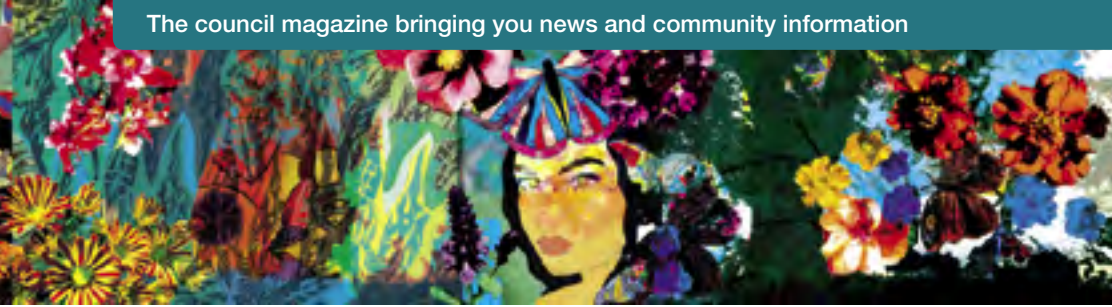


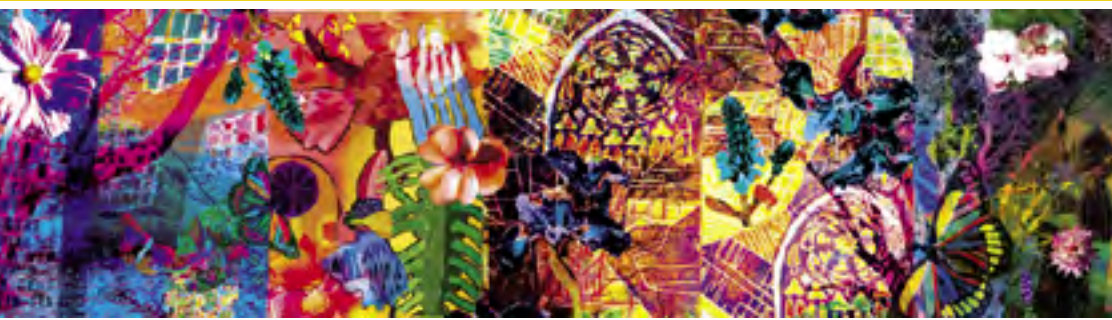
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Message from Cllr Dan Thomas, Leader of Barnet Council



In July, we took a big step forward on our road to recovery with further easing of lockdown restrictions. We saw our borough return to near-normality as we all enjoyed a much needed release from the sacrifices we made for so long. It was great to see our high streets, parks and open spaces busy once again. Thousands of residents enjoyed our outdoor screenings of the Euros, Olympics and films, community carnivals and town centre performances. We are planning a programme of winter events too, so please look out for what is happening in your area later this year.

To ensure our prized public spaces remain clean and safe, we are getting tougher on those who spoil it for others. In the coming months you will see a greater focus on ridding our streets, parks and public spaces of fly-tips, littering and anti-social behaviour.

We always strive to make Barnet a welcoming home for all. I am proud that Barnet was the first London borough to resettle Afghan refugees fleeing the humanitarian crisis. I am pleased that we can offer five Afghan households the opportunity to resettle here. We are working with the Government and local organisations to accommodate the families, all of whom supported British troops over the past 20 years.

Winter is around the corner and viruses thrive as the temperature drops. Research shows you are more likely to be seriously ill if you get COVID-19 and flu at the same time. It is therefore important that those who are eligible have a flu jab, as well as being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Enjoy the autumn.

Councillor Dan Thomas,
Leader of Barnet Council



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Barnet Health Champions celebrate their first anniversary

November is the first anniversary of the Barnet Health Champions Network, which empowers hundreds of Barnet residents to protect their communities by sharing advice and health messages about COVID-19 and its wider effects.

Barnet now has over 250 Health Champions from a wide range of ages, communities, and wards.

Rory, Barnet Health Champion, said:

“It’s a mutual relationship between the Champions and the council. We’re encouraged to feedback what’s happening locally to help ensure we are supporting the needs of Barnet community.

“It’s amazing to make a difference and join fellow Champions who come from a variety of backgrounds, faiths, and ethnicities. We learn so much from each other.”



Rory, Barnet Health Champion

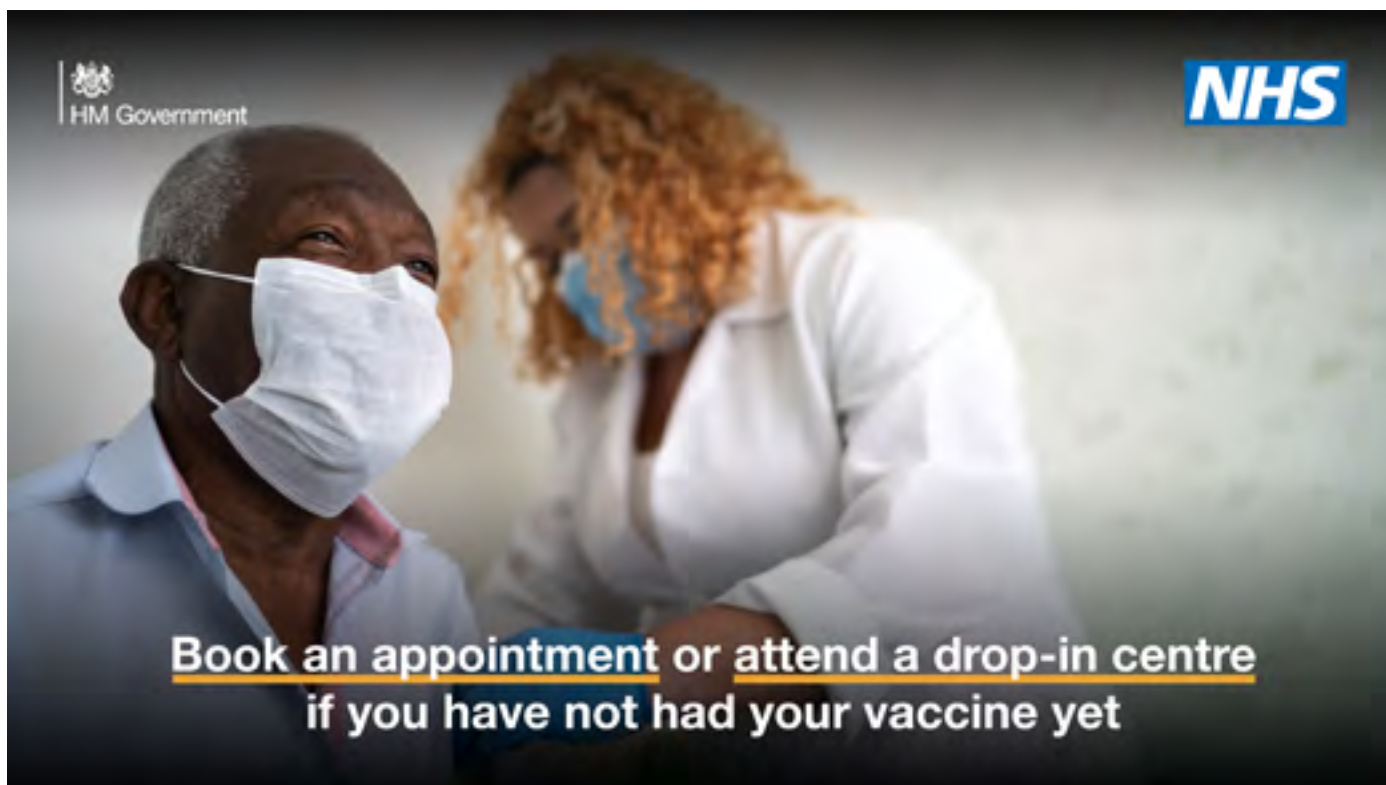
Become a Health Champion!

