

Finchley Church End

WASTE DIRECTORY

Reduce

Repair



Recycle

Re-use

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INTRODUCTION

This booklet is about waste and how we can reduce the impact of waste (whether it is litter, dumped rubbish, or the contents of our wheelie bins) in our own neighbourhood, Finchley Church End.

It provides detailed local information, contacts and addresses about recycling, re-using, and reducing the waste we all produce. It gives information about all the charity shops in Ballards Lane, which accept a huge range of unwanted goods. It details the ever-expanding services provided by the London Borough of Barnet and ECT Recycling from the convenient kerbside collection in our recycling box to the Summers Lane depot where we can safely deposit fridges, rubber tyres, paint, scrap metal and many other items. Finally, it suggests ways in which we can dispose of or recycle a long list of goods – in many cases how we can do this to benefit other people or charities.

To meet the needs of future generations (and keep down the cost of essential waste collection, which is reflected in our Council tax), we have to **reduce** our consumption, **re-use** and **repair** whatever we can, and **recycle** wherever possible. We can all help this process in the following ways:

- buying products that have minimal packaging
- reducing our electricity consumption by buying energy-efficient light bulbs
- reducing our junk mail by writing to the Mail Preference Service
- buying wood products with the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) kitemark because they are made from wood taken from sustainably managed forests
- using recycled paper for our stationery, and other recycled paper products
- re-using plastic shopping bags and making use of the supermarket ‘bag for life’ schemes
- starting a compost bin
- **and making full use of our recycling box.**

Dennis Pepper
Chair: LA21 Steering Group

LOCAL CHARITY SHOPS

Charity shops in Church End Finchley collect a wide range of items for resale generating an income for their cause. Opening times may not always be convenient – the shops are run mainly by volunteers – but please ensure that you take items during the shop opening hours. Do not leave your goods outside or in the shop doorway. You can always phone first to confirm opening times.

Cancer Research UK

69 Ballards Lane, N3 1XT
(Tel. 020-8349.4962)

Open Mon-Sat 09.00-17.00

Norwood

66 Ballards Lane, N3 2BU
(Tel. 020-8371.0006)

Open Mon-Fri 10.00-17.00

ORT (raises funds for training and education of young people)

80 Ballards Lane, N3 2DL
(Tel. 020-8349.4554)

Open Mon-Fri 09.30-16.00

Oxfam

55 Ballards Lane, N3 1XT
(Tel. 020-8346.3870)

Open Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00

Relief Fund for Romania (FARA)

13 Ballards Lane, N3 1UX
(Tel. 020-8346.7375)

Open Mon-Sat 09.30-17.30

Sun 10.30-16.30

If your favourite charity isn't here, check under **Charity Shops** in the **Yellow Pages**.

WASTE WATCH

WasteWatch, 96 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TH (Tel. 020-7089.2100 or e-mail info@wastewatch.org.uk) for details of various schemes. Factsheets and educational packs are available.

Check also: **Waste Line**, the information section of Waste Watch (Tel. 0870-243.0136 or www.wastewatch.org.uk).

and: **Rethink Rubbish**, an initiative run jointly by Waste Watch, Save Waste and Prosper, and the National Waste Awareness Initiative from the Waste Watch address – see above (Tel. 020-7089.2100 or www.rethinkrubbish.com). Rethink Rubbish campaigns to raise awareness of waste issues and highlight steps we can all take to recycle our rubbish.

THE DIRECTORY

The following pages list a wide range of goods in alphabetical order and describe how to dispose of unwanted items for recycling and, where appropriate, for safe disposal.

* These items can also be disposed of at the Summers Lane depot (see page 7 for details).

*Aluminium and Steel

Unwanted kitchen utensils can be taken to Summers Lane.

*Batteries

Watch and calculator batteries are accepted by most jewellers' on replacement. Other batteries may be taken to Summers Lane.

*Books

Most charity shops accept them. There is a book recycling bank at Lodge Lane Car Park, N12.

*Bottles (plastic)

Remove the caps, rinse and squash the bottles to make them smaller and more easily manageable and take in bulk to Summers Lane.

Cards

Old greetings cards are useful for handicrafts (and may, for instance, be made into gift tags). Local schools or playgroups may be able to use them, and see also information about Barnet's SCRAP Bank on page 8. Each January **Tesco** stores throughout the country collect millions of old Christmas cards on behalf of the

Woodland Trust, a charity dedicated to rescuing threatened native woods and creating new ones. Some charity shops collect Christmas cards, as do Barnet libraries.

China

Most charity shops are happy to take unwanted china so long as it is in reasonable condition.

*Clothes

All charity shops welcome the donation of clothes providing they are clean and in good condition.

Coins

Take to charity shops or to high street banks (depending on what coins you have). Charities will often accept any coins (or notes!) you have left over from your holidays. **Barclays Bank** will take old currencies from those countries that have introduced the Euro and donate the benefit to charity.

