

barnetfirst

The council magazine bringing you news and community information

issue 71 September 2017



**Fostering: can you help
change a life?
page 8**

RECEIVE

REVIEW

RESPOND



WE ARE UPDATING THE ELECTORAL REGISTER

To do this, we send every home a Household Enquiry Form.
Even if your details are correct, you still need to return your form.

YOU CAN DO THIS ONLINE • BY PHONE OR TEXT • BY POST

LOOK OUT FOR YOUR FORM IN THE POST

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

DON'T LOSE IT



www.barnet.gov.uk/register-to-vote or call **020 8359 5577**

BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH

Leader's column

I hope you all had a nice and restful summer.

I always find this time of year full of excitement and positivity. People have enjoyed their summer breaks and are hopefully feeling more rejuvenated. Children and young people are also returning to school brimming with hopes and aspirations for the year ahead.

I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to our schools for once again doing so well in the latest round of A-Level and GCSE results. 98.5% of A-level examinations were awarded an A* to E grade, which is above the national average. From the GCSE results received so far from schools it is expected that we will once again be well above the national average in all measures. This is a remarkable achievement and testament to the sheer hard work of students and teaching staff. Well done.

Our children and young people are the next generation of the borough and it is essential that we safeguard that. We are currently encouraging residents to consider the possibility of fostering a child (page 8).

There are 118 foster carers in the borough looking after 190 children and young people. A child may need to be fostered for a number of reasons. That vital support from a foster family allows them to stay safe and happy and remain on track to fulfil their potential. It also offers them a loving and stable home environment – something that no child should be denied.

Keeping the borough clean and green is also of paramount importance. Everyone has a role to play so please do your bit to help improve waste and recycling across the borough (pages 20 and 21). There will also be a concerted effort to address littering, fly tipping and dog fouling. This will complement the excellent work that focuses on improving air quality and our roads and pavements.

I will soon be hosting a series of 'Question Time' events across the borough to speak to residents and get their views on what matters in Barnet. These events will give a brief overview of what the council is working on and its current priorities. See page 13 for details on how to register.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible.




Richard Cornelius

Regulars

Leader's column	PAGE 3
News	PAGE 4
Volunteering opportunities	PAGE 26
What's on	PAGE 14
Contact your councillors	PAGE 31

Future

Spotlight on Colindale: transforming the borough	PAGE 16
Barnet Architecture Awards	PAGE 17

People

Barnet apprenticeships: pathway to success	PAGE 7
Engage Barnet: Question Time events	PAGE 13
Supporting local business in Burnt Oak	PAGE 27

Neighbourhoods

Keeping neighbourhoods clean and green	PAGE 20
--	---------

Your views

Resident Perception Survey results	PAGE 29
------------------------------------	---------

Featured

Can you foster a child in Barnet?	PAGE 8
Crowdfunding in Barnet: success stories	PAGE 19

Contact us

Barnet First is a magazine filled with local news and community information for the borough of Barnet – issue 71 September 2017.

Alternative formats of Barnet First are available only upon request. If you would like a copy of Barnet First in large print or on tape, please email: barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk

Barnet First is produced by the London Borough of Barnet, Corporate Communications Team.

To contact the editorial team, email: barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk

When you have finished reading our magazine, please recycle.



news

£6million Youth Zone given green light

Barnet's young people will soon see the development of a state-of-the-art Youth Zone in their borough after a planning application for the project was given approval.

The £6million facility, which is being developed by charity OnSide with Barnet Council, will offer a wide range of activities for young people aged between eight and 19 and up to 25 for those with additional needs. Facilities at the Youth Zone, which will be located on part of Montrose Playing Fields in Colindale, will include dance, sport, art, music, drama, media, employability and mentoring programmes.

Following a competition last year, Barnet's young people named the Youth Zone 'Unitas', to reflect the messaging on the borough's coat of arms, which means 'Unity'.

As well as providing the site, the council has contributed £4.2million towards the construction costs.

Councillor Reuben Thompstone, Chair of Barnet Council's Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee, said: "I'm delighted that we have reached this key milestone in this exciting project, and I am really looking forward to seeing the Youth Zone taking shape. This is going to be a fantastic asset for young people in Barnet with all kinds of opportunities on offer."

Now the Youth Zone has gained planning consent, building work will begin later this year with an opening date planned for late 2018.

For more information contact Greg Farrimond at greg.farrimond@onsideyouthzones.org



Artist's impression of Youth Zone

Free early education extended

From September this year some working parents of three and four year-olds are entitled to up to 30 hours of free early education.

All three and four year-olds have been eligible for up to 15 hours per week of free childcare, but the new scheme now offers an additional 15 hours per week for eligible parents to use flexibly.

To benefit from the scheme, both parents need to be working (or the sole parent in a lone parent family) at least 16 hours per week at national minimum wage for under 25 year olds, and at national living wage for over 25 year olds.

If they, or their partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or are unable to work because they are disabled or have caring responsibilities, they could still be eligible.

Parents wishing to benefit from the national scheme can apply to the HMRC and, if successful, will receive a voucher code. This voucher code then needs to be validated with the childcare provider the term before the child takes up the additional hours.

For full information on eligibility and how to apply, visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



New social work academy helps to improve services

We have launched an innovative academy aimed at recruiting, developing and helping retain social workers.

The Barnet Children Practice Academy (BCPA) will provide a clearly structured way for the council's social workers and other Family Services staff to develop with additional training. This will help to foster best practice and ensure the best possible outcomes for the families they support.

The new academy will provide ongoing training and mentoring to social workers and staff of all levels and is part of the council's continuing drive to improve services.

It will also form an important part of the council's improvement journey following the recent OFSTED report.

The BCPA has been created under the guidance of Dame Lorna Boreland-Kelly, who has established similar academies in other local authorities.

The faculties within the academy will provide the platform for incorporating research into practice and ensuring all practitioners meet the necessary standards.



(L – R) Dez Holmes – Research in Practice; Chris Munday – Strategic Director of Children and Young People; Councillor Reuben Thompstone – Lead Member; Lord Herman Ouseley – House of Lords

Photograph taken by Joseph Kelly (Bokell Associates Ltd)




Barnet School Awards celebrates achievements

The first ever Barnet School Awards highlighted the exceptional work of Barnet pupils and staff at a recent ceremony at Barnet and Southgate College. The nominees were drawn from primary, secondary and special schools across the borough.

Four students from Hendon School in Golders Rise picked up the ‘British Values Project of the Year’ award after launching their ‘Stamp Out Stigma Campaign’ which tackles attitudes to mental health. Collecting their award from Hendon School were Year 9 pupils: Nawal Ali, Monica Zachariah, A’mari Carribon, Rochelle Wilks and Angel Hemmings (all aged 14).

Mill Hill County High School pupil Dhruv Ganatra scooped the Secondary Inspirational Student of the Year award. While teaching assistant Debbie Wheeler, who has worked at Totteridge Academy in Barnet Lane for over 15 years supporting children with special educational needs, scooped the Unsung Hero Award.

Councillor Reuben Thompstone, Chairman of Barnet Council’s Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee, said: “We have many fantastic schools in Barnet and I’m delighted that the Barnet School Awards give us the chance to recognise some of their many achievements. Whether it’s the inspirational achievements of a particular student, or the unsung work of a member of staff, the awards are a great way for us to celebrate our whole school community.”

