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# Message from the Leader

Spring is fast approaching, which means that in a few weeks your Council Tax bill for the next year will be arriving. As you read this, my Cabinet colleagues and I will be deep in discussions to finalise the budget for the coming financial year and doing our best to keep the Council Tax increase to a minimum.

We have committed to deliver a below-inflation increase, a maximum of 3.88%, despite receiving a very challenging budget settlement and being forced to take on extra healthcare costs as the national emphasis shifts from hospital care to providing care in the community.

Our proposed budget has secured a number of efficiency savings as we look to make the council more effective and focussed on its corporate priorities, while ensuring there is no reduction in quality of service delivery.

And we are looking to really make a difference on issues that matter to our residents – you can read more about our Cleaner Borough Strategy on page six. We want street cleansing to be one of Barnet's signature services, and I am certain that you will begin to notice the difference in street cleanliness.

Working in partnership with other organisations in the borough is also vital to improving services to our residents. The work of the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership to tackle crime was praised by the Home Office recently, while the borough's Local Strategic Partnership has been shortlisted under the partnership category of the Sustainable Communities awards.

We are working hard to find other sources of income to boost the services we can provide to you – as I write, our grants unit is considering bids from youth and community groups for a portion of £150,000 in funding that has been made available by the Edward Harvist Charity specifically for youth services in Barnet – and we will continue to seek these types of opportunities.

Councillor Mike Freer  
Leader of the Council



# Marriage of the old and the new at Town Hall site

Work to redevelop Middlesex University's campus on the Hendon Town Hall site at The Burroughs has picked up pace in the early part of 2007.

## Tenants make their choices as new homes near completion



**Thirteen is lucky for some – that's the number of residents who have been able to choose their new homes and internal fittings at Grahame Park.**

Grahame Park is one of the council's major regeneration sites and the first batch of new homes are set to be ready to move into by the end of the year.

The 13 households were asked to choose their first and second preference, and were also able to select internal fixtures and fittings – including a wide range of kitchen units, worktops, flooring, tiles, paint colours and style of doors.

Work began on regenerating the estate in February 2006, after plans for the scheme were recognised by the 2005 London Planning Awards as 'best conceptual scheme contributing to London's future'.

Councillor Anthony Finn, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development, said: "This is an important milestone in the redevelopment of Grahame Park. We are determined to improve the quality of life for our residents and allowing them to personalise their new homes is an integral part of that."

## New home for Barnet's planners

**Barnet's planning team has moved to a new office.**

They can now be found at Building Four, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP.

If you want to look at details of any planning applications submitted to Barnet, these will be available at the new address. You can also look up any planning application received since 1965 by visiting [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk)

Planning staff telephone numbers are not affected by the move. If you require any more information please contact Alison Keifer on 020 8359 4610.

Planning permission has been given for a new teaching building between Middlesex's College Building and the Fire Station, subject to certain conditions, which includes agreeing details of the building materials to be used. The University plans to move its School of Health and Social Science currently based in Ponders End to Hendon in 2008.

The new building would be set back from The Burroughs with a landscaped area in front and an entrance along the side. Designed by the same architect who designed Middlesex's prestigious Sheppard Library, the building will

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house biomedical, psychology and computer laboratories as well as two lecture theatres.

In the historic Town Hall building, the Council Chamber and committee rooms remain the democratic heart of Barnet Council, while the university now occupies the majority of the office accommodation.

More council services are now delivered from other council offices, North London Business Park in New Southgate and Barnet House in Whetstone (see bottom right and page 8).

Leader of the Council, Councillor Mike Freer, said: "This is about further enhancing Barnet as a successful and sustainable suburb. Middlesex University's development will bring further dynamism and vibrancy, both economic and social, to the local Hendon community, the borough and north London. This is an interesting marriage of the old and the new – the seat of democracy and the hub of a modern university, with state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities right next to the civic heart of the borough."

Middlesex University's Vice-Chancellor Professor Michael Driscoll says: "Hendon is

Middlesex's main campus and it is important that we are able to expand with the construction of this new building. Throughout the planning process we have worked closely with council officers to make sure that the impact of more students and university staff working from the Hendon campus will be of benefit to Hendon and its residents. I can't wait to see the new building completed."

Edgware's Steam Engine HL\GN123 (part of the Great Northern Railway). Built in 1869, this engine was in use until 1905. The engine was kept in a special shed at Edgware until the shed was destroyed in high winds in 1880. Between the wars Edgware was served with a special steam coach which ran to Finchley. Passenger services ceased just before the last war, and the freight service stopped in June 1964.

Rodger Malcom Homes went on sale in Mill Ridge, Stonegrove for £1,150 in 1934.



Spotlight on your ward

# Edgware

In this edition of Barnet First we put the spotlight on Edgware, Barnet's most westerly ward.

**In the north western corner is Brockley Hill.**

Brock is an old word for badger but in earlier times it had been a Roman settlement (possibly called Sulloniacis). Sometime between the years 70 and 80 (common era) pottery manufacturers following the Roman colonisation of Britain settled there because of the quality of the clay, and the close proximity of the road, which ran between the towns of Verulamium (now St Albans) and Londinium (London). The potters had their own personal marks such as Matugenus and Terentius Ripanus, two potters who worked before in Gaul near Lugudunum (possibly modern Lyons).

The old farm of Edgwarebury was the centre of the manor and the place where the lord of the manor stayed when visiting. The manorial courts were held in the town at an inn called the George (c1454 – July 1931). The manor was held by All Souls College, Oxford, since 1442. In February 1735 the farm was robbed by the infamous Gregory Gang, which included Richard "Dick" Turpin.