*Computers

Computers left at Summers Lane will be refurbished and re-used wherever possible. **North London ItC** collect, refurbish and redistribute computers

to community organizations free of charge. Contact Joe Okoli at North London ItcC (Tel. 020-8457.4848) or visit HiTech House, 193 The Broadway, Hendon, NW9.

Computer Aid International accepts IBM compatible computers for use in schools and by community groups in developing countries (Tel. 020-7281.0091).

***Electrical goods**

Summers Lane refurbish them for re-use if possible. (Most charity shops won't take electrical goods or soft furnishings for safety reasons.)

***Engine Oil**

Waste engine oil is contaminated with a whole range of chemicals that could pollute the water supply. It is illegal to pour waste engine oil down the drain. Check whether your local garage will accept it for recycling; if not, take it to Summers Lane. There is an Oil Bank at B&Q in Whetstone, N20.

Envelopes

If you use a letter opener or knife to open your mail you will probably be able to re-use the envelope. Many organizations, for example RSPB, now sell 're-use labels' which save paper, and save you the expense of buying new envelopes, as well as publicising their cause. Put envelopes you cannot re-use in your recycling box.

***Furniture**

Solid wooden furniture taken to Summers

Lane will be offered to Furniture Projects throughout London.

Furniture 4 U collects unwanted furniture for those on low incomes or receiving benefits. (Tel. 020-8205.2000 or visit 8 The Concourse, Hendon, NW9 5XB.)

Moxon Street Enterprises, an organization that provides training and work experience for people in Barnet with mental health problems, may collect unwanted wooden furniture free of charge (Tel. 020-8364.8466).

Leukemia fund raisers will collect old furniture (Tel. 020-7249.5368).

Victoria House which supports Haringey Mencap (Tel. 020-8880.9034).

U-Aid (Tel.020-8207.0313).

Kings Cross Furniture Project (Tel. 020-8493.0900).

Oxfam have specialist furniture shops. (Tel. 0845-3000.311).

***Fridges/Freezers**

Summers Lane will accept them and arrange for CFC extraction and recycling.

Junk Mail

You can cut down the avalanche of unwanted direct mail that comes through your letter box by applying to the **Mail Preference Service** at Freepost 22, London, W1E 7EZ for details of the scheme and an application form, or visit the website www.the-dma.org/consumers.

Magazines

Consider offering readable ones (including children's comics) to hospitals or doctors' and dentists' surgeries. Put any unwanted magazines in your recycling box.

Material (textiles)

Some playgroups or schools will take clean fabric remnants for collages or school drama productions.

Milk bottles

Don't put glass milk bottles into your recycling box or the bottle banks. Return them to your milk delivery service. For details of milk delivery services contact either **Express Dairy** for their local franchises (Tel. 020-8205.5241/6158 or Freephone 0800.615715) or **Arla Foods plc**, 267 Church Street, Edmonton, N9 9JA (Tel. 020-8360.1183).

*Mobile phones

Donate to **British Red Cross Society** (Tel. 01372.824263). The handset must be free from any contract or other financial arrangements, be a GSM model (with a SIM card) and, if possible, have its battery and charger. If you don't have a SIM card, consider **Samaritan's Purse**, who collect all mobile phones with or without SIM cards (Freephone 0800-0832103) or send to Samaritan's Purse Mobile Recycle, FREEPOST MID 23462, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 1BR.

At **Tesco's** in Ballards Lane you can get a postage paid packet for recycling your unwanted mobile phone. To encourage you to use the scheme, Tesco will give £2.50 to charity, and give you 250 clubcard points.

The **Roy Castle Lung Cancer**

Foundation runs a Freepost recycling scheme. (Tel. 08451.302010 for details and bags in which to send your mobiles.)

Nappies

Most parents choose disposables though they are over three times more expensive than washable nappies, use more resources, and cause more environmental problems. (Over 8 million disposables are thrown away each day, most ending up in landfill sites where they take up to 200 years to decompose.) There are several different kinds of nappy to choose from, and laundry services are available if you decide on the washable variety.

For more information contact the **National Association of Nappy Services** (Tel. 0121-639.4949 or visit the website: www.changenappy.co.uk). The Consumers' Association's publication **Which?** for November 2002 has a full report on washables.

*Paint

Community Re>Paint takes leftover domestic paint from householders, painters and decorators and retailers and gives it away, free of charge, to

local community groups, charities, people on low incomes and those in need. Community Re>Paint is a nation-wide initiative. Details from Summers Lane, which is involved in the scheme and will accept your leftover paint.

***Plastics**

Try to re-use any plastic containers that come your way but opt for recyclable containers when possible. **Tesco's** in Ballards Lane have an in-store bank for unwanted plastic carrier bags. **Polyprint Mailing Films** collect bags/film. (Tel. 01603.721807; e-mail: jneville@polyprint.co.uk)

***Shoes (in pairs)**

Put them in your recycling box or take them to Summers Lane. Some shoe shops have a collection scheme.