Category	Primary School winner 	Secondary School winner 	Special School winner 
British Values Project of the Year	Rachel Fink - Hasmonian High School	SOS Stamp Out Stigma Campaign - Hendon School	
Governors Award	Mark Chapman - Holy Trinity C of E Primary School	Julia Blackman - Cophthall School	Sameerah Siddiqui - Oakleigh Special School
Inspirational Student of the Year	Alison Bibby - Manorside Primary School	Dhruv Ganatra - Mill Hill County High School	Iqra Shahzad - Cophthall School
Unsung Hero	Clare Zinkin - Etz Chaim Jewish Primary School	Giovanni Mazzamuto - Finchley Catholic High School	Brenda Barker - Oak Lodge School
Special Youth Enterprise Award			The Lodge - Oak Lodge School

Rebuilding lives with Home Improvement Grants

Did you know that the council gives grants to homeowners, landlords and tenants who are looking to improve their homes? For example, we have helped residents access their upstairs bathroom again, made their heating more energy-efficient and have improved the security of their home.

We can help with anything from adapting homes for disabled people or older people who find they need to adapt their living space, to repairs, heating and insulation improvements.

Some eligibility conditions apply, but you might be surprised at how easy it is to qualify and how much help we can give you to maintain your home and your independence.

If you, or someone you know, is struggling in their home, why not get in touch and see if we can help? The scope of what we do might be broader than you think.



For more information visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/careandrepair or contact the Grants Team on 020 8359 7420, email: Care&Repair@Barnet.gov.uk

people

Students make the grade:

A-level and GCSE students across Barnet celebrate amazing results for 2017

82%

GCSE students achieved Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths above last year's national average of

59% A* to C

61.8%

of A level students achieved A* to B above the national average of

53.1%

36.4%

of A level students achieved A* to A above the national average of

26.3%



Among those who received their A-level results were pupils from Cophthall School in Mill Hill:



Iqra Shahzad, 18, from Edgware achieved an A*, two As and a B.

"I found out on the UCAS website, I got in to UCL but I'm planning on taking a gap year and then going to study veterinary science at Surrey, specialising in working with larger animals. I'm really happy, the results were much better than I was expecting, it was worth going through all the tough times."



Zarghona Rasheed, 18, from Edgware, achieved A A B.

"I was up early to check my results online and was there refreshing the page every minute. I'm so happy because I have got into LSE to study Economics and Economic History, I cried for five minutes after I found out. The exams were so hard and there is so much competition to get into LSE."

Also GCSE students from Totteridge Academy:



Matthew Evans, 16, from High Barnet, achieved three grade 9s, five A* grades and one A

"I was expecting the grades I got because of the mocks we have had over the last two years, but there's always a bit of anxiety at the back of your mind that something has gone wrong. It's a big relief to have it over with. I am going on to Woodhouse College and then hopefully to Imperial or LSE after that."



Ortensa Paci, 17, from East Barnet, achieved one grade 8, one grade 7, one grade 6, 2 A*, 2 A, 3 B grades.

"I moved here from Italy so I did not know English two years ago. It has been a lot of hard work. You think the day isn't going to come. When I arrived this morning I was sure I was going to cry, but I'm really happy."

Barnet apprenticeships

Project managing a pathway to success

For Alex Nicolaou, starting an apprenticeship was the right step to kickstart his career as a project manager. We spoke to Alex and his parents Ele and Anastasia about why an apprenticeship was right for him.

Hi Alex, tell us what is the name of your apprenticeship?

I am currently completing a project management apprenticeship with Re. It's an 18-month apprenticeship and when I'm finished I'll have a Level 3 Business and Administration NVQ qualification.

Why did you want to do an apprenticeship?

I liked the fact that I could be doing paid work and gaining a qualification at the same time, rather than starting my life with a large debt from going to university. I was keen to get involved with project management as I was never that interested in going to university and finding the right apprenticeship was always more important to me.

What do you like about working for Re and Barnet Council?

I enjoy many things here at Barnet, including being heavily involved in the delivery of regeneration schemes such as Colindale, Dollis Valley, West Hendon and many more. Working closely with the project management team means that I get to see first-hand how they manage large and complex projects. One of the best things I have been able to do is lead on my own projects. This practical experience has enabled me to develop skills rather than learn from a textbook.

Would you recommend an apprenticeship to other people considering it?

I most definitely would. It allows young people to achieve a qualification, gain experience and in addition earn a salary all in one, which I feel is a win-win for any young student. I hope young teenagers understand how beneficial an apprenticeship is and what a great way it is to kickstart their career.



Did you know?

We have committed to offering 100 apprenticeships in 2017/18

Ele, why was an apprenticeship right for your son Alex?

Like a lot of students, Alex was unsure about his next steps after school. We had always suggested an apprenticeship was the best route and so he started applying. His apprenticeship at Re is, absolutely and undoubtedly, the best decision he has ever made.

Did you have any nervousness around Alex starting an apprenticeship?

Not at all. When our generation was growing up, apprenticeships were mainly for trade skills such as plumbers and carpenters. Now we are seeing more and more companies entering into the schemes across a range of industries, which is brilliant.

What is your proudest moment that you've experienced so far in Alex's apprenticeship?

The proudest moment for us is the day he came home and said he had just got an apprenticeship. I think the fact that he has become so commercially aware in such a short space of time is amazing.

Would you recommend an apprenticeship to other parents?

It is important that parents make a decision based on their own child's abilities. We have three children and what suits one may not suit the other. Apprenticeships open up as many doors as going to university and I'm pleased that employers and students are taking up more apprenticeships because I believe they are an excellent option for our young people.

Can you tell us a bit more about why that is?

First and foremost, we have seen a huge change in Alex. He has a sense of accountability and responsibility for his work. Obviously the fact he is earning a salary while learning helps him make lifestyle decisions and plans for his future. Also it's great to see him suited and booted every day!



To find out more about apprenticeships at Barnet Council, visit: jobs.barnet.gov.uk or alternatively seek other apprenticeships here: www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

Alex and Ele Nicolaou

FOSTERING A CHILD CAN CHANGE A LIFE

DO YOU HAVE #MORE2GIVE?

There are lots of reasons people decide to become foster carers. In Barnet, our carers tell us it's because they want to make a difference to a child's life.

Often families think about fostering for years before they make the decision, others don't have children of their own but feel they have time, warmth and love to give to young people who cannot live with their own families.

We have foster families whose children are now grown up but who miss having the noise and fun that youngsters can bring to a home. Whatever the reason, each of our foster carers feel that they have more to give. The contribution of our foster carers is critically

important. Their support allows children and young people in Barnet to stay safe and happy and remain on track to fulfil their potential.

A child may need to be fostered for a variety of reasons, such as: an illness in the family where emergency care is needed, abuse or neglect to the child, a breakdown in family relations, and sometimes children arriving unaccompanied from abroad. You can be flexible about the types of fostering you offer a child; however, we are currently looking for foster carers to join our community that are able to care for teenagers, sibling groups and children and young people with additional needs.

If you think you've got more to give and could help young people in our borough realise their potential get in touch with our fostering team today.

Read on to hear from foster carer Sonia, who has been fostering children and teenagers for six years.