As a Health Champion you will receive regular information about COVID-19 in Barnet by email, WhatsApp and during information sharing sessions. Clear infographics about the latest COVID-19 guidance are produced with expertise from the council’s Public Health team. You can share these resources to help your family, friends and other community members make sense of the latest guidance and information about COVID-19. This includes advice about mental health and bereavements, as well as how to live a healthier life to make us stronger in the face of the pandemic.

If you live, work, study or volunteer in Barnet, sign up as a Health Champion today by visiting: engage.barnet.gov.uk/health-champions

If you have any questions, please email the team at: barnethealthchampions@groundwork.org.uk





COVID-19 planning for the winter

Last month, the Government announced its plan for tackling COVID-19 during autumn and winter by rolling out booster jabs for older people and first jabs for 12-15-year olds.

12-15-year olds will be offered one dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, following advice from the UK Chief Medical Officers. They will primarily receive their vaccine in schools and will need parental or guardian consent.

The COVID-19 vaccine will protect children against getting seriously ill from the virus and suffering from Long COVID. Getting the COVID-19 vaccine will help children safely return to school and minimise disruption to their studies in the new term. Although less likely than adults to suffer severe illness, children can spread the disease more widely in the community and potentially put vulnerable people at risk. A number of countries around the world have been successfully vaccinating young people age 12-17 since the spring.

Booster jabs will also start to be rolled out to those aged 50 and over, as well as anyone with underlying health concerns. They will be offered to those eligible six months from getting the second dose of the vaccine. Please wait to be contacted by the NHS before booking your booster dose. You will be contacted and asked to book online or at a local NHS service such as a GP surgery.

Get vaccinated to avoid new measures

If virus rates become concerning in the coming months, the Government will implement a plan B, which includes measures such as wearing face coverings mandatory in some settings, working from home (if possible) and the introduction of vaccine passports in some environments.

To avoid plan B, the Government recommends that everyone get their vaccine as soon as they can, as well as taking several other precautions to keep yourself and those around you safe in the coming months. These recommendations include letting fresh air circulate in indoors spaces, wearing a face covering in crowded areas and getting tested and self-isolating if required.



REMEMBER: HANDS, FACE, SPACE AND FRESH AIR

The ULEZ is expanding from 25 October 2021

ARE YOU READY?

From 25 October, the existing central London Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) will expand to create a single larger zone up to, but not including, the North Circular Road (A406) and South Circular Road (A205).

Check your vehicle

Four out of five cars already meet the ULEZ emissions standards, but owners of older polluting cars, motorcycles, lighter vans and minibuses need to take action. Find out if your vehicle meets the emissions standard: tfl.gov.uk/ulez-2021

ULEZ charge

Unless exempt, vehicles will either need to meet the ULEZ emissions standards, or pay a £12.50 daily charge when driving within the expanded ULEZ zone. Drivers can pay in advance or on the day of travel. If you forget to pay the charge you have up to midnight three charging days after you have travelled to pay the charge and avoid a fine.

The ULEZ operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year except Christmas Day (25 December).



Why the ULEZ is expanding

Despite recent improvements in air quality, toxic air pollution in London remains the biggest environmental risk to the health of all Londoners.

Traffic emissions have been identified as the biggest source of poor air quality. Since its implementation in central London in April 2019, the 24-hour Ultra Low Emission Zone has seen a 44% reduction in roadside nitrogen dioxide within its boundaries.

Air pollution is not just a central London problem, with many areas across the city still exceeding the legal limits for pollution, which has led to TfL's decision to extend the ULEZ from 25 October.

Find out more: tfl.gov.uk/ulez-2021

New wards coming in 2022

Barnet is one of 25 London boroughs to have recently undergone an independent electoral review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

Why are Barnet's ward boundaries changing?

The LGBCE reviews local government ward boundaries periodically to ensure each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters, that the ward boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities and promote effective local government.

How might Barnet's new ward boundaries affect you?

The changes mean you might be represented by a different number of councillors than you have been previously, the name of your ward may change, and your polling station might also change location.

Some key facts...

- Barnet will continue to be represented by 63 councillors
- the number of wards will increase from 21 to 24
- there will be 15 three-councillor wards and nine two-councillor wards
- every ward boundary has changed
- new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the Local Government elections on 5 May 2022

The changes mean...

- some wards will have fewer electors, so will be represented by two councillors
- wards with a larger number of electors will be presented by three councillors
- the names of many wards have changed
- your polling station where you vote may change



Have your say: public consultation

A public consultation on the proposed polling places and polling districts will open on **11 October** and close on **19 November 2021**.

Visit www.barnet.gov.uk/elections-and-voting to find out more on the new arrangements and submit your comments.

Entrepreneurial Barnet competition winners announced

The Entrepreneurial Barnet competition 2021 culminated in an online final in July. The annual event, run in collaboration with Middlesex University, Barnet & Southgate College and Barnet Council, has provided opportunities for local up-and-coming talent since 2016.

The competition, generously supported by Brent Cross owner Hammerson and by Santander Universities, was open to Barnet residents, students and graduates of Middlesex University and Barnet & Southgate College.

Entrants were asked to put forward either a business idea or a business less than two years old, under two categories: Social Impact and Commercial – each with a first prize of £5,000 plus mentoring.

The category winners

The Commercial category prize went to Middlesex alumna and Barnet resident Clare Brass and Royal College of Art graduates Dejan Mitrovic and Thomas Leech, for their quality shopping at a discount online store Bulkify. The winner of the Social Impact category was Amanda Bronkhorst, for her climate change-tackling initiative JUST ONE Tree.

Runners-up were Middlesex new graduate Luigi Castellano and alumnus Cesar Portillo, who received £2,500 each towards home furnishing business Xuoonii and accessible entertainment audio production company Ceesound.

Impressing the Dragon's Den of judges

The competition concluded with a Dragon's Den-style pitch to a panel of four judges, who were impressed by the quality of business pitches. candidates.

Barnet's Small Business Champion, Councillor Alex Prager, said: "It was a privilege to be a part of the competition." Segun Akinwoleola, founder of healthy ready meal brand The Gym Kitchen, was impressed by the standard, commenting on the great ideas presented by all of the finalists.

Lead judge Steve Leverton of financial advisors Cornmill Associates said: "This year the competitors had to deal with the challenges of how to present their businesses and applications online. Nevertheless, the number of entrants exceeded expectations and the quality of the business ideas was good, with healthy variety."

Barnet Council champions local businesses

Barnet Council remains proud partners of the Entrepreneurial Barnet competition, which supports the council's vision to build a thriving Barnet fit for the future, where residents and businesses can benefit from economic opportunity.

Turn to page 25 of this issue for profiles of the winners. Look out for details of the 2022 competition launching early next year.

