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Message from Cllr Dan Thomas, Leader of Barnet Council

As 2021 draws to a close, we can reflect on what has been another challenging year for so many, but also on the positive ways we have all responded to the pandemic.

Barnet Council, the NHS, and our voluntary and community sector in particular have done exceptional work to support those most affected by COVID-19.

The pandemic has also given us the chance to connect with where we live, to value the many parks and green spaces that enhance our health and wellbeing. The council has invested significantly in keeping these public spaces clean and providing first-rate facilities. Our summer events welcomed tens of thousands of residents to enjoy a range of local and live outdoor entertainment.

Returning to normality, we plan to build back better. The recent COP26 summit, which brought together the world's leaders to tackle climate change, emphasised how sustainability will be integral to how we maintain Barnet as a great place to live. We have already achieved much, such as fitting energy-efficient bulbs in 26,000 streetlights, installing hundreds of electric vehicle charging points, and retro-fitting council buildings. Our bold Sustainability Strategy will put us on course to be a net-zero carbon council by 2030, and the borough to be net-zero soon after or by 2050 at the latest.

This winter, we will be able to celebrate the season's festivities with our families and friends for the first time since 2019. It was wonderful seeing Diwali celebrations across the borough, which signalled a beautiful start to a season of togetherness - for our families and our communities.

COVID-19 has not gone away, and flu will be circulating too, posing a threat to the most vulnerable. To stay safe, make sure you have had two COVID-19 jabs. All eligible people should get their booster and flu jab. Please follow government advice about wearing face coverings in crowded spaces, washing your hands and getting rapid tested regularly.

To those who celebrate, I wish you a Chanukah Sameach, Merry Christmas, and a very happy New Year!



Councillor Dan Thomas,
Leader of Barnet Council



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COVID-19 has not gone away: stay safe this Christmas

After last year's winter lockdown, we are all looking forward to spending time with friends and family this festive season.

As the evenings get darker and the weather gets chillier, we will be gathering indoors more, where viruses can circulate easily and put us at risk of getting sick.

This year will be the first year that COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses, including flu, circulate in the population without social distancing measures.

While we are grateful to have more freedoms again, COVID-19 has not gone away and rates in Barnet and across London are still high.

This means that we need to be sensible in how we go about our everyday lives to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe this winter.

A lot of us have already made our everyday lives COVID-safe and we should be proud of that.



Get your COVID-19 and flu jabs

Everyone needs to have had two COVID-19 jabs and all eligible people need to get their COVID-19 booster and flu jabs. Vaccines are still our best defence against harmful viruses. Flu and COVID-19 can be life-threatening if caught on their own. They can be even more dangerous if caught at the same time.

Both spread more easily in winter, so this year, most adults and children will be eligible for a free flu jab, COVID-19 booster, or both.

We also need to follow government advice and make sure we stay COVID-safe in our everyday life. Simple measures can make a huge difference.

Wear face coverings in indoor public spaces, keep windows open to increase air circulation and meet others outdoors if you can, keep washing your hands regularly and rapid test on a regular basis (if you have no symptoms of COVID-19).

If you are not feeling well and have coronavirus, cold or flu symptoms, take a COVID-19 test. You must self-isolate if you test positive.

Ben's Flavours



Ali Benammar, owner of Ben's Flavours

Ali Benammar, owner of Ben's Flavours in Finchley Central, explains why staying COVID-safe is a priority for his business.

"COVID-safety is part of my overall hygiene regime. Hand gel and antibacterial wipes come out every morning along with the rest of our cleaning materials. It's just part of everyday life now.

"All of my staff wear masks and gloves in the café and wipe down tables carefully after every customer. We keep our tables spaced out to ensure as much social

distancing as possible and keep our kitchen windows open to allow air to circulate. My staff rapid test regularly and check their temperature when they come in.

"I want our customers to feel at home in the café and know that we care about their wellbeing.

"At the end of the day we all need to use our common sense and follow the recommendations from the Government about staying safe as the virus has not disappeared."

Boost your immunity this winter

The colder weather traditionally leads to more people catching viruses and passing them to others. Social distancing measures for COVID-19 meant that flu levels were very low last year, which has led to fewer people being immune to flu this year.

With the added risk of catching COVID-19 due to high rates of the virus, getting both your flu and COVID-19 booster is very important this year.

The COVID-19 pandemic showed that vaccines play a pivotal role in the health of our nation. Vaccination has saved millions of lives. Since the introduction of vaccines in the 18th century, it has led to the eradication of smallpox and, with the development of comprehensive vaccination programmes, the near disappearance of other serious infections such as polio.

Vaccines give high levels of protection but immunity reduces over time, so it is vital that everyone eligible comes forward to get their COVID-19 booster vaccine to top-up their defences and protect themselves this winter.

The flu vaccine is the best protection we have against flu and reduces the risk of catching it by about 40-60%. People who do catch flu after vaccination tend to have milder symptoms and recover quicker.

COVID-19 booster jabs

Like some other vaccines, the protection provided by the COVID-19 vaccine may begin to wane over time. We still don't know exactly how long protection from the COVID-19 vaccine lasts, but there is some evidence that it starts to decline around six months after the second dose.

A COVID-19 booster vaccine helps improve the protection you have from your first two doses of the vaccine and helps give you longer-term protection against becoming seriously ill and needing admission to hospital due to COVID-19 infection this winter.

Flu jabs for all this winter

The flu programme is being extended this year to all children up to the age of 15, as well as to 50-64 year olds again. All adults aged 50 years and over are eligible for the

COVID-19 booster (as of November 2021), along with all adults aged 16 to 49 years who are considered vulnerable, along with contacts of immunosuppressed individuals.

Flu and COVID-19 can both be life-threatening and spread more easily in winter, when we are all crowded together inside.

Most adults and children will be eligible for a flu jab, COVID-19 booster, or both. It's the most effective way to boost our natural immunity and protect ourselves from these viruses. Book your vaccine appointments now and BOOST your immunity this winter

For more information about the vaccines, go to: nhs.uk/wintervaccinations

Middlesex University tutor, Aleksander, had his COVID-19 booster on the vaccine bus and urged others who were eligible to do the same: "I think it's really important to keep up our protection against COVID-19. People think the pandemic is over but it's not and we need to do our best to protect ourselves."



HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE COUNCIL'S 2022/2023 BUDGET

Every March, the council sets a budget for the next financial year giving details on how much money we will spend on each of the services we provide.

We have taken a long-term and proactive approach to financial planning in difficult circumstances. We have saved over £200 million since 2010, enabling us to protect frontline services as far as possible.

However, like many other councils up and down the country, we continue to face significant funding pressures set against growing demand for essential services, especially in children and families, adult social care and for our most vulnerable residents.

Ongoing challenges presented by COVID-19 in some of our services, limited funding and increases in the demand for, and cost of services, mean the next few years will present further challenges.