Call the fostering enquiries line on 020 8359 6274 or visit www.barnet.gov.uk/fostering

TO BE A FOSTER CARER YOU MUST:



have at least one spare bedroom



have experience of caring for children, perhaps in your own family or through work or volunteering



have the time and flexibility needed to look after a young person



be committed to looking after a young person for as long as they need to stay



be able to offer a home where young people would feel safe and are not exposed to risks.

There are close to 64,000 children who live in foster families across the UK



In Barnet there are 118 foster carers who care for around 190 children and young people



DO YOU THINK YOU COULD FOSTER?

SONIA TELLS US WHAT IT'S LIKE TO CARE FOR CHILDREN IN BARNET:

WHAT FIRST INTERESTED YOU IN BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?

I wanted to make a positive impact on children's lives and chose to foster with Barnet after doing a lot of research. We chose to foster with Barnet when we realised they offered the best overall package, from the training programmes and support networks, to having friendly social workers who work for them.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE THING THAT HAS SURPRISED YOU MOST ABOUT FOSTERING?

Nothing surprises you when you expect the unexpected. However, it does surprise you how resilient children are. Along the way, we have had really positive experiences from children getting awards for sporting achievements and flourishing in new schools.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF FOSTERING FOR YOU SO FAR?

My partner and I have a lot of fun with the children and young people that we look after. As well as giving them a loving, caring, safe and stable home life, we allow them to be children and give them exciting opportunities, while setting routines and boundaries. We get a lot of satisfaction from fostering especially knowing we have made a positive impact on young people's lives.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A NEW FOSTER CARER OR SOMEONE CONSIDERING FOSTERING?

If someone was thinking about fostering, we'd tell them to have an open mind and be prepared to learn a lot about children and childcare. It's not easy at times, but there is so much support within Barnet Council, you always know someone can help if you need it. Also, Barnet knows the flexibility a foster carer may need. If you work hard for them, they will work hard for you.

WHAT'S YOUR EXPERIENCE OF FOSTERING TEENAGE CHILDREN AND SIBLINGS?

We've been fostering for nearly six years and have fostered siblings for the past four. Over the six years, we've been involved with around 17 children. We've had teenagers in our care and have really enjoyed fostering these young adults. It's hard enough being a teenager in general, so it's super important for teens to have a stable environment, especially where they can study for their exams. Barnet's virtual school is absolutely amazing with their support and tuition for the children. It's a department which listens to the voice of the child and fully supports their educational needs.



DO YOU HAVE #MORE2GIVE?

To find out more information about fostering, or book one of our information sessions visit www.barnet.gov.uk/fostering / email: fostering@barnet.gov.uk / tel: 020 8359 6274

people

Taking the next step

24 October to 3 November this year marks National Care Leavers week



There are currently around 347 children being looked after by the council.

Last year our Leaving Care team helped around 289 young people.

The annual awareness week aims to highlight the needs of young people leaving care across the country.

When it is not possible for children to live at home with their family, or with other family members, the council can provide care through foster carers, adoptive families, or if it is the best option for them, a children's residential home.

When young people leave care at the age of 18, our Onwards and Upwards service is on hand to help with the transition and with ongoing support. This service works to give individual support to care leavers until they are at least 21 years old, or until they are 25 if they are in further education.

We work with the young person, their foster carer or support worker, and other people who are important to them to make a plan and help them prepare as much as possible for adult life – making sure the young person is involved every step of the way in making decisions about their future.

Every care leaver has a detailed ongoing plan which is regularly reviewed by the team to make sure all their needs are being met.

The aim is to give care leavers the same care and support that their peers would expect from a good parent, such as help finding a job or setting up home.

The Onwards and Upwards team offers a range of support which begins before the young person reaches their 18th birthday. This includes weekly sessions to help them begin planning for the future. This could be help in getting into education, training and work, financial help with continuing studies into higher education, or support with practical life skills like managing money and living on their own for the first time.

Care leavers are able to drop in to the service's base in North Finchley and the support is on offer to care leavers regardless of whether they live in Barnet, other London boroughs or outside of London.

For more information and advice contact our Leaving Care Team on 020 8359 6220.



Council joins forces with Unicef



We are the first London borough to collaborate with Unicef UK to deliver their Child Rights Partners programme, giving a real boost to our ambition to become London’s most family friendly borough by 2020.

Ensuring that children and young people are involved in everything we do is at the core of our new partnership with Unicef. Working with the voluntary and community sector, police, education, health and partners, we will be guided by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child. This sets out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights to which all children should be entitled.

Currently, we are supporting a children’s rights forum where young people in Barnet are driving the development of the programme. Terence, 16, said: “As a young person, discussing children’s rights is very exciting. It’s a great opportunity for young people to have their voices heard on those issues they not only want to improve but also need to change.

I am very excited for the future and the good which this partnership will bring.” For more information on Children’s Rights Partners visit: unicef.uk/childrightspartners or email UnicefCRP@Barnet.gov.uk



Bring on Barnet and Southgate College

We have over 50 years of experience delivering outstanding academic courses and vocational training. We are proud to offer courses across all levels from Entry to Degree.

Barnet and Southgate College can support you on your journey to further education, higher education, employment or training. We are passionate that you get the right advice so you make the right decision.

New courses launched for September 2017!

- Specialist Media Make-up
- Visual Effects
- Human Resources
- Marketing, Sales and Business
- Finance and Business
- Events Management and Business
- Enterprise and Business
- Digital Marketing and Social Media
- Plumbing, Gas and Electrical
- ... and many more!

#BePartOfOurStory



020 8266 4000
info@barnetsouthgate.ac.uk
www.barnetsouthgate.ac.uk



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOLTON CENTRE OF DENTAL SCIENCES



people

Room for one more?

If you have a spare room in your home and could use a little help around the house, then you could benefit from our Homeshare scheme.

Our Homeshare scheme matches people who want live-in help or support with people who need accommodation and are willing to offer assistance. The homesharers give 10 hours of support a week in exchange for low rent. Help can include tasks such as cooking, laundry, gardening, shopping and companionship. All homesharers go through a vetting system that includes criminal record and background

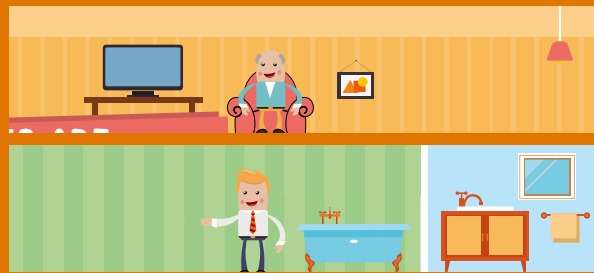
checks, as well as an interview before being introduced to householders. We matched student nurse Anthony, 23, with Tom, 93 and they share a four-bedroom house. Tom, who has lived alone since his wife Mary died 11 years ago, says: "Homeshare has made a real difference as Anthony keeps me company." Anthony says: "It wouldn't be feasible for me to live in London any other way."

Here's how it's working in Barnet – Meet Anthony and Tom

Despite their 70 year age difference, they are very respectful of each other, they eat together a few times a week and Anthony liaises with the family when needed.

The biggest motivation for Tom to join the programme was to be able to live in the home he loves while keeping his independence, with Anthony as an extra helping hand. Councillor Sachin Rajput, Chairman of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee, added: "This fantastic scheme is helping us to tackle two of Barnet's biggest challenges, providing affordable care as well as cheaper housing options.

"We know how much people enjoy being able to stay in their own home, and the benefits that come with doing so. Homeshare allows those participating to maintain their independence and dignity whilst knowing help is always there should they need it."