FINCHLEY WAR MEMORIAL UNVEILED

A new war memorial has been unveiled at Finchley Memorial Hospital to honour the 1,307 local people who lost their lives in action during both world wars.

Until the memorial was installed there was no comprehensive war memorial in the Finchley area with lists of names for the relatives of lost loved ones.

The hospital in Finchley was renamed Finchley Memorial Hospital at the end of the Great War as a lasting memorial of those from Finchley who were killed, however no names were recorded.

Remembering the fallen

Catherine Loveday, a campaigner for war memorials and Barnet War Memorials Trustee who has been campaigning since 1994 to ensure the names of war heroes who were killed in WWI and WWII are remembered for posterity on local war memorials, said:

"This magnificent memorial has now been completed and will remain a lasting monument for all those from Finchley and Whetstone who made the ultimate sacrifice for their king and country. Many without known graves will now have a place where remaining family members can come and honour and commemorate them."



Finchley War Memorial

Thanking those who made it happen

The Finchley memorial would not have been possible without the Barnet War Memorials Association, which championed the war memorial and provided research and fundraising. Thanks too, go to Finchley Memorial Hospital and Community Health Partnerships for assisting with the application and granting permission to erect the memorial in the hospital grounds. Final thanks to Robertsons for creating such a striking memorial and storing it while arrangements for the installation took place.

AFGHANISTAN HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: BARNET RESPONDS WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR REFUGEES



Barnet Council is standing with other local authorities to provide accommodation for refugees fleeing the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. Cllr Dan Thomas, Leader of Barnet Council, announced:

“Barnet has a proud history of providing sanctuary to those fleeing persecution. Ours was the first London borough to resettle Afghan refugees and I am pleased that we can offer a total of five Afghan households the opportunity to resettle in Barnet. We continue to work with the Government and local organisations to offer a warm welcome to the families, all of whom supported British troops over the past 20 years.

“I am proud that Barnet is living up to our reputation as a welcoming, family friendly borough by supporting those in need.”

NATIONAL HELPLINES

Assistance for relatives and friends of people they fear to be at risk in Afghanistan is available from many sources.

As part of the evacuation effort, the Home Office continues to work at pace to assist others facing serious risk in Afghanistan. This includes:

- current or former Chevening scholars
- people with existing leave or an open application for student, work and family visas
- journalists
- civil society groups for women's rights
- government officials
- officials working in counter-terrorism and counter-narcotics
- employees of charities, humanitarian organisations and NGOs

If you are a non-British national in Afghanistan or are the family member of a non-British national in Afghanistan, and in need of assistance, you should call **(+44) (0)2475 389980**.

If you are a British national, or family member of a British national in Afghanistan you should call **(+44) (0)1908 516666** and select the option 'Consular services for British nationals' or email **help@fco.gov.uk**

Sources of information and guidance are available:

Factsheet: [UK support to resettle Afghan nationals - ARAP scheme](#)

<https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/08/16/factsheet-uk-support-to-resettle-afghan-nationals/>

Factsheet: [Resettlement routes for Afghan nationals](#)

<https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/08/19/factsheet-resettlement-routes-for-afghan-nationals/>

BARNET-BASED SUPPORT

These local community organisations offer a range of support to refugees, asylum seekers and their families.

New Citizen's Gateway

Barnet-based organisation working to improve the quality of life and promote the physical, social and mental wellbeing of refugees and asylum seekers

www.ncgateway.org.uk
info@ncgateway.org.uk
07983 437425

Persian Advice Bureau

Support for refugees and asylum seekers, especially Farsi speaking.

www.facebook.com/persianadvicebureau
info@persianadvicebureau.co.uk
07715 021333

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021

October is Black History Month (BHM). Every year, it is a time to focus on the huge, and often unacknowledged, contribution that Black Britons have made in shaping our nation. It is also a time to look forward, and to the here and now.

Throughout October, events and activities will be taking place to mark BHM here in Barnet. To find out what is happening and how to get involved, visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries

For national information on Black History Month visit: www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

**COMING NEXT YEAR
BARNET SUMMERTIME 2022!**



THIS SUMMER, FOR THE FIRST TIME, BARNET COUNCIL HOSTED DISCOVER BARNET PRESENTS – A SUMMER FESTIVAL OF LARGELY FREE-TO-ATTEND EVENTS DOTTED AROUND THE BOROUGH

The ethos of Discover Barnet Presents is to celebrate the safe return to our town centres, high streets, parks and open spaces – and to provide a fun environment for everyone to come together safely and enjoy local talent, local businesses, local communities and each other.

A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

The festival welcomed over 12,000 people to 20 days of summer fun in our parks and town centres, and partnered with over 100 local people, organisations and businesses to deliver it all. From an open air screen in Victoria Park, Finchley, to walkabout performances in Golders Green, Burnt Oak and West Hendon, and free-to-attend community carnivals in North Finchley and Edgware, come rain or shine each weekend we saw our communities come together to celebrate everything that makes Barnet a great place to live.

“Please do this again! It was a great experience.”



Music, food and family fun were in order at the Community Carnivals



Walkabout performances popped up in our high streets, surprising and delighting shoppers

WHAT'S UP NEXT

Following a positive response from residents and businesses, Discover Barnet Presents will return with a selection of events for winter 2021 and summer 2022, including the postponed Barnet Summertime two-day music festival.

“Really loved this event and would be so happy to attend future ones! Thank you! It made me so happy and proud to live in Barnet.”

GET INVOLVED

Want to volunteer at an event? Want to perform? Want to trade at an event? The council continues to seek local individuals, organisations or businesses who would like to take part in future programming. Email barnet@theeventumbrella.com to register your interest.

“I think it's a great idea to hold these community events. It is great for families to be able to get together without needing to travel far. We are happy to support local businesses.”

82% would like the council to organise similar events in future



The open air screen in Victoria Park got a solid thumbs up from visitors!

88% said the festival was welcoming and accessible for the whole community

85% felt the festival enhanced a sense of community in the local area

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW

Email barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk to join the Discover Barnet Presents mailing list and be the first to know what's coming up next.

Keep checking the website for updates and find out how you can get involved: www.engage.barnet.gov.uk/discoverbarnetpresents

Find a Reuse and Recycling Centre Near You

 aerosols	 batteries	 bicycles	 books	 cartons	 car batteries	 cooking oil	 food tins & drink cans
 fridges & freezers	 furniture	 garden waste	 gas bottles	 hardcore & rubble	 large appliances	 mixed light bulbs	 mixed glass bottles & jars
 mixed paper & card	 mobile phones	 plastic packaging	 paint	 plasterboard	 printer cartridges	 scrap metal	 small appliances
 soil	 mixed textiles & clothes	 tyres	 tvs & monitors	 used engine oil	 wood & timber		

North London residents can book to visit any of our eight reuse and recycling centres. To book an appointment and check what materials you can recycle at each site, visit nlwa.gov.uk/PlacesToRecycle. Good quality furniture gets donated to our reuse shop, and we recycle 71.5% of the rest.



As part of a new trial, you can now recycle expanded polystyrene and mattresses at the Reuse and Recycling Centre, Summers Lane, N12 0RF



Scan QR code to book your visit

Love where you live?

This autumn, we are launching ‘Love where you live’, a new initiative to encourage everyone to help us keep our streets, parks and open spaces green, clean and safe.