The name of Edgware is derived

from "Ecgi's weir or fishing pool". By Elizabeth I's time a village had developed with a population of about 120. The Edgware Road grew in importance as London's population expanded, but the condition of the road worsened with more use (being unusable for half the year). In 1711 the road became the Edgware-Kilburn turnpike and Edgware did well from the coaches travelling north. By the 1830s nine coaches passed through Edgware on their way to and from London every day, except Sunday.

There was a cattle and pleasure fair in Edgware from 1760 until 1904. The fair had its fair share of excitement. There was horse racing there between 1834 and 1855. In 1829 a man called William Thompson, a fairground con artist, decided to take advantage of a busy time to burgle the Boot Inn. The inn, which stood at the corner of Station Road and the High Street until 1965, was run by Mrs Tattersay, with the help of her nephew John Large. Large went up to his aunt's room to change and found the door jammed from the inside. "Whoever is inside, let them come



Edgware High Street in the 1900s.



### Did you know?...

- Covering 5.5sq km, Edgware is Barnet's fourth largest ward
- Edgware has the lowest number of households of all Barnet's wards (5,534) but the highest number of people per household (2.7)
- Just over 1,500 Edgware residents provide unpaid care, the highest proportion in Barnet
- There are just over 130 cars for every 100 Edgware homes, the highest rate of car ownership in the borough
- With just over 21%, Edgware has the largest percentage of households living in detached homes.

\* Figures taken from the 2001 census.

out instantly, or I will procure arms and blow their brains out," cried Large. Thompson opened the door, knocked Large down the stairs, and escaped. However he was quickly caught and put in the town cage. Some of Thompson's friends boasted they would get him out during the night, so Large hired four men to watch the cage. At 3am a mob of 20 with clubs beat the four hired men, but the noise raised the alarm.

A man called Newman, staying at the Boot, called to his servant – "bring the fire arms Harry, what the devil are you about – bring my pistol and the blunderbuss – we must shoot the rascals to save ourselves, for they are determined upon murder and shall have enough of it". On hearing that Thompson's companions ran away and he was brought to trial.

Charles Day built his almshouses in 1828. He was associated with a firm called Day and Martin, which made boot blacking. Local legend has it that when Day was a young man, he gave shelter for the night to a wandering soldier. The soldier was not able to pay Day for his hospitality, and instead provided him with the recipe for blacking polish. So successful was the boot blacking that Day made his fortune from it, and he built the almshouses in gratitude for his successful life.

In 1867 the Edgware, Highgate and London Railway opened a single tracked service to Finsbury Park. The population of Edgware actually declined between 1851 and 1871 from 755 to 665, almost as if the population got on the train and left!

Tram links with Cricklewood (1904) did not see much house building compared to other areas of Middlesex. George Regester Mann, a builder from Stonegrove, built Manns Road and charming Garden City (designed by E Appleton and dated 1910), a Hampstead Garden Suburb in miniature. But it was only after the opening of the underground station in August of 1924 that the Edgware that we see today came into being. Date plaques on the shopping parades of Station Road give their ages: 1923, 1925, and, in the case of the Quadrant built by Cowen and Cross, 1928. The Railway Hotel looks as if it could be Elizabethan, but is really "Pub Tudor" and was opened in 1932. Away from the main shopping district, suburban streets were built. A typical example is Old Rectory Gardens estate (1933) built in an Art Deco style by Rodger Malcolm Ltd.

\* The information for this feature was provided by Barnet's Local Studies and Archives Centre, 80 Daws Lane, Mill Hill, NW7 4SL. Tel: 020 8959 6657 or email: library.archives@barnet.gov.uk

## What's in Edgware?

### Schools

- Broadfields Primary School, Broadfields Avenue
- Edgware Community Junior School, Heming Road
- Edgware Infant and Nursery School, High Street
- Rosh Pinah Primary School, Glengall Road

### Parks

- Edgwarebury Park. One of the council's 16 premier parks. Facilities include: play area, multi-sports area, tennis courts, cricket facilities, toilet, formal Italian style rose garden

- Stonegrove Park. Facilities include tennis courts and playground

### Allotments

- Deans Lane

### Libraries

- Edgware Library, Hale Lane

### Recycling bring banks

- Abbots Road
- Deans Lane
- Dryfield Road/The Meads
- Green Lane

## Your councillors

As with all of Barnet's 21 wards, Edgware 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.

**Councillor Helena Hart (Con)** is currently Cabinet Member for Public Health. She was a councillor between 1990 and 1994, before being re-elected in 2002.  
**Tel:** 020 8371 0658  
**Email:** cllr.h.hart@barnet.gov.uk

**Councillor Richard Weider (Con)** was elected in May 2006.  
**Tel:** 020 8958 0640  
**Email:** cllr.r.weider@barnet.gov.uk

### Meet your councillors

Barnet's councillors hold regular advice surgeries to give residents the chance to discuss any topics they wish to raise. You can meet your Edgware councillors on the last Tuesday of every month between 5.30 and 6.30pm at Edgware Library, Hale Lane. No appointment is necessary.

**Councillor Joan Scannell (Con)** has served the ward since 1994. She was Mayor of Barnet in 2002/03.  
**Tel:** 020 8959 5921  
**Email:** cllr.j.scannell@barnet.gov.uk

# Working for a cleaner, greener Barnet

Barnet is undertaking a wide-ranging project during 2007 to tackle enviro-crime and develop a first-class street cleansing service.

To mark the new powers given to councils by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act (CNEA) 2005, the council has formulated its own Cleaner Borough Strategy which will involve a series of education and publicity campaigns, and place increased emphasis on fixed penalty notices.