Looking forward, we face an anticipated budget gap of over £50 million* to 2025/26, including a £15.5million* budget gap for the next financial year (2022/23).

Despite these challenges we remain ambitious for Barnet and the people who live and work here. We must continue to prioritise our resources effectively and develop plans to deliver the best outcomes for residents within these financial constraints.

Our Corporate Plan, The Barnet Plan 2021- 2025, and our financial plan to 2025/26 (referred to as our Medium Term Financial Strategy or 'MTFS'), have been developed to ensure that we have a plan on how we will allocate our resources in line with what we want to achieve for the borough.

Not all of our proposals to make savings will impact on residents as some are designed to generate more income, while others involve delivering services differently to achieve the same outcomes.

*Figures correct at time of going to print

Give us your views

We want your views on our budget proposals to help inform the final decision, including:

- the overall budget and our savings and income generation proposals for 2022/23
- our proposals for Council Tax
- our proposal to apply an Adult Social Care Precept on Council Tax to help pay for adult social care.

Subject to Policy and Resources Committee approval, the budget consultation will start on 21 December 2021 and run until 1 February 2022. You can respond by completing an online questionnaire at engage.barnet.gov.uk or telephone 020 8359 7016 for a paper questionnaire.

The findings from the consultation will be reported to Policy and Resources Committee on 9 February 2022 and will be considered at Full Council on 1 March 2022, before final approval of the 2022/23 budget.





Barnet and partners win adult care national award

Barnet Council, a member of the North London Councils Partnership, has jointly won a Local Government Chronicle award for improvements to the quality of care received by residents in its adult care homes.

Dawn Wakeling, founding member and chair of the North London Councils partnership, said:

“I’m delighted that we have been recognised in the LGC awards for the work we’ve done to improve adult social care for the residents of Barnet. Our partnership has seen us jointly address some of the biggest challenges to providing first-rate support for our thousands of adult care residents. This includes tackling the shortage of beds and reducing the costs of care provision.”

Hendon Town Hall renovations revealed

Over the past three months, Middlesex University has completed maintenance and improvement works to the front external areas of Hendon Town Hall.

Scaffolding has now been removed from the building to reveal an improved Town Hall façade, repainted railings and downpipes, and the installation of non-harmful pigeon proofing.

These important works will help to maintain historic features of this Grade II listed building, giving local people, staff and visitors an opportunity to enjoy the aesthetic value of the Town Hall for years to come.



Nominations open for Mayor’s Civic Awards

If you know an unsung hero who deserves recognition, then now is your chance to show them some appreciation. The categories are: Young Citizen of the Year, Outstanding Service to the Community, and Lifetime Achievement Civic Award.

Now in their 22nd year, the awards recognise and reward the amazing work done by community-minded people and groups in the borough. Nominate someone now at: www.barnet.gov.uk/civic-awards

Hard copies of the nomination form are available from libraries, council offices or by phoning the Mayor’s office on 0208 359 2652.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 31 December.

Each nomination will be reviewed by a judging panel.

The winners will be invited to a ceremony in Hendon Town Hall in March 2022 to receive their award.



Council contact centre between Christmas and New Year

If you need to contact us over the festive period, our customer contact centre will be open as usual between Christmas and New Year (**apart from 27 and 28 December and 3 January, which are bank holidays**). The out-of-hours service will still be answered 24 hours a day for emergencies.

For details of your festive recycling and waste collections turn to page 14. Information regarding our services can also be found online at www.barnet.gov.uk during the festive period, and all the time.



How will you be celebrating this season?

As the festive season sets in and preparations to celebrate Christmas and the New Year are in full swing, there are a range of other religious and spiritual festivals celebrated by Barnet's diverse community.

Here are a few of the many celebrations that take place over the winter months:



**28 November to
6 December 2021**

Hanukkah is celebrated by Jewish communities around the world with candles lit for eight days to commemorate the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and the defeat of the Seleucids who had attempted to wipe out Judaism.



21 December 2021

Yalda Night marks the end of the longest night of the year and is celebrated by Barnet's Persian and Iranian residents.

It is a source of strength and pride in Barnet that our diverse communities get on well and live together in peace and harmony. We wish all our residents the warmest season's greetings as we celebrate what is important.



25 December 2021

Christmas is celebrated by Christians to mark the birth of Jesus Christ. Services in churches will include Bible readings about the birth of Jesus, Christmas carols and Nativity plays. Christians in the Orthodox tradition will celebrate Christmas on 7 January.



9 January 2022

Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti is celebrated by the Sikh community as the birthday of their tenth and last guru, Guru Gobind Singh. The day is marked with large processions and special prayer gatherings at all Gurdwaras (temples).



10 January 2022

Bodhi Day is celebrated by the Buddhist community to commemorate the enlightenment of Siddhartha Gautama.



16 January 2022

World Religion Day, observed worldwide on the third Sunday of January each year, is Baha'i inspired, and encourages followers of every religion to acknowledge the similarities that different faiths have.



1 February 2022

The Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival, is celebrated in various ways depending on region and is a time for families to come together. Traditions include a New Year's Eve dinner, fireworks and a Lantern Festival. 2022 is the Year of the Tiger.



5 February 2022

Vasant Panchami, also called Saraswati Puja, or the Festival of Kites, is celebrated in various ways depending on region, by Hindu and Sikh communities and highlights the coming of spring.

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Barnet Together



Janet Matthewson



Food Hub supplies

The importance of a strong, resilient and connected voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector (VCFSE) was never more apparent than during the darkest days of the pandemic.

Led by our VCFE infrastructure partnership Barnet Together, organisations from across the sector came together to work alongside the council in delivering our vital community response.

Whether helping deliver food and essential supplies, recruiting vaccine volunteers or providing specialist support to our most vulnerable residents, our VCFE organisations were a lifeline for many at the most difficult of times.

Now as we rebuild and recover from COVID-19, it is important that we sustain this great partnership working and build on the successes we have achieved.

Council increases funding for Barnet Together

The council is increasing the funding it provides to Barnet Together and entering a new long-term commitment with the partnership. This will provide greater capacity in each of the three partner organisations, together with enhanced support from the council’s community participation team.

This will enable more organisations across the borough to receive support with fundraising, business support, training and access to volunteers. Barnet Together will also facilitate more of the themed networking groups that many organisations already participate in. This wider approach will be known as the Barnet Together Alliance.

Janet Matthewson, Chief Executive of Young Barnet Foundation,

one of the three partner organisations that make up Barnet Together, said: “Working together to tackle the adverse effects of COVID-19 has shown the strength of a cross-sector partnership. So, we are delighted that this approach will continue under this new alliance with the council.

“We now face the task of helping our VCSE recover from the impacts of COVID-19 so that they in turn can continue to support our most vulnerable residents and ensure that Barnet is a safer, stronger more connected borough.”