Our campaign will start with teaming up with local communities, businesses and anyone who lives or works in the borough to help us by reporting fly-tips when they see them. Help us crack down on fly-tippers and keep Barnet beautiful.



SEE A FLY-TIP? REPORT IT.

See a fly-tip? Report it. We'll sort it.

If you love where you live, then don't wait for someone else to report a fly-tip. If we each take responsibility and work together we can keep our borough green, clean and fly-tip free. We have made our reporting portal easier to access than ever, making it quick and simple to report a fly-tip, or someone who you think might be a fly-tipper, in a few clicks. You can even make an anonymous report on the portal if you are not sure about giving your details.

1. Take a picture of the fly-tip

Take a photo of the fly-tip and make a note of the location.

2. Report it at barnet.gov.uk/reportit

Visit the portal, upload your photo and pinpoint the location on the map or by address. Include as much information as possible so our team can locate the fly-tip and clean it up.

3. We'll sort it.

Taking action against fly-tippers

We'll be taking on the fly-tippers themselves with direct action, installing more mobile CCTV cameras in fly-tipping hotspots and making the penalties crystal clear - be it a £400 fine, prosecution, or even having a vehicle seized and crushed. Our aim is to expose the fly-tippers who use our streets, parks and green spaces as a dumping ground, and get the message across that fly-tipping in Barnet is a criminal offence that will not be tolerated, either by the council or by residents.

To find out more, check out www.barnet.gov.uk/flytipping

What is a fly-tip?

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste. Fly-tipping can vary in scale significantly, from a bin bag of rubbish to larger quantities of waste dumped from trucks.

Cleaning up the mess that fly-tippers leave behind is a costly business and uses money that could be going towards vital services such as healthcare, education, transport and more. Last year alone the council's Street Scene service dealt with over 4,200 fly-tips.



WE'LL SORT IT.

How to dispose of large items

Fly-tipping can happen if people are not aware of how to correctly dispose of their larger items. Here are some easy ways you can dispose of items such as mattresses, furniture, large appliances, or excess rubbish bags:

- You can find out how to donate furniture or have large electrical appliances collected for free at www.barnet.gov.uk/reducereuse
- Take items to the Reuse and Recycling Centre, Summers Lane, N12 0RF for free. Please book in advance before visiting: www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling
- Book and pay for a bulky waste collection at www.barnet.gov.uk/bulkywaste - Charges start at £35 for up to three items.

Go to page 13 to meet the Community Safety Teams who are tackling anti-social behaviour in your area.

OPERATION ALBATROSS: GETTING TOUGH ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME



Metropolitan Police seize a motorbike as part of Operation Albatross

More than 90 vehicles were stopped and inspected and six seized for a range of crimes as part of Operation Albatross, aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crimes committed in Barnet. The summer operation saw more than 200 officers from Barnet Council, Metropolitan Police, Driver Vehicle Safety Agency, Environment Agency and other public organisations combine forces for an

intensive two-day drive to make the streets and public spaces cleaner and safer for everyone.

Focusing on hotspots brought to the council's attention by residents, community groups, and councillors Operation Albatross targeted wrongdoers in the Burnt Oak, Edgware and Hale areas of the borough.

No place to hide

The multi-agency action saw one driver stopped and arrested for being under the influence of cannabis. Council officers were also out identifying and clearing fly-tips, whilst the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team tackled blue badge fraud and Tenancy Fraud conducted operations in the area. Trading Standards officers carried out checks on local businesses and identified one business selling illegal tobacco products. In addition to this, the council's Environmental Health officers carried out inspections of Houses in Multiple Occupation in the area.

Councillor Jennifer Grocock, Chair of the Safer Communities Partnership Board, said:

"We are lucky to live in one of the greenest and safest parts of London. But there's always room for improvement. We want to make the borough an even better place to live, work, study and visit than it currently is."

"We're always listening to the concerns of our residents and businesses. We want the borough to be a clean, safe and well-run place for everyone. We will punish those that defile our borough, and we hope the ongoing Operation Albatross will bring their bad behaviour to an end."

Operation Albatross is part of a commitment in the council's Barnet Plan to provide well-run public services throughout the borough. More two-day enforcement operations are planned for the coming months.

KEEP BURGLARS OUT IN THE COLD THIS WINTER

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

The Barnet Safer Communities Partnership, which includes the council and the police, has been working to prevent burglaries and to catch and convict those responsible.

Here are a few simple steps to protect yourself from burglary:

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

Sign up to Online Watch Link for all the latest crime prevention and community safety advice at: www.owl.co.uk/met



MEET BARNET'S COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICERS

Barnet's newly expanded Community Safety Team is out and about in the borough, tackling anti-social behaviour including fly-tipping, and providing a visible presence to encourage people to keep our streets, parks and green spaces clean and safe.



A visible presence in the community

The Community Safety Team has divided Barnet into three geographical areas of focus. A dedicated officer from each team will be patrolling each area, becoming part of the local community and helping to ensure Barnet is kept clean, safe and a great place to live.

The consistent presence of the Community Safety Officers will help residents and businesses to tackle anti-social behaviour by acting as the eyes and ears of the borough. They will work to identify issues, investigate and prosecute, ensuring measures are put in place to nip anti-social behaviour in the bud.

Tackling anti-social behaviour

By working together across multiple teams, and focussing on a dedicated

patch, the Community Safety Teams will be able to respond to incidents of anti-social behaviour more effectively.

Community Safety Officers will be deployed to emerging or known hotspot areas, looking to stop anti-social behaviour in its tracks. Dedicated officers will build a profile of their areas which will enable them to understand patterns of behaviour and identify and report incidents early, before they become a more entrenched community issue.

They will thoroughly investigate more complex cases and will work with the police and local services to help identify and refer repeat offenders to be prosecuted.

Reporting and investigating fly-tips

Linking directly with the Street Cleansing team, the Community Safety Team will remind people of the consequences of fly-tipping as well as catching the perpetrators and making

sure any mess left by fly-tips, graffiti, littering, and other similar offences is cleaned up quickly. They will assess fly-tips and gather evidence to support enforcement action against the people responsible, working with police and other partners to report offenders.

Keeping Barnet clean, safe and well-run

Barnet's Community Safety Teams will be recognisable by their uniforms and a constant presence throughout the borough, each working hard to ensure Barnet's streets, parks and green spaces remain beautiful and safe for everyone to enjoy.

The officers are already out and about in your local areas so if you see them on their rounds, give them a warm welcome and say hello!

On page 11 find out how you can be part of a new initiative to keep Barnet green, clean and fly-tip free.

Sign up to



Follow @BarnetYouth_ on Instagram”

holidays this winter

BACE Holidays is an inclusive programme for children and young people in Barnet to experience engaging and healthy activities with an emphasis on physical, emotional, and nutritional wellbeing during the school holidays.

There are four days' worth of jam-packed fun, with a variety of activities running from Monday 20 to Thursday 23 December. Children and young people can take part in Multisport, Arts & Crafts, Performing Arts and much more! Each camp will have a team of dedicated activity workers which will bring fun, games and expertise, supporting your child to try something new, make new friends and learn all about being healthy!