One of the biggest boroughs in London, Barnet has 425 miles of roads to keep free of litter and more than 4,000 litter and dog bins that need to be emptied regularly. The strategy sets out how the current street cleansing regime will be maintained and improved, and how the CNEA will help the council increase performance levels across the board.

In particular, the act includes new powers to deal with nuisances including abandoned vehicles, litter, graffiti, waste, noise and dog fouling. Over the next 12 months, additional measures to deal with businesses and members of the public who do not dispose of their

litter and waste properly will be introduced.

A large part of the new strategy will be about informing and encouraging people and businesses to keep their borough clean. There will be an anti-littering road show touring the borough's parks in the summer, a 'litter bug' competition in schools to raise awareness of the problem and a drive to sign anti-litter and graffiti concordats with businesses in town centres.

Councillor Matthew Offord, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, said: "Enviro-crime, litter and other cleanliness issues are problems which affect the whole community so we will seek to work with our partners to tackle them, but,



when this fails, we will not be afraid to use enforcement action.

"The council has a good track record on enviro-crime and the environment, and this strategy will build on that to create a clean, green and safe Barnet."

Keep reading Barnet First throughout 2007 for more news on Cleaner Borough Strategy campaigns.

## Young film makers walk the red carpet to the Oscars

Budding film makers walked the red carpet during a special film premiere at Chipping Barnet Library.



The Barnet Oscars showcased a film titled "I'm lovin my library" which was created by a group of young people from the borough. It is an interesting insight into what teenagers think of the borough's library service and how they hope to see it develop in the future.

The film is the product of an innovative project between Barnet's Library Service and Barnet Youth and Connexions Service to

encourage greater library membership and use among young people in High Barnet and Underhill.

The teenagers involved attended workshops to learn video production and editing techniques, and then interviewed young people from The Ravenscroft School, the Rainbow Centre and IPOP. The interviews were then compiled to create a 10 minute informative film.

Cabinet Member for Learning and Infrastructure, Councillor John Marshall, said: "I am delighted that so many young people value Barnet's library service and are taking an active interest in its future.

"Congratulations to all the young people involved in the production of such an excellent piece of work."

The initiative is part of the Quality Leaders Project – Youth Strand which is funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation and managed by London Metropolitan University.

## Partnership pledges to 'go green'

Members of the Barnet Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) have made a commitment to increase recycling, reduce waste, decrease energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions as well as explore sustainable transport options.

Representatives of the Primary Care Trust (PCT), Middlesex University, Barnet College, and Brent Cross Shopping Centre – as well as the council and the police – have agreed to sign a partnership Environmental Charter.

The idea was borne out of the Sustainable Community Strategy, which sets out the LSP's ambition to achieve an environmentally sensitive borough.

Later in the year, there will be an Environment Conference, where businesses will also be encouraged to sign up to the charter.

# How the council spends your money

The council has published a summarised version of its accounts for the second year running.

The Summary of Accounts 2005/06 is now available online – [www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk) – or copies can be picked up from libraries around the borough, as well as council offices.

The booklet contains information from the council's full 2005/06 Statement of Accounts and provides details of the cost of running council services, along with information about where the money to pay for these services comes from.

It also summarises the council's assets and liabilities.

The document includes a feedback form at the end. Please spare a few minutes to complete it as it will help us to provide information that you want to know regarding the council's finances in future. Alternatively, you can email your feedback to [roy.baker@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:roy.baker@barnet.gov.uk)

## Cost of Council Services

The Revenue Account below presents the cost of running council services and shows where the money came from to finance those costs.

	2005/06 £000s	2004/05 £000s
Central services	19,578	23,614
Cultural, environmental and planning services	51,875	51,337
Education services	197,932	183,792
Highways, roads and transport services	16,168	18,658
Housing services	55,858	39,033
Social services	103,501	101,793
<b>Net Cost of Services</b>	<b>444,912</b>	<b>418,227</b>
Less: Other Expenses	(55,870)	(37,225)
Net Operating Expenditure	389,042	381,002
Technical accounting adjustments	(23,665)	(27,392)
<b>Amount to be met from Government grant and local taxes</b>	<b>365,377</b>	<b>353,610</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>		
Revenue Support Grant	(130,374)	(135,070)
Business Rates	(108,094)	(89,499)
Council Tax	(132,869)	(130,326)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>(371,337)</b>	<b>(354,895)</b>
<b>Net (Surplus)/Deficit for the year</b>	<b>(5,960)</b>	<b>(1,285)</b>
General Fund at 31 March 2005	(16,035)	(11,750)
Planned contribution to balances	0	(3,000)
Repayment of schools advances	983	0
<b>General Fund at 31 March 2006</b>	<b>(21,012)</b>	<b>(16,035)</b>

## Balance Sheet

This records the council's year-end financial position. It shows the balances and reserves at the council's disposal and its long-term debt, the net current assets or liabilities and summarised information on the fixed assets held.

	2005/06 £000s	2004/05 £000s
<b>Assets</b>		
Buildings, land and other assets owned by the council	1,610,304	1,225,667
Other long term assets	77,339	49,623
Money owed to the council	69,354	65,158
Cash, investments and stock	192,496	40,617
	<b>1,949,493</b>	<b>1,381,065</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Loans	(105,639)	(28,630)
Money owed by the council	(192,673)	(96,541)
Provisions	(9,373)	(6,882)
Pension liability <sup>3</sup>	(266,040)	(268,610)
	(573,725)	(400,663)
<b>Total Net Assets and Liabilities</b>	<b>1,375,768</b>	<b>980,402</b>
<b>Financed by:</b>		
Fixed Asset Restatement Account <sup>1</sup>	1,155,496	778,952
Capital Financing Account <sup>2</sup>	364,026	370,543
Government Grants deferred	57,526	48,616
Useable reserves (*)	64,760	50,901
Pension liability reversal <sup>3</sup>	(266,040)	(268,610)
	<b>1,375,768</b>	<b>980,402</b>
<b>(*) Useable reserves comprise:</b>		
General Fund Balance	21,012	16,035
Housing Revenue Account Balance	3,704	5,797
Collection Fund Balance	(1,605)	(984)
Usable Capital Receipts	30,851	28,782
Major Repairs Reserve and Specific Reserves	10,798	1,271
	<b>64,760</b>	<b>50,901</b>