To find out more visit: barnettogether.org.uk

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Taking action to ensure a sustainable future for Barnet

Last month all eyes were on the environment as world leaders gathered in Glasgow at the COP26 climate summit to make important decisions for our future. In Barnet, we have been looking inwards at our own actions and ahead to our commitments for the future to ensure we build a green, clean and safe place to live now, and for generations to come.

Did you know?

We are committing to being a net zero organisation by 2030

As a council, we have set a target to be a net zero organisation by 2030, and for Barnet as a place to be net zero as soon as possible following this – and by 2050 at the latest. Our sustainability strategy will outline how we will meet our targets by implementing sustainable measures in everything we do.

We are cutting our CO2 emissions

We have completed our RE:FIT project which installed energy-saving measures including boiler optimisers, LED lighting and solar panels in our libraries and council offices, saving up to 139 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year.



We are reducing our use of fossil fuels

We are decreasing the carbon footprint of our buildings with help from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) which includes reducing the use of fossil fuels, such as natural gas, and opting for cleaner, renewable energy and energy saving measures. The changes are expected to save up to 288 tonnes of CO2 emissions per year – that's the equivalent of 288 return flights from Paris to New York!

We are investing in flood prevention

We are carrying out major improvements to the Silk Stream to support 3,500 cubic metres of new flood storage, which includes creating a new wetland area, stream-side beaches and a skate park that is designed to collect water. These areas will fill with water if the Silk Stream Brook bursts its banks, reducing the risk of flooding and its harmful effect on our homes, soil, water supply and wildlife habitats.

We are taking sustainable action across our service areas



We have adopted our Long Term Transport Strategy which focuses on improved links to green spaces, sustainable travel choices and clean technology. We have started the Brent Cross Town development, which will be a net zero town. We've converted all of Barnet's street lighting network to LED

lighting, which has cut our street light energy use by up to two-thirds. We are transitioning 30% of our pension fund into environmental, social and government focused investments. We have invested £15million to improve the fuel efficiency of our waste vehicles and help improve air quality across Barnet. We continue to install electric vehicle charge points throughout the borough to encourage sustainable travel and we are committed to planting 900 trees a year to improve air quality and reduce air temperatures.

But there is still more to do...

As well as the measures that we already have in place to work towards a sustainable future, we are developing a Sustainability Strategy. The strategy will outline how we will protect our environment going forwards and the additional actions Barnet Council will take to contribute to the Government achieving, and even exceeding, its targets of being net zero by 2050.

A green, clean and safe place to live

We are committed to improving the environment and helping residents to benefit from better and more sustainable ways of doing things. By working together, we can all play a part in securing a sustainable future for our borough.

A framework for a sustainable borough

A framework for the Sustainability Strategy was presented to the Policy and Resources Committee on Thursday 9 December. The framework highlights the proposed key actions the council will take to meet its targets of being a net zero organisation by 2030, and for Barnet as a place to be net zero as soon as possible following this. You can view the framework by visiting barnet.moderngov.co.uk > Committees > Policy and Resources Committee > Browse meetings and agendas for this Committee.

Building a sustainable future together

The Sustainability Strategy will go to public consultation in 2022. We want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to share their views and help shape the strategy. By working together, we can all play a part in securing a sustainable future for our borough.

Find out more about what the council has already done to make the borough more sustainable, Barnet Council's commitment to a sustainable future, and tips and suggestions to help everyone live a more sustainable life on our webpages.

www.barnet.gov.uk/sustainability

We are building a green, clean and safe place to live now and for generations to come.

**Did you know?
We have...**

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Erupting with joy at Colindale Park's £1.2m new play area

Joanna, aged six, bravely climbs the new volcano at the centre of Colindale Park's new play area, which re-opened after a £1.2million make-over in October half-term.

Other attractions including an outdoor gym, table tennis, fixed chess tables and new fruit trees in a scenic blossom orchard. Additional enhancements include wildflower areas, a

picnic area with garden tables, bins, new cycle and pedestrian paths and swale drainage to help rainwater leave paths to be absorbed by grass.

Councillor Dean Cohen, Chair of the Environment Committee, said: "The amazing regeneration of Colindale Park has created another great place in the borough for everyone to enjoy. We hope that everyone in the area and further afield can take

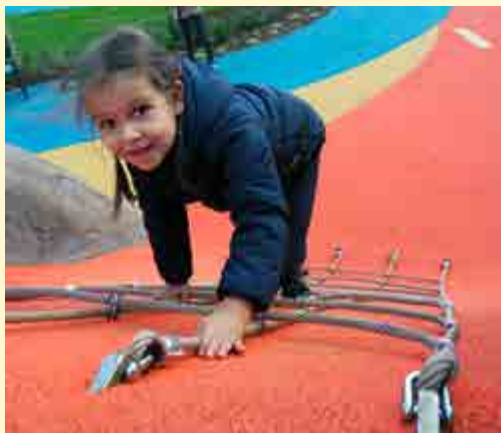
advantage of the new facilities in this popular open space. This latest project comes in addition to our continual investment in Barnet's brilliant parks."

Investing in our parks

The Colindale Park project forms part of Barnet Council's commitment to create a great borough to live in and visit, and wider investment programme for green spaces and leisure

facilities. This has included the £5million regeneration of Silkstream Park and Montrose Playing Fields.

Heybourne Park in the Grahame Park Estate and Rushgrove Park in the south of the Colindale area are next in line for Barnet Council's comprehensive makeover treatment.



A seamless route into employment with BOOST

BOOST is an employment, skills, benefits advice and wellbeing project, commissioned by Barnet Council. The service provides a broad range of employment support to make the transition from unemployment to employment as easy as possible.



From April to September this year alone, BOOST supported 188 Barnet residents into employment. One of these success stories was Anna, a local resident from East Barnet, who found paid employment. Anna, 59, who had been made redundant

during the pandemic after 20 years of working as a seamstress, went through a tough period of depression and knock to her confidence. She had tried to find work in the fashion sector but new technology meant that she struggled.

The officers at BOOST were able to help through signing Anna up to the digital skills project 'Make It Click', and providing her with a laptop through AGE UK.

Finding a new challenge

Through discussions with Louise, a Recruitment Officer at BOOST, Anna came to the decision that she wanted a new challenge, within retail. Louise put Anna forward with local charity All Aboard, for a voluntary position in May. The charity liked Anna so much that they offered her a full-time job. Her manager commented: "From day one Anna has been enthusiastic about working in the shop and getting to know



the other staff members and volunteers. She has been welcoming to everyone she meets, both the staff and the customers, on the shop floor. She has been willing to learn everything about how the shop operates from pricing and displaying goods to dressing mannequins! She is incredibly helpful and has become a valued member of the team."

Creating opportunities

Barnet Council is committed to creating job opportunities and apprenticeships for local

people and skills development to forge careers in a wide range of industries. If you find yourself struggling with finding work, want to enhance your digital skills or just need a confidence boost, please contact BOOST.