Some benefits of Homeshare:

- a service for people not eligible for council support
- reduces isolation and loneliness
- enables people to live independently in their own home
- reduces the risk of falls and ill-health, and delays the need for health and social care services
- affordable accommodation for workers in London.

The scheme is run by the charity Novus on behalf of the council. For more information on the scheme, visit www.novus-homeshare.org.uk

Question Time events in Barnet

We value residents' views and opinions about how we are performing and delivering. Our 'Question Time' events are the latest opportunity for you to hear about the work of the council and ask questions about matters that are important to you.

Leader of the Council, Councillor Richard Cornelius, will begin with a brief overview of what the council is working on and its priorities, and then the floor will be yours for an open conversation based around the questions you want to ask.

There is no set agenda and the atmosphere will be informal. Everyone is welcome and we want to see people from all backgrounds, ages and interests.



Taking place across the borough, the Engage Barnet: Question Time events will run from 7pm to 9pm to enable as many people as possible to attend:

- Wednesday 11 October - New Barnet Community Centre EN4 9PF
- Monday 30 October - Greek Cypriot Community Trust N12 9RU
- Tuesday 14 November - Sangam Centre HA8 0AP
- Tuesday 28 November - Bull Theatre EN5 5SJ
- Wednesday 13 December - Hartley Hall, Mill Hill NW7 2JA.



**ENGAGE
BARNET**



To reserve your seat, search for Engage Barnet on www.eventbrite.co.uk or call 020 8359 7907. You can also find more information on www.barnet.gov.uk/question-time

What's on

North London's Got Talent

The North London's Got Talent show for 2018 is looking for talented individuals or groups to take part.

Last year's participants ranged from cheerleaders to singers, dancers and a samba band! Whatever your talent, get in touch and see if you can be part of this amazing event.

If you would like any further information or would like to enter please contact: aorsi@northlondonhospice.co.uk or call 020 8446 2288.



Photo courtesy of Steve Ensom Photography

Macmillan coffee morning

Pop in to your local Macmillan coffee morning for a cuppa and some delicious cake. Events are taking place across Barnet on 29 September.

Visit coffee.macmillan.org.uk to find an event near you.

Shared reading groups

Shared reading groups are available throughout Barnet at various locations. Come along for a cuppa and listen to a short story and poem in a relaxed setting. There's no pressure to join in so there's every reason to come and 'make friends with a book'.

Shared reading takes place weekly in various libraries and locations across Barnet including:

Colindale Library

Where: 7 Bristol Avenue, NW9 5NE

When: Thursday 10.30am - 12 noon

Burnt Oak Library

Where: Watling Avenue, HA8 0UB

When: Tuesdays 10.30am - 12 noon

For more information about the groups and locations, call Kate on 07801 911 481.

Job club

Job assistance provided by Groundwork.

Where: Colindale Library, 7 Bristol Avenue, London NW9 5NE

When: Mondays, 2pm - 4pm

Cost: Free

Contact: 020 8359 3930.

Grange Big Local's Fun Palace

Free festival with live music, and lots of free activities: arts, crafts, science experiments, bouncy castle and sports.

Where: Ann Owens Centre and nearby greenspace, Oak Lane, East Finchley N2 8LT

When: Sunday 8 October

Contact: juliahines@rocketmail.com

jonw.gbl@communitybarnet.org.uk

Cost: Free

Fun Palaces

The annual, worldwide celebration of arts, science and culture returns for its fourth year.

Where: Arts Depot, 5 Nether St, North Finchley, N12 0GA

When: Saturday 7 October, 11am - 3pm.

Cost: Free

Burnt Oak

Conversation Café

An opportunity to practise speaking English in a relaxed environment. These sessions are aimed at adults who speak English as a second language. Contact the library on 020 8359 3885 for more information.

Where: Watling Avenue, Edgware, Middlesex, HA8 0UB

When: Mondays, 2pm- 3pm.

Cost: Free

Youth Cafe

Drop in cafe venue for young people aged 11-15. Play pool, table tennis, PS3 and Wii games etc. Low priced food and drinks available.

Where: Mill Hill East Church, Salcombe Gardens, NW7 2NT

When: Thursdays (during term time): 7pm - 8.30pm

Cost: Free

Email: tom@mhechurch.com

Tel: 07979 678 830

SILVERWEEK



SILVER SUNDAY
CELEBRATING OUR BEST PEOPLE

1-7 October 2017

#BarnetSilverSelfie

#BarnetOver55s

#BarnetSilverSunday

#BarnetSilverWeek

Silver Week is nearly here and we're celebrating with a week of fun and festivities for people over 55.

Silver Week is a celebration of the value and knowledge that our over-55 residents contribute to our communities and aims to combat loneliness and isolation. It's a chance to get out and meet new people, be more active and try new things.

Dust off those dancing shoes and try a swing dancing class? Dig out those walking shoes and try an instructor-led health walk, or make the most of your spare time and become a volunteer. If you need some 'me' time, we have relaxing therapy treatments and wellbeing workshops just for you.

For more information on events and activities, pop into your local Barnet library or visit www.barnet.gov.uk/silver-sunday

Everyone can get involved. Whether that's organising an event, spreading the word or attending an activity, visit www.silversunday.org

Afternoon Tea

Barnet Seniors Assembly and Barnet Council's Prevention and Wellbeing Team host afternoon tea, with stalls, activities and the launch of Silver Week.

Where: Woodhouse College, Woodhouse Road, N12 9EY

When: Sunday 1 October, 12.30pm – 4pm

Cost: Free

LGBT event

Information and advice on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender matters and a chance to meet up with others.

Where: Woodhouse College, Woodhouse Road, N12 9EY

When: Sunday 1 October, 12.30pm – 4pm

Cost: Free

Showcase... with information and advice

A celebration of our older residents, information and advice, community groups, demonstrations and performances.

Where: Brent Cross Shopping Centre, Hendon, NW4 3FP

When: Tuesday, 3 October, 10am – 8pm

Cost: Free

Art exhibition

We recently hosted an art competition where residents of care homes, sheltered housing and supported living were invited to submit art under the theme of History. Join us and celebrate the artistic efforts of some of our local residents.

Where: Woodhouse College, Woodhouse Road, N12 9EY

When: Sunday 1 October 12.30pm – 4pm

Cost: Free

Hidden gems

You could easily drive past Greenhill Gardens in East Barnet, described by our Mayor, Councillor Brian Salinger as 'a little pocket park'. But if you did, you would miss out on one of our smallest and greatest delights.

Despite its closeness to suburban houses and the busy A1000, this relatively small space is quiet and peaceful. Designated as a Site of Local Importance for Nature Conservation, the ornamental lake with a wooded island is a magnet for visiting birds and other wildlife. While the grass area with scattered mature

trees is a place to take stock and get closer to nature.

There's history, too. The park was once part of a grand country estate, Pricklers. The land was developed for housing in the 1920s but the park survives to this day.

Barnet is full of hidden gems so if you have a favourite spot that needs to be celebrated, let us know at barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk and perhaps we can include it in a future edition.



future

Spotlight on Colindale

Colindale is one of the largest growth and regeneration areas in the borough and a key component of the Delivering for Barnet programme.

The regeneration of Colindale will deliver substantial but sustainable housing growth and a new neighbourhood centre well served by both improved public transport services and high quality public open space.

