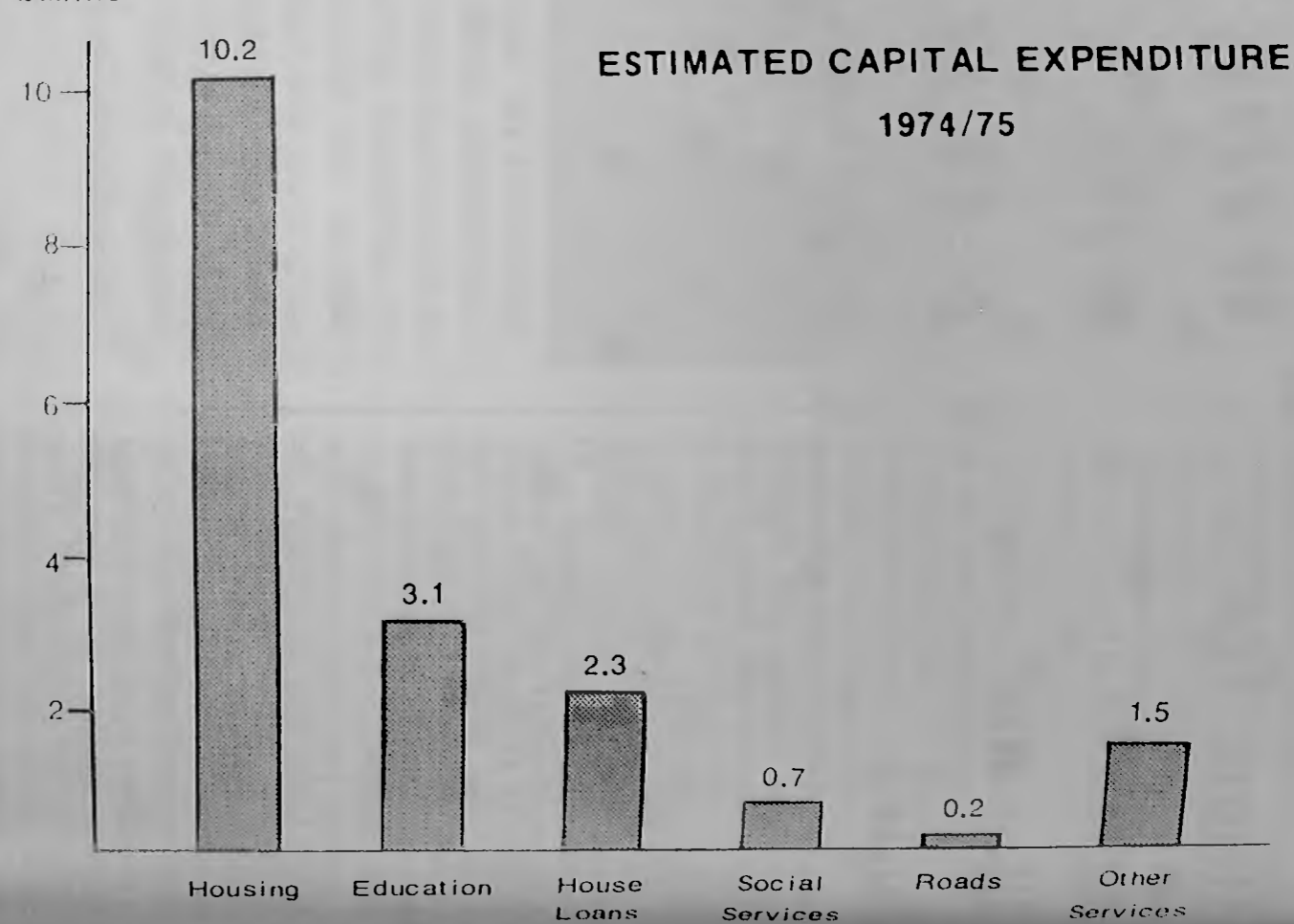
THE OCCUPIER OF A HOUSE OF RATEABLE VALUE £380 WILL PAY IN RATES IN 1974/75 £127.30 WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A WEEKLY EXPENDITURE OF £2.45.