Phone: **020 8359 2442**, email: **boost@barnet.gov.uk** or refer yourself via the website: **www.boostbarnet.org**





Discover some of the fantastic shops and local hospitality that Barnet has to offer

Many retailers are still dealing with the impact and loss of earnings as a result of lockdown restrictions. This festive season is a great opportunity to remind ourselves of what Barnet has to offer and celebrate independent businesses across the borough.

From fantastic gift shops, handmade goods, family-run cafes, bakeries, and restaurants to independent retailers, you can find a unique gift right on your doorstep.

Helping hand for town centres

This year, Barnet Council has approved an extra £23.5million to invest in our priority centres as they adapt to meet evolving resident and business expectations, as well of course as the impacts of the pandemic.

Through this investment, we are supporting our town centres to thrive through strengthening their local identities and creating spaces that everyone can spend time in and enjoy.

Buying locally really can make a difference to small business owners. By helping them you are also supporting your community. Our high streets can only thrive if we continue to support and help businesses grow.

Your support for small businesses doesn't need to stop there! If you have time, give them a like, share a photo, comment on their social media or leave a positive review. Share your shopping highlights and favourite shops in Barnet by using the hashtag **#DiscoverBarnet**.

Check out the Discover Barnet website (search Discover Barnet) or scan the QR code



to meet some of the friendly faces behind Barnet's many wonderful businesses.



African Cultural Association positive about plans in Hendon

The African Cultural Association, founded in 1995, was formed as a result of a group discussion with people from African, Caribbean and other ethnicities, who had been experiencing issues in their communities around race, education, finance and other important everyday concerns.



The Association is now recognised as a charity and members include qualified professionals from various disciplines such as lawyers and teachers. There are over 200 local people who are members, with the majority being residents or having local links to Barnet.

Through the Association, local people are able to learn important skills and access training, creative classes and support with improving English and Maths and all at no cost.

The Association is currently based at Church End, in Hendon. Hendon Hub development proposals will

see them move from an old building, no longer fit for purpose, to a new home for their members, should plans be approved.

Looking ahead

Majorie Manu, Co-ordinator at the African Cultural Association, who commented on the move and plans for Hendon Hub said:

“I like the idea of the community and Middlesex University moving forward together. Our members and I are excited about the development and the benefits it will bring local communities like us, who work in the area.

“The benefits of students having their accommodation close to the university should help future generations.

“We are looking forward to working from a cleaner and safer work environment where we can help young people and the wider community.”

Hendon Hub plans online

The Hendon Hub development, designed as part of council plans to accommodate an expected growth in population in Hendon and the wider borough, will see a mixed development of student accommodation, community facilities and a brand-new

modern library in the heart of Hendon.

Planning applications have now been submitted and local people have been invited to respond to plans online. More information can be found by visiting **www.hendonhub.co.uk**

To contact the African Cultural Association, email: **info@afrianculturalassociation.net**



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Murals, community funding and more: a look back at a year of transforming Brent Cross



What a difference a year makes... from new murals to major highways improvements and a new eco-visitor pavilion opening, we look back at the major milestones across the Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration programme this year and what's to come in 2022.

Brent Cross Town Visitor Pavilion Opens

A three-storey eco-friendly community hub was the first building to be completed at the 180-acre park town, which opened in November. Based at Claremont Road, it is not only the go-to destination for anyone who wants to find out more about the project but also brings an exciting new cafe to the area. In keeping with our net zero vision for Brent Cross Town, the Visitor Pavilion has been built using sustainable construction methods and materials.



Claremont Way mural

In September we unveiled our first community mural. The large-scale mural covers the gable wall on the parade of shops on Claremont Way. Finnish-born London-based artist Annu Kilpeläinen was commissioned to create it and, taking ideas from the local community, drew inspiration from the work of botanist William Cattle, who lived in Barnet at the turn of the 19th century.



The piece has been designed to inspire positivity, celebrate the local community, and encourage people to be active. You'll find a video with the artist about its creation on our website.

Modernised junctions for Cricklewood

Our programme of highways improvements at the A5 Cricklewood Broadway junction with Cricklewood Lane and Chichele Road was completed in October. The project has created additional traffic capacity at the junction, installed new pedestrian crossings and improved footways. We are considering how to improve the appearance of the corner of Cricklewood Lane and Cricklewood Broadway (the former pharmacy) as well the long term use for this site. Updates will be posted on TransformingBX.co.uk/junction2



New jobs for local people

Over the year we've created all kinds of opportunities for local people across the programme. From ground worker apprenticeships to kickstart roles that create it six-month placements for 16 – 24-year-olds not in education or training. We've also been championing women into construction. These are all some of the ways we're delivering on our commitment to ensure 20% of people working across the project are from Brent, Camden or Barnet.



Community Liaison Advisor, Injesh Khadka

Community Fund

The Brent Cross Community Fund supported another 10 local groups with a share of £35,000. From canoeing and women's basketball to book exchanges and murals, grants of between £500 and £5,000 will support good causes based in and around Childs Hill, Golders Green and West Hendon.



Clitterhouse Playing Fields consultation

In October, over 200 people attended consultation events to have their say on the future of the 44-acre Clitterhouse Playing Fields, in addition there were over 230 online responses. A consultation on the designs worked up in response to the first round will be coming up in the new year.

But it doesn't stop there...

Exciting new shops are coming soon to Claremont Way next to The Exploratory Park, with Happy Face Pizza, Karma Bread and Cricklewood Coffee all set to serve the local community from Claremont Parade. They join the Kosher Supermarket, which opened in September on Tilling Road.

The first permanent park, Claremont Park, will also open in spring. The park will include a new café, basketball courts, a skate park, pond and play area.

And of course, Barnet's newest train station, Brent Cross West, is due to open next year. Once open it will zip residents into St Pancras International in just 12 minutes.

Find out more

You can keep up to date via TransformingBX.co.uk where you can view a map of what's going on in the area, view construction updates and sign up for our newsletter. Or follow us @TransformingBX





WHAT'S ON?

The Tiger Who Came to Tea

artsdepot

Various times, Monday 6 December to Monday 3 January

Tickets from £9, for ages 3+

Direct from the West End, the Olivier Award-nominated smash hit show, *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* is back at artsdepot for Christmas! Join the tea-guzzling tiger in this delightful family show packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos. Don't miss this stunning stage adaptation of the classic tale of teatime mayhem... expect to be surprised!

Breaking the Ice

artsdepot

Various times, Wednesday 15 December to Friday 31 December

Tickets from £9, for ages 2-7

This playful and light-hearted show is inspired by the true story of an unlikely friendship between a husky and a wild polar bear. Set against the frosty backdrop of the Arctic, *Breaking the Ice* is a non-verbal show which combines physical theatre, puppetry, interactive projection, animation and traditional Sami music. It's the perfect Arctic adventure for your pack this festive season!