<sup>1</sup> An account showing the surpluses or deficits on revaluation of fixed assets

<sup>2</sup> An account recording financing transactions relating to capital expenditure

<sup>3</sup> These are notional sums shown for information only



## Choice and independence – modernising social care in Barnet

A radical and innovative new system where vulnerable adults and their carers can directly purchase their own care and support services is set to launch in Barnet.

In keeping with what is happening nationally around service-user choice and control, and building on the Direct Payments model (see below), a person who needs adult social services would do an assessment of their own needs and make their own choices about what care and support they arranged. They would be supported by skilled and experienced council officers whose function would be similar to a travel agent; helping customers put together a bespoke care package that is right for them and their families.

The client would be supported to use the

money for which they are eligible and spend it in a way that they choose to meet their needs, rather than on traditional services provided or purchased by the council.

For example, a group of housebound older people who might have previously attended a day centre, could be helped to arrange to travel together by taxi to an older people's fitness session and lunch at a leisure centre.

Barnet is aiming to build on best practice in a number of council pilot studies, enabling people to make more personal choices about their care and support arrangements.

## Direct Payments – everything you need to know

### What are they?

Direct Payments are an innovative means of providing care to people who are entitled to social care services. Instead of the local authority providing services, a cash equivalent is paid to enable the person to provide their own care.

This enables the person and their family to choose who will provide care as well as where, when and how that care is provided.

### Who are Direct Payments for?

All adults, children with disabilities and carers entitled to social care provision following an appropriate assessment by a social worker.

### What can Direct Payments be used for?

Direct Payments can be paid as an alternative to any social care provision. Payments are often made for homecare or day activities e.g. gym membership.

However, given the flexible nature of Direct Payments, people can use them imaginatively

to meet their individual needs and aspirations.

One couple used Direct Payments to facilitate a move from residential care to enable them to live together in their own accommodation with personal help provided by Direct Payments.

Another person used their payment to purchase a mobile telephone. This made it possible for the carer and the person they care for to remain in contact while apart, enabling the carer to re-establish social relationships.

Direct Payments make it possible for disabled people to pursue their own aspirations, to meet their needs as they see them and lead a life which the majority of people take for granted.

### Who to contact if you are interested?

If you are interested in learning more about Direct Payments then please speak to your social worker or care manager, or contact the Direct Payments Advisory Service on 020 8359 3760.

### Some Adult Social Services have moved

The following services are now delivered from Building 4, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London N11 1NP:

- For adults with a physical disability  
Tel: 020 8359 4652  
Fax: 0870 889 6827  
Email: physical.disabilities@barnet.gov.uk
- For adults with a sensory impairment  
Tel: 020 8359 6009  
Fax: 0870 889 6826  
Textphone: 020 8359 6011  
Email: sens-imp.team@barnet.gov.uk

- Assisted Travel (Blue Badge, Freedom Pass and Travel Scheme)  
Tel: 020 8359 4131 / 020 8359 4208  
Fax: 0870 889 5472

- Home Meals Service  
Tel: 020 8359 4283 / 020 8359 4274  
Tel: 020 8359 4243 / 020 8359 4265  
Fax: 0870 889 5472

- Supporting People Team  
Tel: 020 8359 4264  
Email: supportingpeopleteam@barnet.gov.uk  
Typetalk: 18001 020 8359 4264 (for Textphone users)

The following services are now delivered from Barnet House, 1255 High Road, Whetstone, London N20 0EJ

- Services for Older Adults  
Tel: 020 8359 2440  
Fax: 020 8359 2570  
Email: olderadults.dutyteam@barnet.gov.uk
- Welfare Rights  
Tel: 020 8359 6144  
Fax: 020 8359 6128  
Email: welfarerightsunit@barnet.gov.uk

# Designing for the future

Climate change and the need to look after our environment are massive issues for everyone at the moment. So in Barnet we have recently taken a huge step towards encouraging people to think more responsibly.

**Barnet's planning team has produced clear and detailed guidance for builders and homeowners to make sure the need to conserve precious resources is at the front of everyone's mind when considering new development.**

Over the next 20 years Barnet will grow faster than any other outer London borough through exciting regeneration schemes delivering much-needed new affordable homes in key locations across the borough.

We already make enormous effort to ensure that building work doesn't affect Barnet's attractive and popular suburban environment but this new guidance will help preserve this for generations to come.

Our new Sustainable Design and Construction guidelines go beyond the Mayor of London's minimum requirements and aim to ensure that any development is of the highest possible environmental standard.

For example, the document provides clear advice on what is acceptable in terms of:

- **reducing carbon emissions through good design**
- **using natural resources like water in a sensible and sustainable way**
- **maintaining the borough's air quality**
- **respecting the area's heritage**
- **energy-efficient buildings**
- **cutting out any potential noise nuisance to neighbours.**

Barnet Council's Cabinet Member for Planning and Environmental Protection, Councillor Melvin Cohen, said: "This is a pioneering piece of work that places Barnet at the forefront of the drive to ensure sustainable development and I would urge residents to have a look at the document and see for themselves how seriously we take this issue.