THE ILLUSTRATION SHOWS HOW THE SLICES OF THAT EXPENDITURE WOULD BE SHARED AMONGST THE VARIOUS SERVICES.

£ million



£ million





# 500 PUPILS MOVE IN AS THE GRAHAME PARK SCHOOL IS TAKING SHAPE

GRAHAME PARK SCHOOL is a comprehensive mixed school for a total of 1,080 pupils of which the first phase of the building provides accommodation for approximately 540 pupils. It is designed to provide a Youth Centre which can function as a separate entity and an Assembly Hall capable of use as a Public Hall to accommodate 500 people. The estimated total cost of the school on tender is £950,000.

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## Abbots Lodge residents

shoulder-shawls, or rug-making, whilst some of the male residents are occupied in cardboard model making. On two mornings each week, all residents are given the opportunity of joining in handball, chair football, and physical exercises.

There are two television sets in the home, one colour and one black and white. Some of the residents also have sets in their rooms. An adequate library and picture service is provided by the Libraries Department, and a hairdresser visits the home at fortnightly intervals and offers her services to both male and female residents.

Informal entertainment is provided in the evenings by way of sing-songs, and both staff and residents take part in arranging these evenings. Church services covering all denominations are held regularly and members of voluntary organisations in the area visit the home at frequent intervals.

The sixth form girls at Southaw School have become closely associated with Abbots Lodge, some visiting every week, and they have developed extremely good relationships with many of the residents.

At Christmas they prepared and served tea to all residents in the home and they also give concerts fairly frequently.

Abbots Lodge is managed by the Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. A. Westbury, who have been with the London Borough of Barnet for eight years.

The school contains a separate Library, Gymnasium, Drama Studio and Swimming Pool as well as full accommodation for teaching, disposed in such a manner as to provide six year centres.

The building stands in approximately 15 acres of land situate in the north east corner of the Grahame Park Development. The area north of the building is laid out for playing fields and a large all-weather pitch to the north will be available for the use of the public.

The building is planned in four wings. The west wing, single storey, is the largest element and accommodates areas for physics, chemistry, biology, home economics, needlework, art, woodwork, engineering, all clus-

tered around a central open courtyard. This wing also accommodates a Lecture Theatre designed on the university principle.

The Assembly Hall, which can be used for many forms of entertainment, includes tiered seating and pit for theatre in the round and projection facilities for the showing of films to an audience of up to 500 people. The Hall will also accommodate 12 people in wheelchairs. Full bar, lounge, cloak and toilet facilities surround the Assembly Hall, enabling it to be used, via the main entrance, as a completely separate facility divorced from the school.

The north and south wings, two storeys in height, will contain general teaching accommodation.

The east wing contains a Gymnasium and full changing facilities for both indoor and outdoor physical education. The Swimming Pool, 20m. x 9m., has been planned with its changing accommodation in such a manner that it can be used by the public in organised groups.

The upper part of the north wing provides a full kitchen and dining service around an open court and allowing viewing over the Gymnasium and Swimming Pool.

The Youth Centre is a self-contained building which includes a main meeting hall, two bars, committee room and quiet room, grooming room for young ladies and a first floor lounge overlooking the meeting hall. Full toilet facilities on the ground floor also provides accommodation for disabled persons in wheelchairs.

The whole of the school and Youth Centre is heated from the central district heating system located adjacent to the central area of the development.

Part of the main pedestrian complex of the development as a whole passes along the south side of the site and also provides a direct link under the roadway to the Roman Catholic Comprehensive School site that has yet to be developed. The footpath complex enables pupils to approach the school from outside Grahame Park and to proceed in safety without having to cross over any busy roadway.

## STRONG ACADEMIC TRADITION IS PRESERVED AT Q.E. BOYS

ORIGINALLY founded in 1573 under Royal Charter (the original is on display in the entrance hall), Queen Elizabeth's Boys' School, Barnet moved to its present site of 14 acres on the edge of the Green Belt in 1932. There are excellent playing fields on the site and further facilities a short distance away. In September 1971 the school began developing into a comprehensive school for boys aged 11 to 18. Each year 180 are admitted, and the eventual roll will be about 1,100.