The Snow Queen

The Bull Theatre, High Barnet
2pm on Saturday 18 and
Sunday 19 December

Tickets £10

When Gerda's friend Kay is taken by the Snow Queen no one knows what's happened to him, but the heartbroken Gerda decides she must set out to find him. Get into the festive spirit with this family-friendly favourite.

Winter Wonderland: Unitas Youth Zone

10am-6pm, Sunday 19 December

Free entry

Join this celebration of the diverse communities and cultures we have in Barnet. Set to be a fantastic day of festive fun, bring your family and friends to browse the local stalls, get stuck into some arts and crafts, enjoy some tasty winter warmers, and much more.

Find out what other wintery treats are taking place in your community this festive season:

www.engage-barnet.gov.uk/discoverbarnetpresents



Edgware Winter Market

A5100 Edgware,
opposite Edgware tube station

10am to 8pm (times may vary,
check website)

Saturday 18 to
Thursday 23 December

Free entry

Buy local this Christmas with Edgware's inaugural winter market, showcasing some of Barnet's and London's best independent craft and deli traders. This festive market will bring seasonal shopping cheer to the permanent and market traders with choirs and Christmas walkabout performances.

"THE MORE WE INVEST IN THEM. THE MORE THEY INVEST IN THEMSELVES"



Live Unlimited, the charity created by the council to provide additional services for its looked after children and care leavers, has had a year of great successes despite challenges created by COVID-19.

To provide practical support for young care leavers, it launched an employment networking scheme called **Aspire Higher**, to enable 16 to 25-year-olds to connect with professionals from different industries.

For 10 to 13-year-olds in care, Live Unlimited has teamed with environmental charity **GROW** to provide **Outdoor Club**, a Forest Schools-themed weekly activity to help them learn new skills, take risks and improve their wellbeing.



Through the charity's learn-to-drive scheme, **Driving Ahead**, Mahmoud who passed his test in May, is using his driving skills in his plumbing apprenticeship and Zabihullah, who passed in September, is working as a delivery driver alongside his college course.

Ten new young learners are currently being recruited onto the scheme.

Making a difference

"We'd like to thank everyone who's supported us this year, in so many ways," says Project Manager, Sue Cocker.

"You've helped to make a difference to the lives of the amazing care-experienced young people in our community.



"The more we invest in them the more likely they are to invest in themselves. We'd like to wish everyone in Barnet a very joyful festive break."

If you are a professional and would like to get involved with **Aspire Higher**, please email live.unlimited@barnet.gov.uk
To donate to Live Unlimited go to justgiving.com/liveunlimited



LIVE UNLIMITED
INSPIRING BARNET'S LOOKED AFTER YOUNG PEOPLE TO THRIVE

Our new Memorial Woodland will offer a place of healing to all Barnet residents

We are pleased to announce the creation of a new woodland which will offer a place of reflection and healing to all residents.

The woodland will include new walkways and a seating area and will be open freely to everyone, all-year round. Many lives have been lost since the start of the pandemic and we wish for our new woodland to help bring our community together as well as inspire hope and possibility for the future.

Located centrally, Mill Hill Park (Flower Lane extension) was identified based on its accessibility for all residents and to support a range of environmental benefits. The woodland has been designed to fit in with the existing landscape and

complement the existing park. A five-year after-care plan will ensure the site remains a clean, safe space to visit.

In the last weekend of November, schools, local community groups and council staff volunteered their time to plant 500 native trees.

Opening spring 2022

The preparation of the woodland has provided a powerful opportunity for community engagement and cohesion, and when it opens to the public in spring 2022, we encourage all Barnet residents to take advantage of the space for your own healing and reflection.

For general enquiries, please email: parks@barnet.gov.uk



Season's greetings!

As the days and nights grow colder, our winter salting programme will ensure that 150 miles of our busiest roads are safe. This winter, our staff will be working 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Before you head out this winter, read our top tips to ensure you travel safely:

Check the Met Office weather forecast

Before you set off on your journey, make sure you visit www.metoffice.gov.uk to check for weather warnings and road conditions before travelling. Remember, always allow extra time and take care.



Prepare your vehicle

It's a good idea to make sure your vehicle is fully serviced before winter starts and that you have the anti-freeze tested. If you can't do a service, you can do your own checks:

- Lights are clean and working
- Battery is fully charged
- Windscreen, wiper blades, and other windows are clean and the washer bottle is filled with screen wash
- Tyre condition, tread depth and pressure (of all the tyres, including the spare)
- Brakes are working well
- Fluids are kept topped up, especially with windscreen wash, anti-freeze and oil.



Keep emergency equipment in your car

Make sure you have a bottle of water, non-perishable food, a first aid kit, torch, in-car mobile phone charger, blanket and spare waterproof clothing. If you need to travel to more rural areas, then be sure to also pack a shovel.

Wear sturdy footwear

If you do have to go out in the snow or ice, then wear a good pair of boots, they keep your feet warm and have more grip than trainers or other shoes.



Drive carefully

If you find yourself driving in snow or on icy roads, adapt your driving to these conditions. Reduce your speed smoothly, avoid harsh braking and sharp steering.



Did you know?

We have thousands of tonnes of salt in our salt barns ready to use this winter and hundreds of gritting bins across the borough were filled at the start of the winter season.



Follow us on Twitter @barnetcouncil or visit our website at barnet.gov.uk/wintergritting for regular updates.

Free festive parking

This Christmas, we'll be providing shoppers and visitors with free parking for every weekend in December.

Visitors to our high streets will be able to park without charge. Parking will be free in all Barnet pay to park bays and in the council's car parks.

The dates you can park for free are:

- **Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December**
- **Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December**
- **Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December**
- **Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 December**

For more information, please visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/parking

Please note that free parking only applies to council operated 'paid for' parking areas. It does not apply to permit bays or private car parks.

Valid permits will still be required at these locations.



We are taking action against fly-tips where you live

Fly-tipping is a crime. We are taking action to clean up the mess, investigate and prosecute offenders.

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 left at the side of the road to larger quantities of waste dumped from trucks. Over 50% of fly-tips in Barnet are from household waste that has not been disposed of properly.

Cleaning up the mess that fly-tippers leave behind costs the borough money that could be going towards vital services such as healthcare, education, transport and more.

We clean

Every week, we clear up an average of 70 fly-tips across the borough. Fly-tips come in all shapes and sizes, all of which litter our streets and cost money to remove. Over 70% of the fly-tips that we cleaned up between April and June this year were made up of either household waste, white goods or household black bags.

We investigate

Our dedicated community safety teams are out and about where you live to help identify fly-tips, ensure they are cleaned up, and investigate them to make sure offenders are caught before committing the crime again.

We prosecute

We are 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 potentially unlimited fine, prosecution, or even having a vehicle seized and crushed.