If you're aged 5-16 and receiving free school meals, you can sign up and register at www.barnetyouth.uk or email BACEHolidays@barnet.gov.uk



Barnet kick starts the campaign for 10,000 stones to remember Jewish child refugees

Big Ideas is a community engagement organisation specialising in innovative youth programming across the UK. Big Ideas partnered with Barnet Council during August 2021 to support this summer's BACE holiday activities.

One of the programmes Big Ideas delivered was the Foundation Stones project in tie up with the UK Holocaust Memorial Foundation, inviting children and young people to paint a stone to become part of the new UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre in London. Inspired by the Jewish custom of laying stones on graves, every stone painted is a commitment to build a future free from hate.

More than 388 Foundation Stones were painted by young people in Barnet during the summer camps. These stones are the first of the new campaign to gather 10,000 stones from children across the UK to remember the 10,000 unaccompanied Jewish child refugees who came to the UK on the Kindertransport. Well done to our young people for this fantastic contribution to the new UK Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre, which will be built next to the Houses of Parliament.



"I have painted my stone with a rainbow because I love everyone equally."
Bella, aged 6



"I have painted my stone with love hearts because people should love each other."
Nell, aged 5



"I have painted different people in different colours on my stone."
Fabian, aged 9

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applications and
not hearing
back?

Are you selling
yourself short
in job
interviews?



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<https://tinyurl.com/BarnetSupport>

Alternatively, to speak to your local Barnet representative you can contact **Jonny**

Jonathan.Reynolds@Shaw-Trust.org.uk
07563 026 183

Features and benefits of the JETS Programme

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- ✓ Direct access to live vacancies
- ✓ CV building and interview skill building
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OFSTED reports “continuing service improvements” for Barnet’s children in care.

The services and support that Barnet’s children in care receive are continuing to improve since they were rated ‘good’ in 2019, according to the findings of a recent OFSTED inspection of Barnet Council’s Children’s Services.

OFSTED’s report published in August found that despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the council’s Children’s Services has ensured that “...the vast majority of children in care benefit from living in placement arrangements that meet their individual needs.” The report highlights the significant recent progress made by the Children’s Services leadership team to create more local placements for children and young people, including recruiting more foster carers and hosts for supported living.

Listening to young people in care

The inspection also found that the Children’s Services senior leadership, managers, and social workers now all “...demonstrate a clear focus on hearing the voices of children and young people to develop and further improve services.”

The report is a milestone in the progress achieved since OFSTED rated the council’s Children’s Services as ‘good’ in 2019. Over the past two years, the Children’s Services team has continued to make great strides in how they support the borough’s most vulnerable children and young people.

Councillor David Longstaff, Chairman of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee, said:

“Supporting our vulnerable children and young people in care during the COVID-19 crisis has been a council priority. The major advances made to ensure their ongoing good health and wellbeing have been reflected in OFSTED’s welcome report. The Children’s Services team has worked tirelessly for these young people, listening to them to understand their needs, and improving the quality and coordination of the support services.

“The insights provided by Her Majesty’s Inspectors give us further areas of focus to build on so that all of Barnet’s children and young people in care can enjoy stable homes and a better start in life.”

For more information on council services for children in care visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families

Rewarding employment for all

Shaw Trust’s JETS programme has helped 13,000 with their job prospects.

Many households in Barnet have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in some way. Redundancies, furloughs and working from home have become the new normal for many people. The effects of the pandemic may last generations, we are facing challenging times that require equally challenging solutions.

With the end of the furlough scheme in September there is uncertainty for many with the inevitable rise in Universal Credit claims and pressure on mental health and wellbeing. It is important to be aware that help and hope is at hand.



Help with CVs and applications

Shaw Trust understands these pressures and works to help build a future where rewarding employment is accessible for all, no matter what the obstacles are.

Are you looking for work? Live in West London? Sending lots of applications or CVs and feel you should have more interviews? Not making the most of interviews when you get them?

If YES, then the JETS programme can help. We provide essential employment support for up to six months. This includes full access to the Shaw Trust Participant Portal, your crucial online guide full of resources, training, video tutorials and live vacancies providing you the right support.

You will have bespoke one-to-one sessions, and access to exclusive job opportunities via our job brokerage team.

The programme already has helped 13,000 participants to better understand the job market and find their new place within it.

We want to support you during these hard times, and you may be able to receive free specialised support from Shaw Trust.

Find out more:

<https://tinyurl.com/barnetsupport>

Whitefield students showcase their skills in massive community mural! #ThisIsArt

We're beyond proud of the work we're doing with Barnet's young people to help make a difference in the community. In July, we facilitated a striking, colourful mural with the support of Brent Cross Shopping Centre, Pines and Needles, and most importantly the students and art department of Whitefield Secondary School and Sixth Form.



(From left to right) Ishaq, Fedek, Eric, Yash, Maria

A vast site, the mural stretches across a 200-metre wide, two-metre high hoarding, and was developed following discussions between the council and Brent Cross Shopping Centre on how to discourage graffiti in the area.

Head over to Brent Cross Shopping Centre to experience the masterpiece produced by Barnet's GCSE and A-Level students. The mural is located outside Pines and Needles tree hub, opposite Fenwicks.

When you visit the site, you'll notice the detail and thought that went into each section of the collage, and feel the essence of life, community spirit and hope through a young person's eyes.

A short documentary, featuring the students, was produced by Pictures For The People, a social enterprise that provides free training and job opportunities to young people aspiring to work in media.

To watch the film and to find out more about the mural story, visit [@BarnetYouth_](#) on Instagram.

"I explore metaphors. Flowers for example can have many different meanings such as purity and love, but also neglect and abandonment which I think is interesting. I hope to inspire people to go big and to encourage young artists to come forward and express themselves." **Fedek, 17**

"To me, community means a group of people who all have a common goal – to make everyone feel safe and welcome. I'm a huge fan of Black Panther and resonated with the message of the film which is that we are stronger together than apart. No matter how miniscule someone might think their talent is, they serve a great purpose. We are a friendly, competitive and inspiring community." **Eric, 17**



Before



After

Clio shows racism the red card with award-winning monologue

Clio, 17, who attends Compton School in North Finchley, has won the Show Racism the Red Card award, for her outstanding spoken word performance of "I am Black". Show Racism the Red Card is the largest anti-racism education charity in the UK.

Clio was one of over 23,000 students to enter and her self-written monologue powerfully executes her frustrations with the dismissal of racial discrimination. Her spoken word piece garnered the attention of former

players from her favourite football club Manchester United, including Dwight Yorke and Viv Anderson who sent her congratulatory video messages and tickets to a match at Old Trafford.

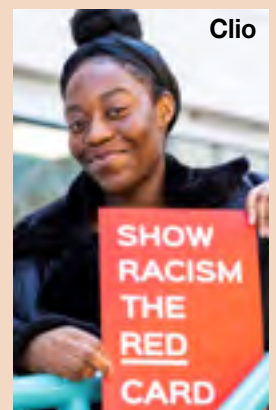
Clio also received prizes from Kickers/Pentland, EA SPORTS, Hunter Boots, Usborne Publishing and the top prize, an iPad from the National Education Union (NEU) which were all presented during a surprise ceremony at her school with appearances from high-profile guests such as NEU General Secretary Kevin Courtney and the

winner of The Voice UK 2014, Jermaine Jackman!