The regeneration and growth programme in Colindale will deliver a huge range of benefits to the area, including over 10,000 new homes across various sites, 3,400 of which have already been completed.

Other enhancements will make it easier to get around the area, such as improvements to key junctions, roads and bus service links, the redevelopment of Colindale Tube station, including the provision of step-free access and a new pedestrian and cycle bridge linking Montrose Park to the hospital site and Tube station.

New facilities will include the new council headquarters, a purpose-built office building located in the heart of Colindale. The move will bring us closer to the community and support local businesses. The Unitas Youth Zone at Montrose Playing Fields will bring much-needed facilities for young people and a new Energy Centre will deliver low-carbon energy to homes in the area.

Open spaces will also be upgraded at Colindale, Montrose, Rushgrove and Silkstream parks and there will be further public realm improvements at Colindale Avenue and Grahame Park Way.

Colindale CPZ consultation

We regularly review Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) across the borough to ensure they provide the same benefits as when they were first introduced and that they still meet the needs of the local community.

We are now reviewing the existing Colindale CPZ, which has been in place for 16 years. Colindale is becoming one of London's fastest growing neighbourhoods, and over the next 10 to 15 years, thousands of new homes and new retail, commercial and community facilities will be developed in the area. As this happens, there will be changes to parking and we need to ensure that the CPZ continues to be effective.

To help us understand the effectiveness of the current Colindale CPZ, we are now consulting with local residents who live within, and outside, the Colindale CPZ area.

You can take part at: engage.barnet.gov.uk. The closing date for this consultation will be 27 October.

Community Hub

The planning application for the next phase of Grahame Park includes a proposal for a new council-run community hub offering a range of services including a daycare nursery, GP surgery, hall, workshop rooms and health facilities. The state-of-the-art building will provide an enhanced space directly linked to Heybourne Park to replace the community facilities currently located on the estate's central concourse.



Community hub



Colindale HQ

Youth Zone (CGI)

Keep Updated

We have made some big improvements to the Delivering for Barnet section of the Barnet website. A new short film about the Delivering for Barnet growth and regeneration programme is also now available. View all of this at: barnet.gov.uk/deliveringforbarnet

Follow us now at: twitter.com/deliver4barnet



Barnet Architecture Awards People's Choice Award 2017

The aim of the awards is to celebrate and promote well-designed buildings and open spaces that enhance the quality of life of Barnet's residents.

We asked anyone who had been involved in completing a new building, or altering an existing building or public space since 1 September 2014 that is considered to be of high quality design, to enter their project into the awards.

Our expert judging panel have reviewed all entries and have decided upon a shortlist of top projects. We would now like to ask anyone who lives or works in the borough to get involved and vote for their favourite project.

The winners of the
**People's Choice
Award 2017**
will be formally
announced in
November.

Voting opens on 5 October and closes on 27 October 2017.
To cast your vote visit <https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/>



To find out more visit www.barnet.gov.uk/architectureawards

Your guide to crowdfunding

Got an idea to make your local area an even better place to live or work? Launch it as a crowdfunding campaign

Crowdfunding allows individuals, community groups or small businesses to propose an idea to be funded by members of the public. This new initiative gives you the opportunity to pitch an idea that benefits Barnet and attract backing from members of the public and the council. Through a community crowdfunding initiative, as part of the Barnet Together campaign, residents and businesses can

receive up to a £5,000 pledge funding to bring their ideas to life. From community gardens and street murals, to festivals and sports facilities, crowdfunding allows people to pitch ideas for projects that will improve Barnet's high streets, neighbourhoods, parks and open spaces.

Turn your idea into reality. Here are some tips for crowdfunding:



What criteria does my project need to fit?

Projects should be something that directly improves our borough, such as painting a street mural or it might bring people together such as organising a festival or community event. Your project should enhance our local area and bring communities together.



What will your project offer backers in return?

The biggest reward to potential backers is the positive impact your project will have on your local area.

Whether it's a new playground, a free arts festival or new youth centre equipment.



What projects are most successful?

The most successful civic crowdfunding projects are those that appeal to more than one audience.

The more groups your idea appeals to, the more potential backers you can attract!

For example, if you wanted to renovate a park, think about ways you can attract the support of everyone from parents and nature enthusiasts to sports fanatics and school groups.

neighbourhoods

We commit £5,000 to Chipping Barnet Teenage Market

A new Teenage Market will soon be coming to Barnet, following a successful crowdfunding project generating a wealth of community support on the Barnet Together crowdfunding platform.

The platform provides residents, businesses and community groups with an opportunity to share their ideas on how to bring people together and make their local area an even better place.

We have pledged £5,000 towards The Teenage Market project which received more than 90 community pledges and crowdfunded over £55,000. This is the first pledge we have made since we launched the Barnet Together campaign in March this year.

The market will run at weekends and evenings when teenagers are not at school and will offer stalls for young people wishing to sell items that they have made such as bead jewellery or fashion items they have may have designed themselves. There will also be a sound stage for teenagers wanting to try out their music or comedy to a live audience.

The team behind the project wanted to ensure that there was something for young people in the community to do after school and at weekends rather than spending time in their bedrooms living

their social life online. The aim of the project is that teenagers get to try out an idea and expand their skills in a community environment.

The Leader of Barnet Council, Councillor Richard Cornelius, said: "It is great the council is able to assist with projects such as the Teenage Market. This innovative way of getting projects up and running is a positive for the community, and I encourage more people to visit the website with their great ideas for ways they can improve our borough."



Crowdfunding works

Our new crowdfunding platform is helping to kick-start projects across the borough, including the Community Funded Fibre Project and the Syrian pop-up kitchen and supper club.

The Community Funded Fibre Project also recently reached its target. Steven Valens, from the Ridgemont Residents Association, said:

"We have been suffering from really slow broadband speeds since moving into the estate. The only option was to opt for a community-funded fibre project that will provide our area with faster connection speeds.

I launched our fundraising project and within three weeks we had raised the £1,200 required as our community contribution.

I would like to thank the 30 households who contributed money towards this project. It just shows that a community can really come together for the collective good."

A Syrian pop up kitchen and supper club recently hit its fundraising target, Lex Karlin, who crowdfunded the project said:

"I'm overwhelmed, excited and most of all really happy for the women involved in the project that they are going to have a budget to use to make the Syrian food project a success. The kitchen will be staffed and managed by Syrian refugee women and it's a great community project.

"The idea is to use my part-time office space at Ten Grand Arcade to set up a pop up cafe a couple of times a week selling homemade Syrian food. We were able to raise over £1,500 in two days through crowdfunding. I'd recommend crowdfunding to anyone who has an idea they want to get off the ground."

Are you inspired by the crowdfunding projects that have already reached their targets? Get started today!

Visit www.spacehive.com/movement/barnet-together to get your crowdfunding project live.

For more information on our next workshop contact crowdfunding@barnet.gov.uk

neighbourhoods

Keeping Neighbourhoods Clean and Green

Each autumn our street cleaning teams clear tonnes of leaves which have fallen from the borough's trees and we are committed to continuing to deliver a high quality service for our residents, keeping Barnet's neighbourhoods clean and green.

Through the Taking Care of Our Neighbourhoods campaign, which launched on National Clean Air Day in June, we are asking residents to take small actions in their day-to-day lives to help us keep neighbourhoods moving, clean and green and improve air quality.