"The council fully understands the need to conserve environmental



Going green: Barnet's award-winning environmentally friendly Cold Lane development

resources while at the same time bringing tremendous improvements to the borough through our regeneration work."

He added: "We have made a complex and massively important subject as straightforward as possible for householders and developers through easy to follow checklists.

"These guidelines will help us ensure Barnet remains a successful suburb well into the future."

The document has been through public consultation, including a specially-arranged public forum, and the council is now considering the feedback before the finalised guidance is presented to Cabinet in April.

In the meantime you can view the guidelines at [www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-consultations](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-consultations)

## Want to discuss your health and social care services?

Residents or voluntary/community groups interested in Barnet's mental health, older adults, learning disabilities, and physical and sensory impairment services are invited to a conference on Monday 26 March between 10.30am and 1pm at the Sangam Centre, Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware.

Barnet Adult Strategy Group – the council, PCT and voluntary and community sector – holds an annual conference to review services and agree priorities for the coming year on joint working. There will be presentations and discussions.

To register for the event or for more information, email [joost.vandergeest@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:joost.vandergeest@barnet.gov.uk) or telephone 020 8359 7265.

## Webwatch

What's new on Barnet Online in March and April?

**Want to find out more about the history of the Hendon area?**

Take a look at our Hendon Pocket Histories – [www.barnet.gov.uk/archives-hendonhistories](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/archives-hendonhistories)

**You can now look at the council's management structure online –**

[www.barnet.gov.uk/council-departments](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/council-departments)

**Not had the chance to get to your local library to renew that book?**

Then do it from the comfort of home – [www.barnet.gov.uk/library-renewals](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/library-renewals)

**Find out more about fostering in Barnet and request an information pack –**

[www.barnet.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/fostering)

**Take a virtual online tour of Church Farmhouse Museum**

[www.barnet.gov.uk/general-information-museums-galleries](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/general-information-museums-galleries)



# New schools for Barnet

The bosses of some of Britain's biggest building firms were brought down to earth recently when young school students presented their ideas on the schools of the future.

The children from Broadfields Primary School in Edgware took part in a video shown to contractors and suppliers from over 40 companies at Barnet Council's recent Industry Day.

The event was held to give the construction industry an opportunity to take part in the council's ambitious Primary School Capital Investment Programme (PSCIP) which it's hoped will eventually replace all primary school buildings in the borough.

The advice from the Broadfields children was certainly varied. Chelsea Owu, aged 10, said: "A new school is a chance for us to become one and start again. I want a bigger hall so everyone can fit in it together."

However, Dean Angell, aged eight, had

other ideas saying: "I'd like the school to be made out of spaceship materials and the uniforms made out of black leather."

The first wave of the programme involves rebuilding 11 schools and refurbishing one and is being funded through the sale of surplus school land, grant income and short-term borrowing.

The council is seeking a partner to provide schools which are well-designed and durable and of use to the community out-of-hours.

The first wave of the programme worth £90m includes:

- Broadfields, Edgware
- Chalgrove, Finchley
- St Margaret's Nursery, New Barnet

- Whittings Hill, Barnet
- Bell Lane, Hendon
- Coppetts Wood, Friern Barnet
- Fairway/Fairway Early Years Centre, Mill Hill
- Northway, Mill Hill
- Summerside, Finchley
- Brunswick Park, Southgate
- Cromer Road, New Barnet
- Hampden Way Nursery, Southgate.

Draft planning briefs for each site are now available on Barnet online ([www.barnet.gov.uk](http://www.barnet.gov.uk)), in libraries and in the schools affected. If you would like to have your say on PSCIP you can email your comments to: [pscipcouncil@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:pscipcouncil@barnet.gov.uk)

## Prepare now for new smoke free laws

From 1 July, smoking will be banned in offices, factories, shops, pubs, clubs, restaurants and other enclosed public places.

This new law is primarily aimed at protecting employees from second-hand smoke in the workplace but it will undoubtedly help to reduce all smoking related deaths each year, including those affected by second-hand smoke.

Barnet Council will be responsible for ensuring that the new laws are successfully introduced in the borough.

But in the meantime, help kicking the habit is available from the Barnet Stop Smoking Service.

With the service's support, your chances of stopping – and staying stopped – are 70%

more than if you try alone. Last year over 1,600 people were helped to stop smoking.

The free service offers both one-to-one support as well as telephone support at an hour to suit you. The service also offers group sessions, by appointment only.

Individual sessions are available at the following venues:

- Your local pharmacy
- Your GP surgery
- Barnet General Hospital
- Finchley Memorial Hospital
- Edgware Community Hospital.

If you think your workplace would benefit from a clinic on-site, or for any further information, including clinic times, call the Barnet Stop Smoking Service free on 0800 32 82 784.

## Fostering campaign

The council needs 100 more foster carers for its children in care.

So we are launching a new campaign to raise awareness of the excellent support package available to foster carers.

Many people are unaware that Barnet foster carers receive a fee for the care they provide, as well as a maintenance allowance for the child. The total weekly payment ranges from £330 to £500 per child depending on the age of the child and the experience of the carer.

Along with the ongoing training and 24/7 support, the financial package is intended to allow fostering to become a career choice. Fostering can be demanding work but the rewards are huge.

For further information call 020 8359 6274 or visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/fostering)

# Housing advice revolution enters second phase

Barnet is spreading the word on how to effectively tackle homelessness across London as part of the borough's role as a 'regional champion'.

The borough has been a pioneer of the innovative "Options First" service – which puts the emphasis on solving clients' problems instead of immediately assigning them to temporary accommodation – since October 2005 and in July last year was designated as a 'champion' by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

Options First advocates solutions such as private sector renting, moving out of London and helping victims of domestic violence stay in their homes through the Sanctuary scheme (see article on back page).