Part of Clio's monologue reads:

"#BLACKISBEAUTIFUL... Yes, we've come a long way, a long way we've come but an even longer way we have to go, my darling."

For Clio's full "I am Black" monologue, visit [@BarnetYouth_](#) on Instagram.



Clio

Unique positive ethos helped our school community pull together during COVID-19

“The dedication, kindness and ‘togetherness’ of the people associated with our schools shone brightly during the last 18 months” says Chris Flathers, Headteacher of Orion and Goldbeaters Primary School.

At Orion and Goldbeaters (The Gold Star Primary School Federation in Grahame Park and Burnt Oak) leaders, teachers, support staff, parents and children created a special closeness that helped each other through the challenges of COVID-19.

Their unique way of learning called ‘Positive Learning Power’ has awarded the school with Gold Star Accreditation status. The children are immersed in a positive learning environment. In addition to the normal features of a school, Orion and Goldbeaters has an ethos of positivity, kindness and colour to enable pupils to gain an inner happiness and selfless confidence. The school has set up a charity to roll out their positive ethos and approach to learning in other local schools.

Here are some of the activities that the schools organised to turn a challenging time into a unique experience:

- **School Hub** – set up for families to collect food packages, vouchers, learning resources and get advice
- **Delivery Service** – the minibus delivered food to families and helped stock the local food bank
- **Daily Phone Service** – to check in on families during lockdown
- **24-Hour Helpline** – immediate advice for staff
- **TV channel** – daily and weekly 10-minute shows for families
- **Lockdown school for as many as possible** – most classes were open for the lockdown periods to support families and children during this time.



The children’s welfare was top of the agenda and the school adapted their eight-week literacy festival ‘*Word Up*’ to make it COVID-19 safe and continue to run throughout the summer. In the last week of the school year when restrictions lifted, 3,500 people enjoyed the GO FEST family nights. The words of so many wonderful people on 19 July sums up what everyone had achieved together: *“This is the best community in the world”*.

Join Barnet Youth Board today!

Barnet Youth Board is a forum for young people aged 11–18, and up to 25 for young people with additional needs, who have a passion for their community and are keen to have their voices heard by adult decision makers.

We caught up with Dan Yilmaz (16), who gave us his take on BYB and explained the benefits of being a Member.

Why did you join Barnet Youth Board?

I have always been interested in local politics and I feel that it is important for young people to contribute to social and political issues by having their voices heard by key decision makers.

What do you get out of being a Member?

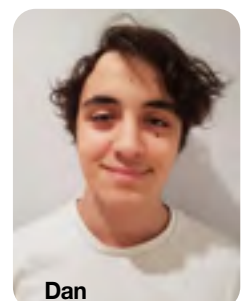
I get to be a voice for young people in Barnet, by listening to what is important to them and seeing first-hand what issues they’re grappling with.

What skills have you learnt or developed?

Being part of BYB has allowed me develop skills such as listening and knowing the right kind of questions to ask, which isn’t always obvious. I represent the young people in my community therefore I have to be able to understand issues from different perspectives.

Why should young people get involved?

Getting involved in BYB is a great opportunity to make a difference. Every time there is a protest for climate change or a local issue, many people see youth as pawns in a larger political game, when in fact young people are in the epicentre of all change... We are young and we are the future!



Dan

Want to find out more?


To become a Barnet Youth Board Member, you must live, study or work in Barnet.

Email: haveyoursay@barnet.gov.uk

Follow @BarnetYouth_ on Instagram for the latest Youth news and events.



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Vaccines are our best protection this winter.

It's easy for us to pass on COVID-19 or flu viruses without knowing. This winter there are two essential vaccines you'll need to protect yourself and your loved ones.

Find out if you're eligible now at nhs.uk/wintervaccinations



**Look out for your
winter vaccines invite.**

Dangerous viruses spread quickly when we're all crowded together inside. That's why it is more important than ever to get vaccinated this autumn.

For more information
visit nhs.uk/wintervaccinations



Barnet Libraries - A Family Arts Standards organisation

The library service has been recognised as a Family Arts Standards organisation and is now proud to use the Family Arts Standards and Fantastic for Families logos.



Libraries in Barnet support families by providing services and a programme of events and activities for all ages. These range from Baby Nurture Groups and Rhyme Time sessions, Lego Clubs and craft activities, to author events and drawing workshops.

Our programme of events has been delivered online during the pandemic, but we are now moving gradually back to offering more creative arts events and activities for all ages in our library buildings. We aim to keep everyone as safe as possible so events may be slightly different and attendance numbers more restricted.

Events for all ages

For details of under-fives activities please visit www.barnet.gov.uk/underfiveslibraryevents

Events and activities for older children can be found on www.barnet.gov.uk/library-events

Our commitment to the Family Arts Standards means we are working to further develop our programme of events and make our spaces as family friendly as possible. Our Discover your Library newsletter for Children and Families will keep you up to date with the latest developments. You can sign up at www.barnet.gov.uk/librarynewsletters

Baby Nurture Groups



The library service introduced Baby Nurture Groups back in January in the knowledge that many new parents were feeling isolated as a result of being locked down in a pandemic with their new baby. The libraries' specialist early years team came up with a programme to support parents from home in a series of online sessions using Microsoft Teams technology. At the end of each programme the parents were signposted to the online rhyme sessions run by the team for babies and toddlers. Parents told us that the session had been a 'god-send' and became 'the highlight of their week'.

As restrictions were lifted in the summer, the Libraries team worked to develop a face-to-face version of the Baby Nurture Group and the first programme started on 14 September.

Details of our current early years can be found on www.barnet.gov.uk/underfiveslibraryevents

The death of someone by suicide is a tragedy that has devastating effects across families, friends, schools, workplaces, and communities.

In the UK, suicide is the leading cause of death in people aged 15-24, and the biggest killer of men under 49. Every year many more attempt or contemplate suicide, harm themselves or suffer alone, afraid to speak openly about how they are feeling.

National suicide rates are increasing. The latest local data suggest that between 2016 and 2019 Barnet lost 89 people to suicide: on average one person every 16 days. There is no conclusive data yet nationally or locally, but it is possible that effects of the pandemic and social restrictions will have a long-term impact on mental health and wellbeing.

Suicide is potentially preventable - the time to act is now – let's make suicide prevention everyone's business.





As part of the multi-agency Barnet Suicide Prevention Partnership 2021-25, we are piloting the first phase of a campaign focused on preventing mental ill health and suicidality amongst men, the largest single group who lose their lives to suicide.

We want to encourage men to talk about their mental health, seek help and where possible to support other men, friends and family.

Our campaign will focus on three areas:

- Awareness building and asking residents to download the 'Stay Alive' suicide prevention app.
- Training and upskilling those in male dominated industries and encouraging the public to do the Zero Suicide Alliance training. www.zerosuicidealliance.com
- Setting up a local Andy's Man Club offering peer-to-peer support for men, where men can speak openly about their mental health in a judgment free, non-clinical confidential environment. For more information and to join email info@andysmanclub.co.uk.