Further buildings are at present under construction to accommodate increasing numbers. There is a gymnasium, a swimming pool which is being converted to an indoor pool, four tennis courts and an Eton Fives Court. There is an outstanding library.

The first part of the newest building was opened in January this year, and includes excellent new art, craft and workshop facilities, and an extensive sixth form suite. The second part will include a new science wing and the final addition will provide a sports hall,

a remodelled main building with a drama hall, a music hall, further enlargement of the library and modern languages and social sciences suites.

As a comprehensive school, it is intended to preserve its strong academic tradition, although within the framework of a curriculum which not only meets the needs of the continuum of ability and aptitude which one finds in a comprehensive school, but also provides the academically able with a broader experience and choice of subjects than were available in the grammar school.

In years 1, 2 and 3 all boys follow the same broad programme, with foundation courses in the main areas of learning, employing subject integration in order, in part, to avoid presenting younger boys with an over-fragmented timetable. Mixed ability grouping is used extensively in these years.

In years 4 and 5, all boys have individual programmes. English and mathematics are compulsory and excessive specialisation is discouraged. However, boys are able,

if they wish, to put an emphasis on the areas of the curriculum for which they are best suited, by ability or aptitude. All the subjects offered at present lead to the G.C.E. 'O' level or the C.S.E. examination.

The sixth form offers a free choice of 'A' level subjects: English, French, German, Latin, art, music, economics, history, geography, geology, politics, religious studies, biology, chemistry, mathematics, further mathematics, physics and metalwork. Minority time subjects offered include Spanish, Russian, statistics and computer studies. All sixthformers take general studies and non-specialist English.

Tuition is given by visiting teachers for musical instruments.

Regular homework is set for all boys. A remedial adviser helps boys with special difficulties in reading, writing, learning, or of any other kind, and organises a withdrawal system.

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# Despite age or infirmity, fine work is produced at Day Centre

**FLIGHTWAYS DAY AND WORK CENTRE** was erected during the course of redevelopment of the former Hendon Aerodrome Site and opened on 10th September, 1973. It is situated in the community within easy reach of shops in the locality, and provides social and occupational facilities for 110 physically handicapped and elderly persons.

Additionally, a 40-place Luncheon Club is under active consideration and will commence as soon as extra accommodation near to the Centre can be found. Persons participating will lunch at Flightways and be assisted by staff during the afternoon to plan occupational and recreational pursuits such as Art, Drama and Mime, Discussion Group sessions, etc.

## THE AIM

The aim of the Centre is to provide a means whereby a sense of purpose may be maintained in the lives of those attending and to have as many diverse activities as practicable to capture individual interest.

The open-planned production and assembly work area permits a wide range of activities including work of a light industrial nature. There is also a Woodwork section, manufacturing aids for the

physically handicapped. A small payment is made to those engaged in productive activities on an equitable basis according to the nature of the work done.

Other areas of the Centre include more traditional crafts such as Pottery, Basketry, Needlework, Mosaics, Soft Toys, etc.; facilities are also available for activities of daily living and self-care, these include bathing and hair-dressing. Mental stimulation, physical activities and recreational pursuits all form part of the Centre programme.

## RESPONSIBLE

In addition, it is hoped it will soon be possible to appoint a Mobility Officer who will be responsible for teaching of orientation and mobility to blind persons.

A private garden at the side of the Centre will be planted with herbs in raised beds for use by the blind and a lawn for recreational purposes for the physically handicapped and elderly.

The Centre is open daily from 9.00 a.m. to 5.15 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, and specially adapted vehicles with various seating dispositions and space for wheelchairs bring in those who need door-to-door conveyance to and from the Centre.