We're encouraging residents to recycle more, report litter and fly-tips using the Report a Problem function on our website, and to visit

and enjoy the activities taking place in our 200 parks and open spaces. Councillor Dean Cohen, Chairman of the Environment Committee, said: "Barnet has a huge number of beautiful parks and open spaces and we are proud that it is one of the greenest boroughs in London. Through this campaign, we're asking residents, businesses and visitors to help keep our neighbourhoods clean and green by putting litter in one of the borough's 2,220 litter bins, reporting a fly-tip online and recycling as much as possible."

Have you spotted a problem? Report it at www.barnet.gov.uk/report-a-problem



We have 780 pieces of play equipment.

We have over 50 playing fields and playgrounds in our parks for you to enjoy.



Keep our neighbourhoods clean and tidy. Take your litter home or use a bin.



Fly-tipping is a crime.

We may fine and prosecute anyone caught.

Be in with a chance to win tickets to a Saracens home game!

Barnet has some fantastic parks and open spaces and as we head into autumn, this shouldn't stop you from enjoying your favourite park.

To be in with your chance of winning tickets to the Saracens versus Harlequins home game on

Saturday 24 March 2018 send us a photograph of how you use or enjoy your local park. The deadline for entries is Friday 1 December 2017.

For further details and how to enter go to www.barnet.gov.uk/parkphoto



SARACENS

Allianz  Park

neighbourhoods



We've made recycling easy and it helps to save money.
Do your bit to recycle more.

We recycled 55,000 tonnes of waste in 2016 – enough to fill two rugby stadiums.



There are nine walking and cycling routes in parks and open spaces across the borough.

We will be planting more trees to help improve air quality.



To find out more about the work we are doing to keep Barnet's neighbourhoods clean and green

Visit www.barnet.gov.uk/ourneighbourhoods.

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to be kept up to date with information and facts about #ourneighbourhoods

Make a difference

Recycle Right

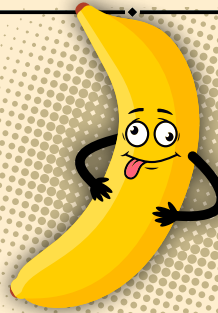
Remember you can't recycle these items
in your blue recycling bin

✗ NOT WANTED



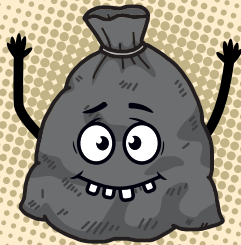
**No nappies
in your blue bin**

✗ NOT WANTED



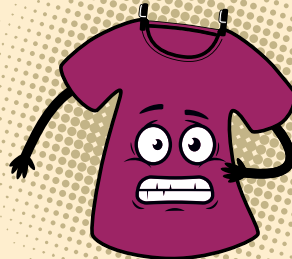
**No food waste
in your blue bin**

✗ NOT WANTED



**No black bag
in your blue bin**

✗ NOT WANTED



**No textiles and clothes
in your blue bin**

If in doubt,
please
find out

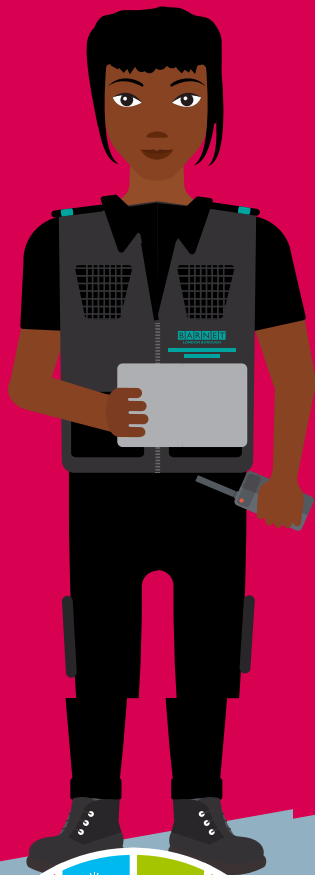
Put me
in your food
waste bin



Visit www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling to check what you can recycle.

Fly-tipping is a crime.

We may fine and prosecute
anyone caught.



@BarnetCouncil
#ourneighbourhoods 

Spotted some fly-tipping? Report it:
www.barnet.gov.uk/report-a-problem



BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH

HOW WILL YOU QUIT THIS STOPTOBER?

There's lots of support available, so **talk to your local Stop Smoking Service.**

 Search Stoptober

 /stoptober

 @stoptober



For more information visit www.barnet.gov.uk/stoptober

BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY
ONE YOU

© Crown copyright 2016

COULD YOU LEAD & INSPIRE IN BARNET?

Adult volunteers needed

Scouts have life changing adventures....so can you.

There is nothing quite as rewarding as seeing a young person learn a new skill for the first time.

With so many great opportunities now available across Barnet, you're sure to find one that's right for you.

Join our global Scouting family and you'll get training, support and the chance to work with some real stars.

INTERESTED?

Contact:

Keith Savage at keith.savage@scouts.org.uk
07960-160110



scouts.org.uk/get-involved

LIFE CHANGING ADVENTURE

© Copyright The Scout Association, Registered Charity number 306101/SC038437



Keeping Barnet safe

Did you know that across London there are more residential burglaries during the winter months than at any other time of year?

The Barnet Safer Communities Partnership, which includes the council and police, has been working to prevent burglary and to catch and convict those involved in committing burglaries. As a result, in the last 12 months there has been a 15 per cent reduction in the number of burglaries in Barnet compared to the previous year – which is more than 550 fewer burglaries. This is the largest reduction in burglary out of all London boroughs.

Building on the success of reducing burglary

We've also expanded the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera coverage across the borough. Vehicle registration details linked to over 500 convicted offenders have been uploaded on to the ANPR system. Councillor David Longstaff, the Chair of the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership, said: "The cameras have been installed across Barnet and are now live 24 hours a day. These cameras will help deter and prevent crime involving vehicles, helping to make Barnet safer; and when a crime does occur the ANPR cameras will help the police identify the perpetrator and provide evidence to bring them to justice."

What's been done to tackle burglary?

■ The MetTrace Project

The Barnet Safer Communities Partnership has deployed 'MetTrace' crime prevention technology in over 15,000 households. The SmartWater® technology (forensic property marking kits which help police trace stolen property and link suspects to crime scenes) to date has had a 100% conviction rate in court.

■ Targeted crime prevention advice

This year, Barnet Police has provided crime prevention advice to over 1,000 homes

■ Neighbourhood Watch

We're working closely with Barnet Borough Watch, who have trained over 400 watch co-ordinators to deliver crime prevention training to their local area in Barnet

■ Catching and convicting offenders

In the last 12 months there has been a 13% increase in the rate of burglaries solved by Barnet Police – more offenders are being caught and brought to justice. Barnet Police Chief Superintendent Simon Rose said: "We are always looking for innovative ways to prevent burglary, with considerable success, but there is still a long way to go."



Top L-R: Councillor David Longstaff with Chief Inspector Mark Williamson and PC Christopher Robinson. Bottom: Barnet Council Community Safety Team.

What can you do?

There are simple steps you can take to protect your home from burglary.
Make sure you:

- keep all windows and doors locked when you go out
- do not leave valuables near the windows or in the light
- have a light switched on in your house when you go out
- do not leave keys by the letterbox
- do not leave any post sticking out of your letter box.