If you are affected by the themes of this article, please contact the services below

 <p>Samaritans</p>	<p>Confidential 24/7 emotional support</p>	<p>Phone: 116 123 www.samaritans.org</p>
 <p>Kooth.com</p>	<p>Free, safe and anonymous online counselling for young people aged 11-25.</p>	<p>www.kooth.com</p>
 <p>Hopeline UK</p>	<p>A confidential support and advice service. For children and young people under the age of 35 who are experiencing thoughts of suicide and anyone concerned that a young person could be thinking about suicide.</p>	<p>Phone: 0800 068 4141 or 07860 039 967 Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org www.papyrus-uk.org/hopelineuk</p>
 <p>NCL Support After Suicide</p>	<p>Support for people bereaved by suicide who live, work or study in the London Boroughs of Camden, Islington, Barnet, Enfield and Haringey.</p>	<p>Phone: 07483 368 700 Email: supportaftersuicide@rethink.org www.rethink.org</p>
<p>The Sanctuary Barnet Crisis Cafe</p>	<p>Provides access to immediate emotional support to anyone experiencing distress for anyone aged 18+</p>	<p>Phone: 020 8343 5704 4.30-10.30pm on weekdays and 12-6pm on weekends Email: SanctuaryBarnet@mindeb.org.uk www.mindeb.org.uk</p>



The STAY ALIVE app

The award winning #StayAlive app is a pocket suicide prevention resource packed full of useful information to help you stay safe. You can use it if you are having thoughts of suicide or if you are concerned about someone else who may have suicidal ideas.

The app has many life-saving features including strategies for staying safe, how to help a person thinking about suicide and access to local and national support.

download the award-winning STAY ALIVE app





*All guidance and information within the app are reviewed and updated every six months to check all resources are updated and links are in working order. The app is fully compliant with GDPR and international data management standards.

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thinking about
suicide?

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about someone?

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START YOUR CAREER CARING FOR BARNET'S MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic means that more carers are needed across the whole of Barnet to support the people most affected to get back on their feet and regain their independence.

Working for Barnet Adult Social Care is more than just a job, it is a vocation and one of the most important skills you will need is a good attitude and a motivation to support others to live a happy and fulfilling life.

Many of the roles within social care are frontline roles, which include supporting individuals to reach their full potential, to access the wider community, support their talents and interests and enabling them to be as self-sufficient as possible.

No matter what role you start in or where you are in your career path, there are always opportunities to develop and progress in Barnet social care.

There are numerous pathways of progression, and there are over 50 vocational qualifications at different levels in social care. They're specific to social care and teach you the practical skills and knowledge you need for your role or the role you want to progress into.

Staying safe and coping with COVID-19

The health and safety of Barnet's care workers is incredibly important. Caring is a frontline job and without health care workers the most vulnerable in our communities will not get the support they need to thrive.

From 11 November 2021, anyone going into a care home for work will require two COVID-19 vaccinations. Barnet Council is working with social care providers and managers to provide the support they need to enable ALL staff to have access to resources and information on the vaccine.

How do you start your career in caring?

Proud to Care London and BOOST links people to crucial jobs in care, in partnership with councils across London. BOOST uses a personal approach to understand your circumstances, help you overcome obstacles and gain the confidence and skills to make positive change. There is support on hand to:

- help to get your CV together, apply and interview
- providing webinars to show what it's like to work in care
- support with a range of online training courses
- give you access to laptops and IT training to help with applications and training courses
- give you access to better off calculations to show that work pays
- help to overcome barriers like childcare, lack of confidence, anxiety or english language skills
- help to cover shortfalls in rent through discretionary payments

Start your journey today

Get in touch with BOOST at **0208 359 2442** or email: **boost@barnet.gov.uk**.



See the vaccines on offer at www.proudtocarenorthlondon.org.uk/jobs

Meet this year's Entrepreneurial Barnet winners

Social Impact winner JUST ONE Tree



Winner: Amanda Bronkhorst

JUST ONE Tree enables schools, businesses and individuals to combat climate change and reverse biodiversity loss through global reforestation - just £1 plants one tree. It partners with organisations in nine countries, helping to alleviate extreme poverty in the process. In two years, the non-profit has facilitated the planting of almost 1.4 million trees, plus help regeneration in the ocean.

It also raises environmental awareness in the classroom by engaging children through an annual JUST ONE Tree Non-Uniform Day and setting up partnerships between schools across continents.

“When I discovered how cheap it was to plant a tree, I just wanted to tell everyone, because the more people who joined with me, the bigger collective impact we could have,” says founder Amanda Bronkhorst.

Taking part in the competition helped her strategise better: “It made me allocate time to concentrate on the business model and ensure we were progressing in the right direction. The guidance from the mentors was fantastic and it was all so well organised.”

Find out more at: www.justonetree.life

Commercial winner Bulkify



Chief Customer Officer Clare Brass

Bulkify is an online platform enabling people to buy high-quality, ethically produced and sustainable food from independent producers at a discount, clustering weekly orders so everyone can benefit from bulk discounts. Customers discover nearby local businesses which are designated collection points.

Products such as organic raw honey, single-origin coffee and artisan sauces are available to Barnet residents at discounts of up to 30%. Collection points include The Book Warehouse in Golders Green and the Garden Café and Moji's barber shop in Temple Fortune.

Bulkify is developing new zero-waste packaging and has plans to expand quickly across London and beyond.

The business was inspired, says Chief Customer Officer Clare Brass, when she and her co-founders were running their previous business.

“Our neighbours were mostly fantastic small food producers. The pandemic provided a great opportunity to try new ways of making their amazing, sustainable products available to all.” Find out more at: www.bulkify.co



Opportunities across the Brent Cross Cricklewood scheme

The Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration programme is one of the most ambitious growth projects in Europe, and we are working hard to ensure that local people reap the benefits.

Our goal is that at least 20% of the people working across our sites are residents of Barnet or the neighbouring boroughs of Brent and Camden.

Roles that have recently been created include apprenticeships, Kickstart jobs, and opportunities via the Women Into Construction initiative which is designed to encourage more diversity in the industry. We've already supported many young Barnet residents into jobs with great career opportunities.

Another way we are supporting residents is through the Brent Cross Town Community Fund. The recipients of this year's fund have now been selected. £35,000 will be shared between 10 local projects.

So far, the fund has had a huge impact on communities in Golders Green, Childs Hill and West Hendon, with over £55,000 granted to local groups and projects through previous funds.

Learn more about the opportunities available on the Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration programme at transformingbx.co.uk/opportunities



Brent Bulls CIC Basketball Club will deliver sessions to local primary schools

New station enters next building phase

Barnet's new train station, Brent Cross West, is really taking shape. The station's steelwork has been installed, completing the new pedestrian overbridge and giving a glimpse of what the final station will look like. Due to open in December 2022, head over to our website to find out more.



Join the Clitterhouse Playing Fields consultation

Brent Cross Town will be set around 50 acres of parks and playing fields and will include the transformation of Clitterhouse Playing Fields.

The Brent Cross Town team want as many people as possible to tell them how they'd like to see that space used in the future. In October, the first round of public consultation on Clitterhouse Playing Fields will be taking place. This will feature online surveys, live events and group discussions. To find out more, and have your say, visit: bxt.uk/cpfconsult



Find out more

For more information about the Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration programme, or to sign up to receive our e-newsletter, visit transformingbx.co.uk

Have a question about the project?
Email us at TransformingBX@barnet.gov.uk
or follow us on Twitter [@TransformingBX](https://twitter.com/TransformingBX)



Get Online Week 2021: INTERNET SKILLS FOR ALL



Barnet residents are being given the skills and access to get online

The last 18 months have taught us how vital digital skills are to our health and wellbeing. A lack of digital skills and access can have a huge negative impact on a person's life, such as poor health, social isolation, or less access to jobs and education.