Since becoming a 'champion', Barnet's housing advice team has lost no time in sharing its effective working practices with other London authorities. Lambeth and Greenwich councils have already sent representatives to Barnet, and Bexley Council is next in line to learn how to offer housing advice the Barnet way.

Officers from the other authorities visited the council's housing office, based at Barnet House in Whetstone, talked to senior officers, saw the new reception area and watched a DVD made by Barnet's housing advice team.

Councillor Lynne Hillan, Cabinet Member for Community Services, said: "Housing advice in Barnet has been revolutionised since Options First was introduced in 2005.

"Our champion status has given us the opportunity to share our ways of working with the rest of London, which can only be good news for the capital's homeless."

**"Housing advice in Barnet has been revolutionised since Options First was introduced"**

## Remembering the victims of genocide

Barnet Council's sixth annual Holocaust Memorial Day attracted a record audience to its new venue in Middlesex University's Ricketts Quadrangle, on Sunday 28 January.

**The Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Eva Greenspan, led the civic procession to the Hendon campus.**

The moving programme, on the theme of "The Dignity of Difference: Same. But Different" included speeches from the Mayor, the Vice Chancellor of Middlesex University, Michael Driscoll and the Ambassador of Rwanda, Claver Gatete.

Professor Ludwik Finkelstein spoke of his and his wife Mirjam's experiences at the hands of the Nazis, while another generation's perspective was given by Mrs Malkie Benmayer, whose grandparents perished.

Valdemar Kalinin, a Romany Gypsy, read his own poem, while the Leader of the Council, Councillor Mike Freer, delivered "First They Came" by Pastor Martin Niemoller. Four students from East Barnet School read out the Barnet Statement of Commitment.

The audience also enjoyed musical contributions from the London Cantorial Singers, Queenswell Junior School Choir and Barnet Youth Brass Band.

To close the service, Revd Bernd Koschland read Psalm 121 and delivered the Kaddish.

## Polish posters target pubs



**Posters with a difference have been appearing in Barnet's pubs – they are written entirely in Polish, and were translated free of charge.**

The decision was made to produce the posters – adapted from the Home Office's Know Your Limits campaign – after police reported a significant increase in the number of drink-related incidents involving Polish workers in north London.

Posters in both the Polish and English language were placed in the pubs most often frequented by Poles during increased official visits by council staff as well as Police officers.

The idea behind the translation, recognised that Poles are good English speakers, but wanted to highlight to that community the increased risks of becoming a victim or the consequences of being a perpetrator.

Councillor Brian Coleman, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Community Engagement, said: "This campaign was about looking at developing trends and taking action at an early stage. It is not aimed at London's established Polish community but at those young men who are often paid weekly in cash and are tempted to get drunk and behave violently as a result.

"It is essential that we nip any developing anti-social behaviour issues in the bud to improve quality of life for everyone living in Barnet. These posters carry simple but hard-hitting messages which will hopefully make young Poles think twice before drinking too much."

## National recognition for Barnet's Music Service

**A huge fanfare is being played for Barnet's Music Service after it scooped a prestigious national award – for the third year running.**

Musicians across the borough are celebrating after learning that Barnet's Music Service, run by the council, has been given an "honourable mention" in the National Music Council's (NMC) annual Local Education Authority Music Awards.



# Make your spring clean extra green

As spring is now just around the corner, many people's thoughts are turning towards their gardens again.

So green-fingered residents should remember to take advantage of Barnet's Green Garden and Kitchen Waste Collection Service.

Up to two-thirds of the average household bin contents can be composted and your garden will be producing lots of the right material.

Every household in the borough with a garden can sign up for a free green wheeled bin and weekly collection. This service will also collect your kitchen waste from the same container.

Barnet's Cabinet Member for Environment, Councillor Matthew Offord, said: "Now is definitely the time to take advantage of this excellent service.

"Composting in Barnet is so easy and can make such a colossal difference to our environment.

"I would urge anyone who hasn't yet signed up to make sure they get a green bin this spring."

He added: "It's a great way to help us cut the amount of waste that gets dumped in landfill sites."

Remember that you can put all these items into your green bin:

- ✓ Hedge and tree prunings
- ✓ Branches up to 8cm (3") thick
- ✓ Grass clippings
- ✓ Flowers and weeds
- ✓ Garden fruit
- ✓ Vegetables and windfalls
- ✓ Meat and fish (cooked and raw)
- ✓ Eggs and egg shells
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Rice and noodles
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ Dairy products.

Waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

But please don't put any of the following into your bin:

- ✗ Meat bones or carcasses
- ✗ Plastic bags or sacks
- ✗ Cardboard or packaging
- ✗ Paper (put in your Black Box)
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Soil or rubble.

You can order your free green bin by contacting the council on:

Tel: 020 8359 4600

Email: [first.contact@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:first.contact@barnet.gov.uk)

Web: [www.barnet.gov.uk/green-garden-kitchen-waste](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/green-garden-kitchen-waste)

Alternatively, if you would prefer to compost at home you can take advantage of the home composters and wormeries offered by Barnet Council. Both are available at discounted prices to Barnet residents.

You don't need to be a keen gardener or to have a big garden to make compost. Composting is fun, easy and satisfying, and you can use your finished compost to improve your garden.

For more information about compost bins and wormeries contact the council:

Tel: 020 8359 7400

Email: [recycling@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@barnet.gov.uk)

Web: [www.barnet.gov.uk/composters](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/composters)

## Making sure Black Box success continues!

Barnet was the first council in the country to move to a compulsory recycling scheme and this groundbreaking move has made a big difference.