We will expose the fly-tippers who use our streets, parks and green spaces as a dumping ground to demonstrate that fly-tipping in Barnet will not be tolerated, either by the council or by residents.

Don't be a festive fly-tipper

Love where you live this winter and make sure you know how to dispose of your waste correctly. Don't leave your Christmas tree or unwanted presents out on the curb. Instead, locate your

nearest Christmas tree disposal or waste collection service (see page 21). You can also try to reduce your household waste by re-homing unwanted items and donating surplus items to local charities.

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.

Find out how to donate furniture or have large electrical appliances collected for free at: 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.



**WE CLEAN.
WE INVESTIGATE.
WE PROSECUTE.**

Love where you live, say no to fly-tips.
To find out more, check out barnet.gov.uk/flytipping



On the 12 days of Christmas our recycling tips will be...

1



Write a list and check it twice...

Save money and avoid waste by only buying the food you need.

7



Finished bottles of shampoo? With aerosols they go in blue!

Empty aerosols, shower gel containers, shampoo bottles and moisturiser tubs can all be placed in your blue recycling bin. Why not set up a recycling bin or bag in your bathroom to up the amount you recycle.

2



Play your cards right!

You can put old Christmas cards in your blue recycling bin, but remember if they have foil or glitter on them, they can't be recycled and should be placed in your black refuse bin.

8



Everything must go!

Take old furniture or large appliances to the Reuse and Recycling Centre, Summers Lane, North Finchley, N12 0RF providing you have made a booking in advance. Or you can book a bulky waste collection. Visit the website below for more details.

3



Christmas is coming, the cardboard's getting flat

Any flattened cardboard that doesn't fit in your blue recycling bin can be put out alongside the bin in pieces no larger than one-metre squared.

9



Clearing out the closet?

Clothing and shoes can't be placed in your blue recycling bin. Why not pass clothes on if they're in good condition, or try and repair them! Alternatively, you can take them to the Reuse and Recycling Centre at Summers Lane providing you have made a booking in advance.

4



Re-home those unwanted items

Give your unwanted items or furniture a new home instead of throwing them out. Items in good condition can be passed onto a friend or donated. Find out more at the website below.

10



Electricals lost their spark?

Take any small electrical items to the Reuse and Recycling Centre at Summers Lane. Remember, please do not place them in your blue recycling bin and make sure you have made a booking before visiting the site. You can also drop them off at your nearest reuse point or you can try repair instead! Find out more at the website below.

5



Food, glorious food...

Why not use your leftovers to make delicious meals for your family and friends? Visit the website below for more details.

11



When the celebrations are over...

Make sure to recycle all your empty glass bottles, plastic bottles and cans in your blue recycling bin.

6



Batteries

Recycle used batteries by placing them in a clear bag on top of your blue recycling bin. **Please remember that batteries, battery packs and other electrical items must not be disposed of in any of your household bins.** These items can cause fires in our collection vehicles and sorting facilities, risking the safety of residents and our collection crews.

12



O Christmas tree...

Real Christmas trees will be collected throughout January 2022. Please ensure your real Christmas tree has all decorations and tree lights removed, is **cut in half** and put at the boundary of your property during January.

For more information visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/christmasbincollections

Christmas recycling and waste collections

Recycling and refuse bin collections

There won't be any changes to the recycling and refuse collection schedule this year.

Please leave your bins out as usual from 6am on your normal collection day.

Check your collection day at www.barnet.gov.uk/bins.



Annual winter pause to garden waste collections

The subscribed garden waste bin collection service is paused from **18 December 2021 for six weeks**.

From 13 December, subscribers to the service can check the date of their first collection in the New Year at the website below. We will also be emailing subscribers a reminder before collections resume in the new year.

You can still sign up now for fortnightly garden waste collections. Sign up and pay at www.barnet.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call **020 8359 4600**.

Christmas tree collections

Real Christmas trees will be collected throughout January 2022.

Please ensure your real Christmas tree has all decorations and tree lights removed, is **cut in half** and put at the boundary of your property during January.



Take the Christmas recycling quiz!

Are you a top recycler, or think you might be a bit of a novice? Test your knowledge to find out!

Can these unusual items go in your blue recycling bin?

(Pick your answers then check your score below)

1. Polystyrene?

Yes



No

3. Clothes and textiles?

Yes



No

2. Empty bleach bottles?

Yes



No

4. Empty aerosol bottles?

Yes



No

If you scored:

4 out of 4 - well done you top recycler!

3 or 2 out of 4 - great job! For any items you aren't sure about, you can always check them on the website below.

1 or 0 out of 4 - better luck next time! Remember, practice makes perfect so check the website below on how to correctly dispose of any items you're not sure about.

Answers: 1. Polystyrene - no, please put it in your black refuse bin. 2. Empty bleach bottles - yes! But please make sure they are empty. 3. Clothes and textiles - no, donate them or take them to the Reuse and Recycling Centre. 4. Empty aerosol bottles - yes! But please make sure they are empty.

Find out more at: www.barnet.gov.uk/recycling

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Ishaan and Dara feedback on their trip to Kensington where they repped Barnet Youth!

BREAKING NEWS



Ishaan

Dara

October was a big month for Barnet Youth, as it marked the relaunch of Barnet Youth Assembly and Barnet Youth Board, two prominent platforms for young people to get their voices heard.

Barnet Youth Assembly met in a both in-person and virtually and finalised our priorities for the year ahead:

protecting the environment and improving LGBTQIA+ education in schools.

My Say Matters

Barnet Youth Board met virtually, and an exciting announcement was made... Barnet Council is producing their first Youth Strategy, called My Say Matters! We look forward to helping co-create the strategy as

it progresses as this is a great step to ensure that young people from diverse backgrounds are being valued equally.

British Youth Council

Most importantly, on Saturday 30 October, we had the pleasure of attending the British Youth Council Convention in Kensington, London. This was a fun-filled, inspiring day where we had the opportunity to meet youth representatives across England.

In the morning, we discussed Make Your Mark's three priorities: transforming education, ending plastic pollution and mental health. Make Your Mark is a national campaign where young

people aged 11-18 across the UK vote on the issues that matter the most to them.

Within the mental health workshop, we discussed different methods to improve the wellbeing of young people and as a group, we suggested techniques to help reduce the stigma around mental health from a young age, such as cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT).

Youth power

In the afternoon, we had a session focused on youth inclusion and we raised points about the need for co-creation, co-leadership and co-ownership to accountability, resourcing and funding.

Overall, this first British Youth Council Convention post-COVID was a fantastic day, and it was refreshing to see so many of our peers just as passionate about driving change

We look forward to what 2022 has in store for Barnet Youth!

If you're aged 11-18 (or up to 25 with additional needs), get in touch today to learn more about Barnet's youth platforms and how you can join. Contact YouthAssembly@barnet.gov.uk or haveyoursay@barnet.gov.uk.