Get Online Week 2021 (18-24 October) is about inspiring more people to surf the web and become better connected. To celebrate the week, BOOST, Barnet Council's skills and employability service, will be running a campaign to recruit digital champions in the borough. The aim is to equip people with the necessary digital skills to be able to support other people in their community. Anyone can join and no specialist IT skills are necessary.

Reaching the residents of Grahame Park

Colindale Communities Trust (CCT) - a charity providing services such as employment support, counselling, free Wi-Fi and IT to hundreds of Grahame Park residents, has joined the digital champions network to increase the support they offer residents. Following the old Grahame Park Library's April 2021 refurbishment and the relaunch of CCT's digital skills services in September, the centre has become a digital inclusion hub in the middle of one of London's largest estate regeneration schemes.

High-speed internet for all

Barnet Council is prioritising digitally excluded areas and is working with a number of internet providers to ensure that every council home in the borough has access to high-speed fibre broadband by 2025, essential to making the borough a great place to live, work and study. Find out more about Barnet's Gigabit Broadband programme at www.barnet.gov.uk/broadband.

As part of this roll out, fibre broadband is already available to nearly 1,500 homes in Grahame Park and, along with GLA Good Growth funding and Notting Hill Genesis investment, its library now has a free-for-life fibre broadband connection, laptops, and a fully equipped IT suite.

Residents can bring their devices and learn how to set up email, order prescriptions, download bus timetables, or focus on work skills like using Word and Excel.

The council is now helping more Barnet-based community centres and libraries like the old Grahame Park Library benefit from free, super-fast internet connections, IT equipment, expert advice and resources to deliver their own services to give residents the confidence and motivation to get online.

Become a digital champion

If you'd like to become a digital champion or find out more about setting up a digital inclusion hub in a community centre, please email:

getonline@barnet.gov.uk

Look out for activities during the week using the hashtag **#BarnetGetOnline** and find out more at www.boostbarnet.org



Hendon Hub development takes a step forward to the future

Plans for a thriving new development in the heart of Hendon are one step closer to becoming a reality.



Planning applications for the new Hendon Hub development have now been submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

This is an important step forward for the project and follows the approval of the full business case by councillors in July.

Plans will see the transformation of old and underused buildings into modern and state-of-the-art new facilities. The proposed Hendon Hub development will provide much needed homes for key workers and young adults and create modern accommodation for Middlesex University students.

The scheme will also establish a brand new state-of-the-art public library. The PDSA Pet Hospital will be relocated to a newly designed purpose-built building nearby keeping the PDSA at the heart of the local community.

Greener public spaces and improved landscaping will connect local people to innovative play spaces, public spaces and facilities, and the community from the Prince of Wales estate to the sites along The Burroughs.

Facilities that will benefit all

Councillor Dan Thomas, Leader of Barnet Council, said: “Applying for planning application brings us a big step further towards starting work on the Hendon Hub.

“The development will benefit residents and communities based in Hendon and draw much-needed investment to improve public spaces and university facilities, including theatres and cafés that will be available for all to use.

“Plans for Hendon Hub have been carefully and sympathetically designed by Barnet Council in partnership with Middlesex University. We have sought opinions of residents through extensive public consultation earlier this year.

“We now invite residents to have their say on detailed plans as part of the planning application statutory consultation process.”

Building for today and future generations

Barnet Council has taken a forward-thinking approach to design for Hendon Hub. We expect these plans to accommodate an expected growth in population in Hendon and the wider borough.

New buildings will be functional and designed to complement, and not consume, existing historical buildings. Where possible, the development will also bring some historic facilities back into community use.

The exciting plans at Hendon will see The Burroughs becoming the centre of modern new facilities and provide a place for everyone in a thriving Barnet. The ambition is for Hendon to become a place for the next generation, who will settle in the area and make it their home.

Planning applications will be available to view online, on the council’s planning system. Decisions on the submitted plans are expected to be taken later this year and more information about the proposed scheme can be found by visiting <https://hendonhub.co.uk>

St Josephs Grove
CGI: View from Hendon Town Hall towards the proposed new library and accommodation



ACI From North
CGI: View of the proposed Arts Cultural and Industry building on The Burroughs



DISCOVER BARNET THIS AUTUMN



The pandemic has had a huge impact on Barnet’s local business owners. They need your support more than ever. Our local shops and services are at the heart of a buzzing, caring and vibrant community. Whether you’re visiting your old favourites, discovering hidden gems or supporting a newly opened venue, take time out to Discover Barnet and choose to shop local.

Shop safely and enjoy exploring somewhere new. Share your Discover Barnet shopping moments with us, give your favourites a shout-out using **#DiscoverBarnet**.



MEET NOEMI

THE OWNER OF BEYOND MOVE, A PILATES AND MOVEMENT STUDIO THAT OPENED IN JANUARY 2020, LOCATED IN EAST BARNET.

“We want local people to come and get to know us and build up a kind and inclusive community in our studio.

“It’s important for people to support local businesses because it brings the community together and it brings variety to the high street.”



MEET ADRIAN

THE CO-OWNER OF BROADWAY BIKES IN WEST HENDON, AN INDEPENDENT BIKE SHOP THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR 40 YEARS.

“Local high streets have a lot of specialist shops run by people like me, passionate about what they do. We’re all part of the community and it’s easier when we’re on your doorstep!”

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Engage Barnet - Have your say



Have your say on rental property licensing schemes

We are seeking your views on two types of property licensing schemes aimed at improving the quality, safety and management of privately rented homes in the borough.

Our proposals include the renewal of the additional licensing scheme for houses in multiple occupation, along with the introduction of new selective licensing schemes to regulate other privately rented properties.

The aim is to improve and maintain the condition and management of private rented accommodation for the benefit of tenants, landlords and residents in general, and to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime associated with the private rented sector.

To read more information and take part in the consultation, which runs until 28 October, please visit engage.barnet.gov.uk



Take part in our Residents' Perception Survey

The council is currently conducting a Residents' Perception telephone survey with a sample of 2,000 residents across the borough, asking residents for their views on local services and various aspects of life in their local area.

We have commissioned Opinion Research Services (ORS), an independent social research company, to conduct the telephone interviews for this survey. To ensure a cross section of Barnet's population is represented, ORS use a randomly selected sample of landlines provided from the telephone exchanges, as well as purchasing lists from other commercially available sources.

If you do receive a telephone call from ORS, then please take the time to take part in the survey. Your views and opinions on your local area and the services we provide are important to us.



Give us your views on our Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

We are seeking views on our draft Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2021-24.

The strategy sets out our partnership commitment, following the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, to reduce the prevalence of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls, and improve the support and response for victims and survivors in Barnet.


We want to hear your views on our strategy and find out about your life experiences and challenges in accessing domestic abuse services. We want our strategy to enable everyone who lives and works in the borough to feel safe and supported.



To have your say please visit **engage.barnet.gov.uk** The consultation will be open from 29 October to 20 December.

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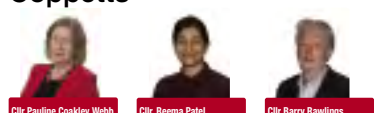
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