The scheme was introduced nearly two years ago and in 2006 an extra 4,540 tonnes of waste was recycled through the Black Boxes as result of compulsory recycling.

Barnet's Recycling Assistants continue to monitor throughout the borough to ensure that all residents have the information needed to take part in the scheme.

Councillor Matthew Offord, Barnet Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "Recycling is

already second nature to many residents thanks to the award-winning Black Box scheme.

"The challenge for us all is to not just maintain our excellent record but think even greener and ensure that we all make full use of the council's recycling services."

In Barnet it is compulsory to place the following items into your Black Box:

- Newspapers, junk mail and magazines
- Glass bottles and jars
- Food tins and drink cans.

You can also recycle the following items in your Black Box:

- Aerosols
- Car and household batteries
- Foil
- Mobile phones
- Shoes
- Textiles
- Engine oil
- Yellow Pages.

To order a free Black Box contact ECT Recycling:

Tel: 020 8371 2670

Email: [barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk](mailto:barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk)

Web: [www.barnet.gov.uk/recycle-from-home](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/recycle-from-home)

# What's on in Barnet during March and April 2007



## Leisure/pastimes

### Toys from the past

Until 1 April

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

## Music

### Licia Luca

25 March 3pm

54 Hampstead Way, NW11 7XX. Recital of Italian dodecafonic arias by the Italian soprano. For further information call 020 8455 4831.

## Miscellaneous

### Pesach for Princesses:

#### The Jewish Princess Cookbook

15 March 7.30pm

London Jewish Cultural Centre, Ivy House, North End Road, NW11 7SX.

An evening with authors Tracey Fine and Georgie Tarn. Meet the authors and enjoy a sneak preview of the second book's Pesach recipes. For more information call: 020 8457 5000 or email: events@ljcc.org.uk Cost: £8.

### Finchley Army Cadet Force

Every Monday and Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm

Finchley Cadet Centre, 444 High Road, Finchley, N12 0AE. A national youth organisation for young people aged between 12 and 18 providing challenging, adventurous and fun activities, including military tactics, physical training, first aid and much more. Cost: free.

### Barnet Plus Social and Leisure Group

Sunday nights 8.45pm

Upstairs function room, The Bull and Butcher, 1277 High Road, Whetstone. Social and leisure activities for 18 to 35-year-olds. More details: visit [www.barnetplus.com](http://www.barnetplus.com) or call Mark on 020 8361 2827. Cost: free.

## Sport/fitness

### Cuban salsa classes

Tuesdays until end of April 6pm-7pm

Prince's Park Football Club, Cool Oak Lane, West Hendon, NW9 7NB. For more information contact Seema on 07950 958 712 or email: seemabahadur@btinternet.com Cost: £6 – must be paid in advance.

### Walks weekends

Various starting points. Barnet weekend walks with Paul Baker, City of London guide. Barnet Ghosts, Battle of Barnet, In the Footsteps of the Famous (Pepys, Dickens, Spike Milligan), Historic High Barnet, Georgian Monken Hadley. Telephone 020 8440 6805 for further details. Cost: £6, under 12s: £3.

## Arts

### Truths, half-truths and nothing like the truth!

19 April 7.30 for 8pm

Lyonsdown Hall, Lyonsdown Road, New Barnet, EN5. Audrey Gillett will be talking to the Barnet branch of the London Westminster and Middlesex Family History Society. Refreshments, bookstall and branch library available. Cost: free to members, £1 to visitors. All welcome.

### The Ivy House Treasure Chest: Jewellery Making for 11-14 year olds

11-13 April 2-4pm

London Jewish Cultural Centre, Ivy House, North End Road, NW11 7SX.

Join us for a three day jewellery making workshop using beading techniques and your own imagination. Classes led by jewellery maker and silver smith, Ilana Bendel. Cost: £12 per session or £28 for all three. For more information call 020 8457 5000 or email: events@ljcc.org.uk

## 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.

### March

- 1 Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 5 Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 6 Council (Budget and Mayoralty)
- 8 General Functions
- 15 Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub-Committee; Finchley and Golders Green Area Environment Sub-Committee; Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee
- 20 Audit; Planning and Environment Committee
- 21 Cabinet Resources; Barnet Area Forum; Finchley Area Forum; Hendon Area Forum;
- 26 Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 27 Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 28 Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee; Special Committee (Constitution Review)

### April

- 5 Cabinet
- 11 Planning and Environment Committee
- 16 Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny
- 17 Council
- 18 Cleaner, Greener, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Edgware, Burnt Oak and Mill Hill Area Forum; Golders Green and Childs Hill Area Forum; Whetstone Area Forum
- 19 Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Supporting the Vulnerable in our Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 24 Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 25 Hendon Area Planning Sub-Committee
- 26 Finchley and Golders Green Area Planning Sub-Committee

# Meet... your members

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

## **Brunswick Park Ward**

### **Lynne Hillan (Con)**

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### **Andreas Tambourides (Con)**

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Second Saturday every month,  
Osidge Library,  
Brunswick Park Road, N11  
10.30am-12 noon

### **Lisa Rutter (Con)**

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Last Saturday every month, Osidge  
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2.30pm-4pm

## **Burnt Oak Ward**

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#### **Surgery details:**

Saturdays, Burnt Oak Library,  
Watling Avenue, HA8  
10.30am – 12noon

## **Childs Hill Ward**

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First Thursday every month,  
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Cricklewood Lane, NW2  
7 – 8pm

## **Colindale Ward**

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The Concourse, Colindale, NW9  
10 – 11am

## **Coppetts Ward**

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First and third Saturday every  
month, South Friern Library,  
Colney Hatch Lane, N10  
10.30am – 12noon

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Library, Friern Barnet Road, N11  
10.30am – 12noon