Winter



HOLIDAYS

"It is wonderful to have these opportunities to reconnect with local communities, meet other children and young people and escape into creative activities and sports!"

– Young person

"BACE holidays has really helped out during these difficult times and has given my children a chance to be active and creative with their peers. Thank you!"

– Parent



The school holidays are a time for children and young people to relax and have fun. We believe that every family across Barnet deserves a healthy and fulfilling holiday.

Barnet's Active, Creative and Engaging Holidays (BACE Holidays) was named by Barnet's young people and highlights exactly what our holiday programme is all about!

Get your young ones involved!

Our BACE Holiday camp (20 - 23 Dec) is for children and young people aged 5-16 who receive free school meals. We have a wide range of free, enriching activities on offer including multisport, arts 'n' crafts and performing arts!

How to sign up:

1. Visit: barnetyouth.uk
2. Go to: "Book Now"
3. Select project: BACE Holidays
4. Select an activity and enrol by creating a parent profile - you can then register your child
5. Wait for a confirmation email
6. Attend and have fun!

Sign up today!



Scan the QR code to sign up now



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Helping residents stay safe in Barnet

Tackling domestic abuse and violence against women and girls is everybody's business

In 2017, Barnet Council launched its first Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy 2017-20 with a clear message: to ensure victims and survivors were able to escape abuse and be safe.

The council has helped victims access services that build resilience, reduce the risk of families reaching crisis point, reduce the impact on children and, above all, hold perpetrators to account for their behaviour.

To do this we needed to make tackling violence against women and girls everybody's business and enable people to disclose violence and abuse as part of their daily interactions: from those who work in statutory, community and voluntary roles, to law enforcement, communities and friends and family, we all need to play our part.

Doing so will reduce the stigma, support earlier identification and intervention to stop domestic abuse and violence against women and girls escalating to critical levels. By raising awareness in recent years, we have seen a change in the number of these crimes recorded by the police and the number of referrals to our support services.

A new approach for 2022

We are now launching a consultation to get the views of residents on our draft Domestic Abuse and VAWG Strategy 2021-24 to be published in 2022.

Our vision is: "We want Barnet to be a borough where everyone can live free of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls. Working with all our partners we will seek to ensure those impacted are able to get the help and support they need and want."

Tina McElligott, Chair of VAWG Delivery Group, Director of Early Help & Children's Social Care Services, said: "The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 provides us with an opportunity to refresh and strengthen our Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy. We are looking forward to using the feedback from residents in the borough to help us focus on local issues and need and shape our strategy."

Five ways we want to make a difference

Through consultation with local agencies providing support and services and listening to the voices of those affected by domestic abuse, we want to achieve the following:

- Early intervention and prevention of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls
- Support all victims and survivors to report, access help and recover
- Pursue perpetrators and engage them in behaviour change interventions to eliminate harm to victims and their families
- Strengthen the partnership response to improve multi-agency working and information sharing to deliver improved outcomes
- Work together for safer streets, community and public spaces



SAFER COMMUNITIES
PARTNERSHIP



Keeping Barnet Safe

HAVE YOUR SAY



We want to hear your views on our strategy and find out about residents' life experiences and challenges in accessing domestic abuse and violence against services in Barnet.

To find out how you can have your say, please visit engage.barnet.gov.uk

The consultation is open until 20 December 2021.

Help and support is available

Domestic violence and abuse support

National Domestic Violence Helpline If you are fleeing domestic abuse and need access to emergency refuge accommodation and advice call the free 24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline on **0808 2000 247**.

Barnet Solace Advocacy and Support Service If you are a victim/survivor of domestic violence and abuse and would like one-to-one support or advice call on **0203 874 5003** or email barnet.advocacy@solacewomensaid.org

Domestic violence and abuse one-stop shop - Drop into the one-stop shop which takes place weekly every Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm, no appointment is needed. Call Barnet Homes Housing Options **0208 610 3539**

Refuge provision for women and girls A safe space for women fleeing domestic and sexual violence where they and their children can stay with experienced staff, who provide individual support. Call the free 24-hour helpline on **0808 200 0247**
Email: helpline@womensaid.org.uk or visit www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

Safeguarding children If you are concerned about a child, please call the council's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **020 8359 4066** to speak to a social worker or email mash@barnet.gov.uk

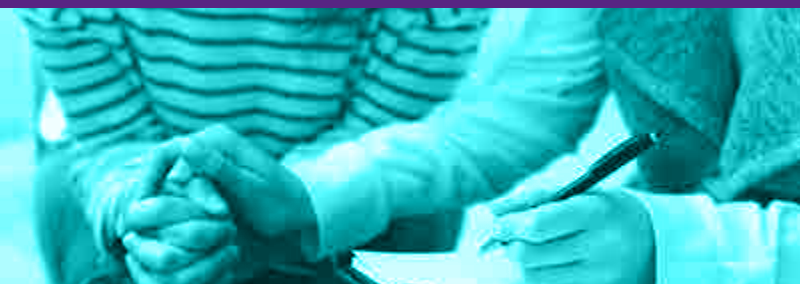
Social Care Direct Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub - MASH (Adults) If you have any concerns around the safety or wellbeing of a member of the public, who you believe is subject to or at risk from abuse or neglect, please call: **020 8359 5000** Email: SocialCareDirect@Barnet.gov.uk

Reporting hate crime

In an emergency call 999. If it is not an emergency, call **101** or report online at: www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ or www.report-it.org.uk

If you would like assistance in reporting an incident to the Police or for more information or advice, contact: Barnet's Hate Crime Reporting and Welfare Officer, Reshma Hirani: projectsupport@barnetmencap.org.uk or call **0208 349 3842**.

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What is Shared Lives?

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What is the role of a Shared Lives carer?

A Shared Lives carer shares their home and family life with an adult who needs support to live everyday life. It might be giving a helping hand to someone getting dressed, getting to doctor's appointments, making friends, cooking together or voting for their favourite singers on TV!

What kinds of people are being cared for?

People visiting or moving in with Shared Lives carers are 18 and over with an identified care and support need. They may have been in foster care, have learning or physical disabilities, may be an older person with frailty or dementia, or have mental ill health.

What do I need to become a Shared Lives carer?

To qualify to become a Shared Lives carer you must be over the age of 18, rent or own your home and have a spare room available. There are no qualifications required although it is helpful if you have had previous care experience. It is important that you have a caring nature, and respect and value people as individuals.

What are the benefits to becoming a Shared Lives carer?

This is a flexible caring role with generous tax-free earnings starting from £400 per week. Not only will you be improving the quality of someone's life, but you'll also have access to ongoing support and training opportunities and will be making a positive impact in your community.

How can I find out more?

Get in touch today - we're happy to answer any questions you may have!

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Worried about yourself or someone else?

Looking after your mental health and wellbeing is extremely important. There is help and support available to you. Explore the range of services on offer and remember: you're not alone.