Volunteering opportunities

Volunteering in Barnet

Get involved in your local community! Volunteering provides vital support to local organisations and charities, and brings many benefits to you too. For everything from improving your confidence, to learning new skills, to meeting a new part of your community, volunteering is a great way to make the most of your spare time. Below are just a few of the many opportunities available from Volunteering Barnet.

Volunteering Barnet is the accredited Volunteer Centre for Barnet and works with over 100 local organisations. There's sure to be something to suit you.

Home Visitors and Health Coaches

Home Start Barnet



Home-Start Barnet offers emotional and practical support to local families facing issues such as isolation, financial difficulties, depression, disability, health and domestic abuse. Volunteers receive training to visit families in their own home for a few hours each week, supporting parents to grow in confidence and strengthen relationships with their children.

Following training you will be matched with a family enabling you to develop skills, self-confidence and gain valuable experience, all whilst supporting your local community.

Upcycler/Workshop Assistant

Barnet Furniture Centre

Are you passionate about recycling and experienced in DIY? Barnet Furniture Centre have diverted 650 tonnes from landfill since 2011, and support people facing financial hardship by providing low cost furniture. Volunteers with carpentry or DIY experience are needed to help upcycle furniture and complete minor repairs.

Gardening Volunteer

Barnet Hospital

Willing gardeners needed on a regular basis to keep Barnet Hospital's small garden neat, tidy and appealing. Volunteer as an individual or in a group whilst enjoying the outdoors and helping make hospital visits more enjoyable all patients and visitors. No experience necessary, just a willingness to get hands dirty!

Charity Shop Volunteers

Advocacy in Barnet

Nobody should have to face cancer alone. Advocacy in Barnet support individuals affected by cancer. They are seeking volunteers who can spare a few hours a week to assist individuals and their carers in accessing services.

Scout Leaders and Assistants

Various retail

A huge range of charity shops across the borough are looking for volunteers, including All Aboard Shops and a new RSCPA shop in North Finchley. Volunteer in a charity shop to gain new skills and make a valuable contribution to local charities. Get in touch to find a charity shop near you.

Hearing Aid Technician

Jewish Deaf Association (JDA)

Most residents of care homes are unable to get to their local audiologist whenever there is a problem with their hearing aid, and that could mean months before it gets fixed. Such a small thing can have a huge impact – no chatting or taking part in activities. By visiting care homes regularly, you'll ensure hearing aids are cleaned, batteries changed and smiles created. Full training provided.

Reading Helper

Beanstalk

Passionate about reading? Beanstalk trains and supports volunteers to provide one-to-one literacy support to thousands of children who struggle with their reading ability and confidence. By becoming a Beanstalk Reading Helper you can help a child improve their reading ability, self-confidence, love of reading and overall school work. Share your passion by volunteering with Beanstalk today!

How to apply

You can apply for these opportunities, and many more, by registering on the website: www.volunteeringbarnet.org.uk. Click 'opportunity search' and enter the role title or organisation name.

If you have any questions about these opportunities, or how to apply, you can get in touch with Sarah Collings:

enquiry@volunteeringbarnet.org.uk or
0300 365 9960.

We would love to hear from you!

supporting local business

Joanne's business blooms in Burnt Oak

Helping businesses succeed and grow



We talked to Joanne Jones about managing Aspens the Florist and the help she received from the council.

Q What brought you to Burnt Oak?

A I moved here in 2014 to be with my partner and together we took over the business from the previous couple, who were retiring. We wanted to make it look more modern and we started selling cards and giftware.

Q How do you find it?

A It's an up-and-coming area. New customers come in all the time but we have regular customers too. It's a bit of a change and I have to stock different things – I sell more christening candles, for example.

Q How did you get involved with the council?

A One day, a woman from Retail Revival, a company commissioned by the council, came into the shop. She told me that the council was investing in the area and wanted to create a positive image of Burnt Oak so that people would be encouraged to come and live, work and shop in the area. She also talked to me about my own business – like how, by

displaying our flowers and gifts inside the store in a certain way, we could bring in more customers. We also chatted about marketing and now I am now active on social media and a member of Inside Edgware (a Facebook group). My partner and I were also invited to various meetings and we've even become involved in local fundraising.

Q You're an experienced business owner but what advice would you give to anyone starting out?

A Keep at it – but, remember, you've got to put a lot of work in and work as hard as possible. We're always here for people to talk to, we're like an information desk!

Also, you don't stop learning and you need to stay open to new ideas. And keep with it.

For more information:
email: barnetbusiness@barnet.gov.uk
or visit:
www.barnet.gov.uk/business-competition



Do you have a great business idea?

If you think that you have a business idea that could be the 'next big thing' then why not pitch your plan as part of the Entrepreneurial Barnet Competition. The competition is an opportunity for new and aspiring businesses to pitch their products and services, and refine business plans. Winners can pitch ideas for the chance to win £2,000.

Last year we had 42 entries of which 29 were just at idea stage.

Middlesex University London student Andre Thompson won the competition in March after he successfully pitched his Student Light idea. Student Light is an app and web platform for students created to liberate them from the common barriers and adversity that they face, particularly around mental health issues.

Andre Thompson said: "It feels absolutely incredible to win the prize. I'm glad to see that people are really seeing that mental health in universities is an issue."

This competition is an annual collaboration between Barnet Council, Middlesex University London, Barnet and Southgate College, supported by Brent Cross and sponsored by Hammerson.

For more information visit:
www.barnet.gov.uk/business-competition



Landlords!

We will **PAY YOU** to rent your property

This is a free service and is available to all landlords and agents.

If we match tenants to your property, you may receive a payment of £3,000 or more subject to terms and conditions.

Follow us on
Twitter

@let2barnet

let  2
barnet
let your property the easy way


**barnet
homes**
working together

Call: 020 8359 4761

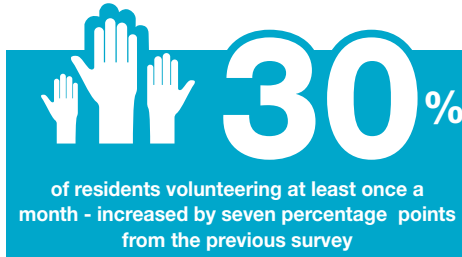
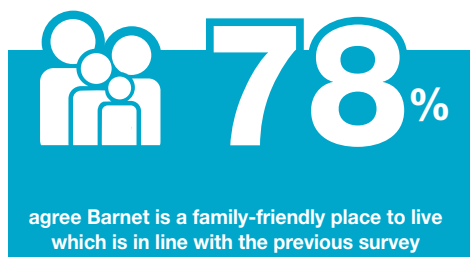
Email: info@let2barnet.co.uk

Web: let2barnet.co.uk

your views

The results are in from our Residents' Perception Survey

Here are some results of the latest 2017 Residents' Perception Survey



You can find full Residents' Perception Survey results at: engage.barnet.gov.uk

We want to thank everyone who took part in the telephone survey. Your views and opinions are important to us and we will use this information to inform our strategies and service delivery.

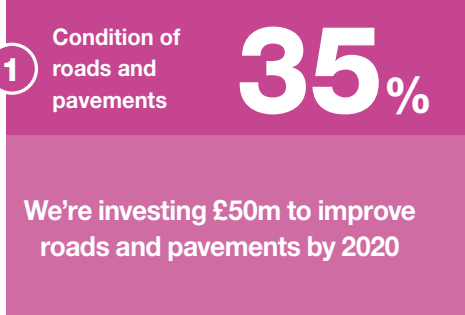
Our next survey will take place in the autumn. Please note these surveys are conducted on our behalf by the social research company Westco Trading Limited. If you receive a call, please take the time to answer questions and give us your views.