### **Kate Salinger (Con)**

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N11  
10.30am – 12noon  
Second Saturday every month,  
South Friern Library, Colney Hatch  
Lane, N10  
10.30am – 12noon

## **East Barnet Ward**

### **Terence Burton (Con)**

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

### **Joanna Tambourides (Con)**

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Fourth Saturday every month,  
East Barnet Library, 85 Brookhill  
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10.30am – 12noon

## **East Finchley Ward**

### **Andrew McNeil (Lab)**

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Saturdays, East Finchley  
Neighbourhood Centre, Church  
Lane, East Finchley, N2  
10 – 11.30am

## **Edgware Ward**

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Last Tuesday every month,  
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Edgware, HA8  
5.30 – 6.30pm

## **Finchley Church End Ward**

### **Michael Freer (Con)**

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Mayor  
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7.30 – 8.30pm

## **Garden Suburb Ward**

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Fourth Monday every month,  
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NW11  
6 – 7pm

## **Golders Green Ward**

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Second Sunday every month,  
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Green Road, NW11  
2.15 – 3.15pm

Fourth Sunday every month,  
Hendon Sports Centre, Marble  
Drive, Brent Cross, NW2  
12noon – 1pm

**Hale Ward****Jane Ellison (Con)**

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First Thursday every month  
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Library, Hale Lane, Edgware, HA8,  
and Mill Hill Library, Hartley  
Avenue, NW7 (so 7 September –  
MH, 5 October – Edgware)  
6 – 7.30pm

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**Matthew Offord (Con)**

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First Monday every month, Action  
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Hendon, NW4  
6 – 7pm

**High Barnet Ward****Duncan Macdonald (Lib Dem)**

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Every Saturday, Chipping Barnet  
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3.30 – 5pm

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**Surgery details:**

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

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10am – 12noon

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6 – 8pm

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First Saturday of every month at  
Friern Barnet Library, Friern Barnet  
Road, N11 10.30am-12noon

Third Saturday every month,  
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10.30am – 12noon

**Totteridge Ward****Brian Coleman (Con)**

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10.30am – 12noon

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10 – 11.30am

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# Barnet-pioneered safety scheme launched UK-wide

The Government has published guidance for every council in the UK on setting up 'Sanctuary'-style projects to protect victims of domestic violence, following the success of the scheme in Barnet.

**The Barnet Sanctuary Project is a partnership project run by the housing service, the police and the Domestic Violence Support Service (DVSS).**

The borough has been used as a case study in the 'toolkit' for local authorities, produced by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in December 2006.

The aim of the project is to allow victims of domestic violence to feel safe enough to remain in their homes, through introducing a range of security measures – the primary one being a 'sanctuary room' or safe room from which victims can call the police. Other features available are window and door locks, grilles, gated security and emergency lighting.

Barnet was one of the first to implement the Sanctuary Project and has been one of the most successful authorities to do so, helping 140 victims since December 2003. Customer satisfaction surveys have shown 90% of clients felt safer in their homes following installation of security works.

As well as the benefits for victims, the scheme has also saved the council large sums in temporary accommodation costs, as victims who would otherwise have been made homeless are now happy to stay in their homes.

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As well as the Sanctuary Project, the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership has agreed a domestic violence strategy, and the DVSS has

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Councillor Brian Coleman, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Community Engagement, said: "Barnet has pioneered the Sanctuary Project since its inception in 2003 and has in the process improved the lives of many victims of domestic violence.

"Barnet is committed to tackling domestic violence in all its forms, and the council is

recently been awarded a £180,000 charity grant, which will pay to recruit two independent domestic violence advocates who will work with victims and carry out risk assessments.

For more information on the guidance published by the DCLG, visit its website at [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk)

## Public consultation on health services

Residents are once again being urged to make their views known about proposals for the future of Barnet Hospital and health services in the borough.

**The NHS has sent a brochure titled "In Your Hands" to every household in Barnet, Enfield and Haringey putting forward the case for change and a formal consultation on proposals is expected to begin in March.**

Barnet Council Leader Mike Freer has already made his concerns known to the NHS about the options being proposed and he is once again encouraging every Barnet resident to do the same.

"We must take a stand before the nature of healthcare in Barnet is changed irreversibly. We all have a responsibility in protecting our health service by making our voices heard," said Councillor Freer.

All parties represented on Barnet Council believe the borough should be

served by two major acute hospitals – Barnet Hospital in the north and the Royal Free for residents in the south and west. These must be supported by Edgware Community Hospital and a redeveloped Finchley Memorial Hospital, as well as boosted primary care services within the borough.

"We need healthcare services that will provide for Barnet's expected population growth and to reflect transport links in the borough, which are from north to south, not east to west," Councillor Freer added.

To make your views known to the NHS visit [www.behfuture.nhs.uk](http://www.behfuture.nhs.uk)

Alternatively you can e-mail Barnet Council on [health@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:health@barnet.gov.uk)

## New youth facility

**The Old Barn community centre has been extended to create a modern and exciting place for young people.**

The Youth and Connexions Multi-Agency Centre will provide integrated services for young people aged 13 to 19, and up to 25 for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. There will be support groups for young people on a range of issues which may be affecting them.

For more information about the centre in 20 Fallows Close, East Finchley, call 07834 621 167 or e-mail [theoldbarnmac@cxnl.co.uk](mailto:theoldbarnmac@cxnl.co.uk)

## New number for dog warden

**If you have lost your dog or come across a stray, the Crown Protection Service (CPS) provides a 24-hour help and information line.**

The last edition of Barnet First published the council's contact centre number. Any residents wishing to get in touch can now call the CPS direct on 020 8205 6000.