BARNET CAMHS Crisis Line
If you require crisis mental health intervention and support.
Call: **020 8702 4040**



Barnet Integrated Clinical Services – BICS
If you're experiencing difficulties with your mental health, struggling with your emotions and social situations then call for a private chat.
Call: **0208 359 3130 9am – 5pm**



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Are you having problems with drugs or alcohol, or with your mental or sexual health? Get in touch for free and confidential advice
Visit: **changegrowlive.org/barnet/young-peoples-service**. Call: **0300 303 2866**
Email: **Barnet.info@cgl.org.uk**



Kooth.com
Anonymous and confidential online counselling and emotional wellbeing platform for children and young people aged 12 -24. Visit: **kooth.com**



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Email: **info@youthrealities.co.uk**
Call: **07551 022 824 (11-7pm Mon - Fri)**



New year, new ward boundaries for Barnet



Why are Barnet's ward boundaries changing?

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

The new ward boundaries and electoral arrangements for Barnet Council will come into effect at the Local Government elections on 5 May 2022.

What will the new ward arrangements look like?

Even though the London Borough of Barnet's boundary remains the same, the number of wards within the borough is increasing from 21 to 24.

Barnet will continue to have 63 councillors but as some wards will contain more electors than others there will be 15 wards with three councillors and nine wards with two councillors.

With these new warding arrangements a number of new ward names have been created, and although many ward names have been retained, all wards have changed area to some extent.

Where you go to vote is likely to change

With new ward boundaries, it has been necessary to create new polling arrangements. This means that the location of polling stations has had to change for many electors in the borough. As these changes have had to happen, we've taken this opportunity to try and improve voting arrangements wherever possible.

A public consultation took place this autumn and the final ward boundaries and electoral arrangements – including polling places and where you will go to vote – will be confirmed and available to view in January at [barnet.gov.uk/elections](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/elections)

Get ready to vote

Make sure you are registered to vote

Registering to vote is quick and easy, visit: [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

Decide how you would like to cast your vote

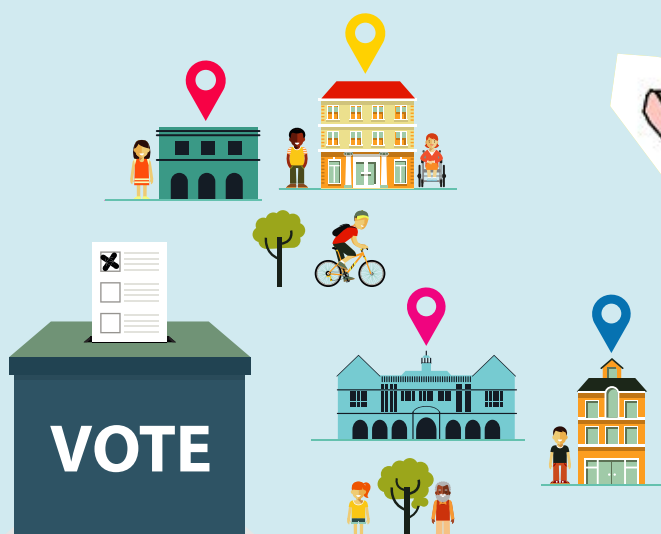
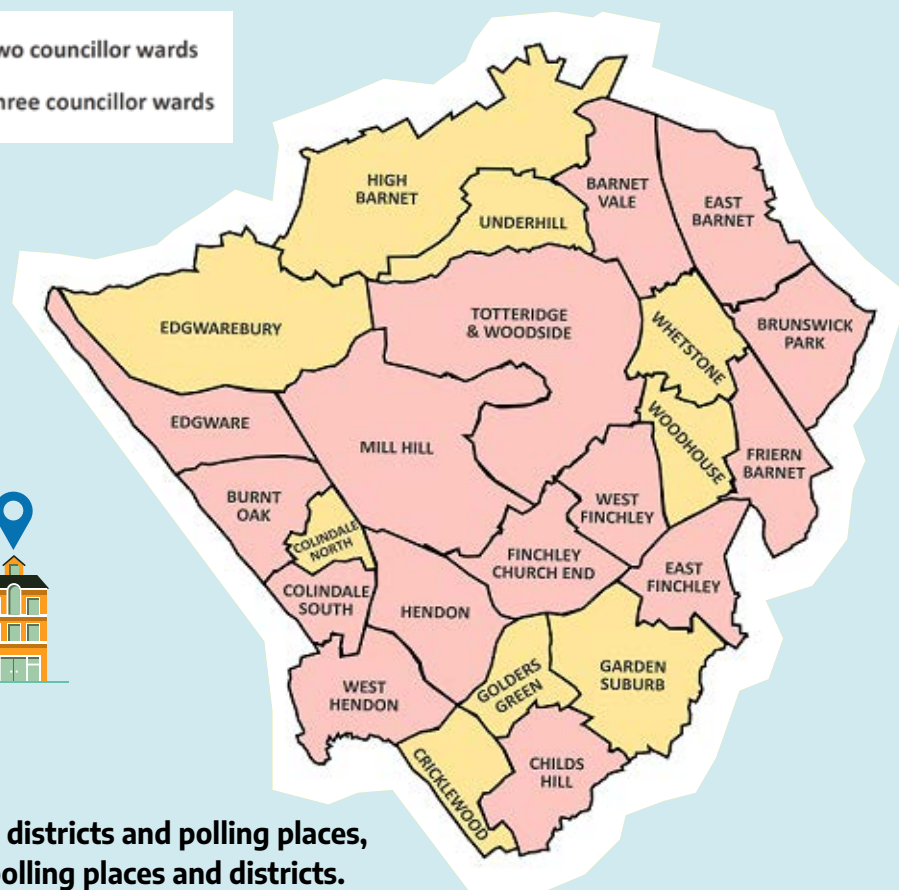
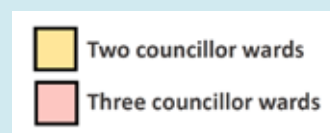
You can either vote in-person, by post or by proxy. Find out more and how to apply for a postal or proxy vote at [barnet.gov.uk/elections](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/elections)

If you plan to vote in person, make sure you know where to go on election day

Your polling station is likely to have changed. The new electoral arrangements will be available to view from January 2022 at [barnet.gov.uk/elections](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/elections)

Interested in standing for election?


Find out more about the role of a councillor and read the guidance and advice for candidates at [barnet.gov.uk/elections](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/elections) > Standing for election



For a full map of the proposed new polling districts and polling places, visit [barnet.gov.uk/elections](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/elections) > Review of polling places and districts.

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Full Council meetings

Hendon

Council - Tuesday 25 January 2022, 7pm and Tuesday 1 March 2022, 7pm, at Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ

Resident Forums

You can find the dates of the residents' forums on: barnet.moderngov.co.uk

For more information and for venue details, please visit: barnet.moderngov.co.uk

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