## FIRST STAGE OF FORWARD PLAN FOR BOROUGH ANNOUNCED

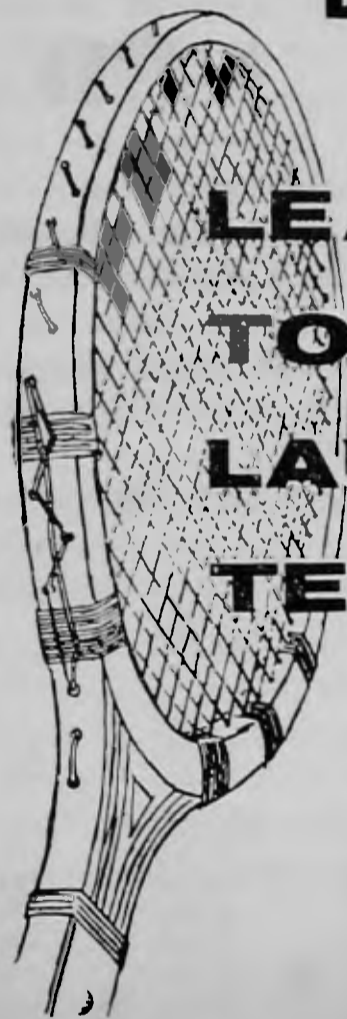
THE FIRST STAGE of preparation of a forward plan for the Borough is announced by Barnet London Borough Council.

The Council's Policy Advisory Committee have discussed the creation of a forward planning process which firstly, by means of a series of policy statements, will set the Council's objectives for all Committees and departments and secondly, will enable the Council later to plan major expenditure for three or more years ahead.

The first drafts of policy statements are being presented to all the Committees and Sub-Committees concerned during the March/April cycle of Committee meetings. They will then be further considered by the Policy Advisory Committee and in due course it is proposed to put a comprehensive forward plan before the Council for their approval.

The forward plan, when completed, will be made available to the Press and the public for observations.

## LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET



**LEARN  
TO PLAY  
LAWN  
TENNIS**



Details from:

Parks Office, Hertford Lodge, East End Road, N.3.  
Public Libraries  
The Town Hall  
The Borough Engineer & Surveyor  
Gateway House, 322, Regents Park Road, N.3

Evening Courses of Instruction are being provided during the Summer at the following places:

NORTHWAY GARDENS, N.W.11

HENDON PARK QUEENS ROAD, N.W.4  
EDGWAREBURY PARK, EDGWARE

# GROWTH OF THE BOROUGH

IN THE MOST recent publication giving details of the Registrar-General's annual estimates of the population for England and Wales and of local authority areas, at mid-1973, details are included of the London Boroughs as follows:—

### London Boroughs in Order of Population

1. Croydon	332,880
2. Bromley	305,530
3. Barnet	302,140
4. Lambeth	299,380
5. Wandsworth	294,000
6. Ealing	292,510
7. Brent	275,150
8. Enfield	264,790
9. Lewisham	258,710
10. Southwark	248,230
11. Havering	245,610
12. Redbridge	237,180
13. Hillingdon	235,030
14. Haringey	234,690
15. Waltham Forest	232,580
16. Newham	231,300
17. Westminster	226,240
18. Bexley	217,210
19. Greenwich	215,040
20. Hackney	213,020
21. Hounslow	207,380
22. Harrow	204,660
23. Camden	194,440
24. Islington	188,160
25. Hammersmith	177,560
26. Kensington & Chelsea	176,900
27. Merton	176,640
28. Richmond-upon-Thames	170,940
29. Sutton	168,210
30. Barking	157,800
31. Tower Hamlets	153,360
32. Kingston-upon-Thames	138,620

A table of analysis of populations of the London Boroughs, as at mid-1972 looks like this:

London Boroughs	Under 1	1-4	5-14	15-64	65-74	75 and over
Croydon	5,100	21,500	52,200	213,500	26,000	15,700
Bromley	4,000	18,100	45,900	199,090	24,600	14,600
Barnet	3,800	16,000	41,000	200,680	27,000	16,400
Lambeth	4,500	17,800	44,800	194,250	24,300	14,600
Ealing	4,500	17,900	41,300	197,070	24,800	13,700
Wandsworth	4,200	16,100	40,000	194,490	25,400	16,200
Brent	4,200	16,300	39,900	180,860	21,700	11,800
Enfield	3,500	15,600	37,600	170,920	24,800	13,600
Lewisham	3,500	16,100	40,500	166,200	22,700	13,900
Southwark	3,200	14,300	38,800	161,860	22,100	12,700
Havering	3,600	15,900	40,900	162,340	15,700	8,500
Redbridge	3,100	12,900	32,200	156,230	21,100	12,100
Hillingdon	3,200	14,100	36,000	156,720	17,800	8,600
Haringey	3,600	14,200	34,400	151,870	19,300	12,200
Waltham Forest	3,600	14,900	31,700	147,800	22,500	12,700
Newham	3,800	15,300	35,800	146,480	19,500	10,700
Westminster	2,000	6,500	18,600	170,580	21,600	12,100
Bexley	3,200	14,400	33,700	140,860	16,900	8,800
Greenwich	2,800	12,700	32,300	139,670	17,900	10,900
Hackney	3,500	13,700	33,100	135,340	19,100	10,300
Hounslow	2,900	12,300	28,900	135,520	17,800	9,300
Harrow	2,700	11,800	28,600	132,190	18,500	9,600
Camden	2,000	7,000	19,700	140,250	17,200	10,500
Islington	2,800	11,000	26,600	128,200	16,200	9,400
Kensington & Chelsea	1,800	5,700	15,300	137,990	12,900	8,500
Hammersmith	2,400	8,800	21,800	122,760	16,200	9,900
Merton	2,300	9,400	23,600	114,380	17,300	9,900
Richmond-upon-Thames	2,100	8,700	21,100	113,830	16,300	10,700
Sutton	2,300	9,800	24,700	107,300	16,000	9,100
Tower Hamlets	1,900	8,700	24,000	101,380	14,900	7,900
Barking	2,100	9,000	23,700	100,860	15,700	7,300
Kingston-upon-Thames	1,800	7,600	18,200	90,930	12,800	7,600

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# DATING BACK TO 1573 . . .

To promote effective co-ordination of the school's curriculum, subject departments are grouped together in faculties, each faculty having a head. They are at present English, mathematics, science, social sciences, languages and design. There is also a head of careers, a director of music, a head of physical education and a remedial adviser.

For the effective care of each boy in a large school, there is a lower, middle and upper sixth, each with its own head of school. There are also six houses, each with its own house master and tutors. A boy begins each morning and afternoon with his house tutor

and his tutor group, attending most lessons with the same group. He remains in the same house throughout his school career.

Uniform is worn by boys below the fifth. There is an active parents' association—"The Friends of Q.E."—which greatly strengthens the close co-operation between home and school which is one of the main aims. Consultation evenings are held regularly for the parents of each year group. The Old Elizabethans have a flourishing association and extensive grounds at Gipsy Corner, Mays Lane.

The School Council, consisting of representatives of each form

and two masters, discusses many topics and makes recommendations to the staff.

There is a wide variety of out-of-class activities, annual plays and concerts and a strong reputation for sport; the main games are rugby, cricket, swimming, cross country running, athletics, tennis and basketball and there are many active societies, including a social service group. Regular visits abroad and to other parts of the country take place.

On April 23, a special party which included the local press, and was headed by The Worshipful the Mayor, Coun. F. D. Gibson, toured the school.

## CIVIC DIGNITARIES VISIT NEW HEALTH CENTRE

GRAHAME PARK Health Centre opened on the 19th November, 1973. The Health Centre provides medical services based on the group practice system with dental and chiropody treatment rooms.

At the present time, out of 5 medical suites provided, only 2 are occupied by separate group

medical practices. Three dental suites are provided but no general dental practitioners are yet in occupation although it is anticipated that dentists who have expressed the desire to practice from the Health Centre will be accommodated in the near future.

One dental suite is used part time for Local Authority dental

services and in addition to dental, maternity and child welfare, cervical cytology, developmental assessment, clinics for the elderly, chiropody and family planning are provided.

Arrangements have also been made for clinical psychologists from Napsbury Hospital to hold out-patient psychotherapy sessions at the Health Centre. Accommodation is also provided for an area home help organiser and in addition, rooms have been provided for health education and speech therapy and offices for health visitors, nurses and midwives. The manager is Mrs. D. Bedell and she is supported by a clerk/supervisor, telephone operator and clerk/receptionists on a part time basis.

It is unfortunate that the delay in building operations does not permit the Health Centre being to the same extent as would apply when some 10,000 people are in residence. It is estimated that at the present time, the population served is about 2,500.

With the coming into being of the Barnet Area Health Authority on 1st April, 1974, the Health Centre provisions come under the control of that new Authority.