Please look out for the following live consultations;

- Engage Barnet Question Time
- Colindale CPZ
- Healthy Streets Survey: Ashurst and Buxted Roads, Friern Barnet Lane, Friern Park N11
- New nominations of buildings or structures for inclusion on Barnet's Local List.

For a full list of active consultations and more information, visit: engage.barnet.gov.uk

Residents top three concerns and what we're doing about them





London Borough of Barnet Hendon Cemetery and Crematorium

Mausoleum Courtyard

At Hendon Cemetery and Crematorium we understand the memories you have of a loved one are personal to you and that you will want to commemorate and remember them in an appropriate way.

We have facilities available for reserve now in our new Mausoleum Courtyard.

Interment spaces can be reserved at any time, please contact our experienced and dedicated team for further advice and assistance.

RE (Regional Enterprise) Limited is a joint venture between Capita plc and London Borough of Barnet.

☎ 020 8359 3370

✉ HendonCemeteryandCrematorium@barnet.gov.uk

Re

BARNET
LONDON BOROUGH

Re

Thinking of submitting a planning application?

Our approachable consultants and designers can help guide you through it. We offer end-to-end planning management and support to make the process as stress free and efficient as possible.

Our consultants have experience in a diverse range of sectors and positions and work closely with our designers to produce planning led schemes which have high rates of approval.

Our services include;

- > Preliminary planning appraisals
- > Measured building and site surveys
- > Building design
- > Pre-application support
- > Minor to major planning applications
- > Planning appeals

We work extensively in Barnet and surrounding Boroughs.
Get in touch for an obligation free quote.

☎ 0208 359 2245

@ planning.consultancy@barnet.gov.uk

RE (Regional Enterprise) Limited is a joint venture between Capita plc and London Borough of Barnet.

contact your councillors

Brunswick Park

-  Cllr Andreas Ioannidis
cllr.a.ioannidis@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Kathy Levine
cllr.k.levine@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Lisa Rutter
cllr.l.rutter@barnet.gov.uk

Burnt Oak

-  Cllr Claire Farrier
cllr.c.farrier@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Ammar Naqvi
cllr.a.naqvi@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Charlie O-Macauley
cllr.c.omacauley@barnet.gov.uk

Childs Hill

-  Cllr Shimon Ryde
cllr.s.ryde@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Peter Zinkin
cllr.p.zinkin@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Jack Cohen
cllr.j.cohen@barnet.gov.uk

Colindale

-  Cllr Gillian Sargeant
cllr.g.sargeant@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Zakia Zubairi
cllr.z.zubairi@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Nagus Narenthira
cllr.n.narenthira@barnet.gov.uk

Coppetts

-  Cllr Pauline Coakley Webb
cllr.p.coakleywebb@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr. Reema Patel
cllr.r.patel@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Barry Rawlings
cllr.b.rawlings@barnet.gov.uk



East Barnet

-  Cllr Rebecca Challice
cllr.r.challice@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Philip Cohen
cllr.p.cohen@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Laurie Williams
cllr.l.williams@barnet.gov.uk

East Finchley

-  Cllr Arjun Mittra
cllr.a.mittra@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Alison Moore
cllr.a.moore@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Alon Or-Bach
cllr.a.or-bach@barnet.gov.uk

Edgware

-  Cllr Brian Gordon
cllr.b.gordon@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Helena Hart
cllr.h.hart@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Joan Scannell
cllr.j.scannell@barnet.gov.uk


Finchley Church End

-  Cllr Eva Greenspan
cllr.e.greenspan@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Graham Old
cllr.g.old@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Daniel Thomas
cllr.d.thomas@barnet.gov.uk

Garden Suburb

-  Cllr Rohit Grover
cllr.r.grover@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr John Marshall
cllr.j.marshall@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Gabriel Rozenberg
cllr.g.rozenberg@barnet.gov.uk

Golders Green

-  Cllr Dean Cohen
cllr.d.cohen@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Melvin Cohen
cllr.m.cohen@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Reuben Thompstone
cllr.r.thompstone@barnet.gov.uk




Hale

-  Cllr Thomas Davey
cllr.t.davey@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Hugh Rayner
cllr.h.rayner@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Kitty Lyons
cllr.k.lyons@barnet.gov.uk

Hendon

-  Cllr Maureen Braun
cllr.m.braun@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Anthony Finn
cllr.a.finn@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Mark Shooter
cllr.m.shooter@barnet.gov.uk

High Barnet

-  Cllr David Longstaff
cllr.d.longstaff@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Bridget Perry
cllr.b.perry@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Wendy Prentice
cllr.w.prentice@barnet.gov.uk



Mill Hill

-  Cllr Valerie Duschinsky
cllr.v.duschinsky@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr John Hart
cllr.j.hart@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Sury Khatri
cllr.s.khatri@barnet.gov.uk

Oakleigh

-  Cllr Sachin Rajput
cllr.s.rajput@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Brian Salinger
cllr.b.salinger@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Stephen Sowerby
cllr.s.sowerby@barnet.gov.uk

Totteridge

-  Cllr Richard Cornelius
cllr.r.cornelius@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Alison Cornelius
cllr.a.cornelius@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Caroline Stock
cllr.c.stock@barnet.gov.uk




Underhill

-  Cllr Jess Brayne
cllr.j.brayne@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Paul Edwards
cllr.p.edwards@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Tim Roberts
cllr.t.roberts@barnet.gov.uk

West Finchley

-  Cllr Ross Houston
cllr.r.houston@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Kath McGuirk
cllr.k.mcguirk@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Jim Tierney
cllr.j.tierney@barnet.gov.uk

West Hendon

-  Cllr Dr Devra Kay
cllr.d.kay@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Adam Langleben
cllr.a.langleben@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Agnes Slocombe
cllr.a.slocombe@barnet.gov.uk

Woodhouse

-  Cllr Geof Cooke
cllr.g.cooke@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Anne Hutton
cllr.a.hutton@barnet.gov.uk
-  Cllr Alan Schneiderman
cllr.a.schneiderman@barnet.gov.uk

Full Council meetings

Tuesday 31 October 7pm
Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, NW4

Residents Forums

Chipping Barnet Residents Forum
Wednesday 18 October, 7pm, Chipping Barnet Library, EN5 4QT

Finchley and Golders Green Residents Forum
Wednesday 18 October, 7pm, Greek Cypriot Centre, 2 Britannia Road, N12 9RU

Hendon Residents Forum
Wednesday 18 October, 7pm, Hartley Hall
1 Flower Lane, NW7 2JA

For more information, please visit:
www.barnet.moderngov.co.uk/mglistcommittees

For details of surgeries

email: first.contact@barnet.gov.uk
or write to us: Members' Room, Hendon Town Hall,
The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BG
For full details check website

“ When my eldest went away to university, I knew I had more to give. Fostering Kyle and seeing him realise his potential is one of my greatest achievements. ”



DO YOU HAVE #MORE2GIVE ?

Join our fostering community today and see how you can change a child's life.

020 8359 6274 | www.barnet.gov.uk/fostering