Spectacles

Charity shops, opticians or optometrists might take them for sending on to Third World countries.

Stamps

If you are not re-using your envelope, cut the stamp off leaving about 1/4 inch of paper all round (and put the envelope in your recycling box). **Oxfam** shops collect stamps, or send them to Mrs Pat Dunnill, Save the

Children Fund, 14 Cornwall Avenue, Finchley Church End, N3 1LD.

***Timber Offcuts**

Ask your local school's Design & Technology Department if it can make use of them.

Toner and Ink Cartridges

Donate to **Scope** (Tel. 020-7609.7239) or take to a branch of **Ryman Stores**. Refilling ink cartridges using a refill kit is much cheaper than buying a new cartridge. **Office Green** collect used toner and ink cartridges, and also sell refilled Panda Brand (i.e., **World Wide Fund for Nature**) cartridges to both consumers and businesses (Tel. Freephone 0800.833480). The **Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation** has a similar scheme. See **Mobile Phones** for details.

Tools

Tools and small electrical machines, in reasonable condition, can be refurbished and sent to African Self-Help Projects. Contact **WORKAID**, Workaid Unit 2B, St George's Industrial Estate, White Lion Road, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9JQ. For more information: Tel. 01494.765506; e-mail: workaid@btclick.com or www.home.btclick.com/workaid

BARNET'S RECYCLING SERVICES

Recycling from Home

This is a weekly multi-materials kerbside collection service run by ECT Recycling in partnership with Barnet Council. It is easy to use and operates throughout the Borough.

Materials collected: **paper** (newspaper, magazines, junk mail and telephone directories); **glass** (green, brown and clear); **food tins** and **drink cans**; **textiles** and **pairs of shoes** (tied together); **aluminium foil** and **trays**; **car** and **household batteries**; and **engine oil** (which must be labelled and in a sealed container).

Please ensure that only those items listed on your recycling box are included and that all food tins, foil trays and bottles are clean.

A communal recycling service for flats in the Borough is due to be fully operational by December 2002. It will also serve residents who live in high-rise buildings, so if you would like it on your estate telephone 020-8359.4768 to make arrangements. Paper, glass and cans are collected from centres based on estates.

For more information:
telephone 020-8371.3670;
surf www.ectrecycling.co.uk;
e-mail info@ectrecycling.co.uk

Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre, Summers Lane, London, N12 0ED Opening hours: 09.00-16.00 Sundays 08.00-16.00 Mondays to Saturdays

The centre, also run by ECT Recycling in partnership with the Council, will accept for recycling a wider range of items than can be put in the recycling box – and the range is increasing. Currently the full list is: Batteries (car and domestic), Bicycles, Books and magazines, Cans (metal and aluminium), Cardboard, Electrical and Electronic items, Fluorescent tubes, aluminium Foil, Fridges, Furniture, Gas bottles, General household waste, Glass (bottles, jam jars, and so on), 'Green' waste, Household paints, Mobile phones, Oil and oil filters, Paper of all kinds, Plastic bottles, Records, CDs and tapes, Scrap metal, Shoes, Sports equipment, Textiles, Toner cartridges, Tyres (lorry, car, bicycle), Wood, 'Yellow Pages' and other directories.

All items have to be taken to the site.

Local Businesses

Minimising business waste not only helps the environment; it saves money. Barnet is a member of the **Waste Watch Business Network**. For further details on how to reduce business waste log on to www.wastewatch.org.uk and follow the links to Business Services and Waste Alert. See also Barnet's free **Green Guide for Business** (Tel. 020-8359.4662 for a copy).

The SCRAP Bank

(Supporting Children's Recreation Art and Play)

The SCRAP Bank at the Barnet Play Association is assisted financially by Barnet Council and is available to all its members.

The Bank is looking for new and interesting materials that can be passed on to play workers involved in art and other creative activities with children in school clubs, play groups and so on. It accepts cotton reels, thread, wool, string, rolls of fabric, fabric scraps and sample books; remnants of felt, sequinned and 'fur' fabric; buttons and beads; cardboard rolls (from carpets and fabric); paper (coloured card, shredded paper, tissue paper, typing paper and paper plates); telephone directories and 'Yellow Pages'; Christmas cards, postage stamps and envelopes; mosaic and mirror tiles; rolls of foil decoration, tinsel; theatrical props and costumes; blocks of wax and candles; wire and tools; art and craft books; clean or unused plastic drinking cups, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, plastic plant pots, pieces of foam; children's audio and video cassettes; storage containers; by-products from graphics and other displays; film canisters; computer games – *and anything else that would be safe and suitable for children to use in creative play*. But no soft toys.

The SCRAP Bank is based in the Old Barn Community Centre, Tarling Road, East Finchley, N2

Open Thursday 10.30-19.00 for groups to obtain materials and for donors who wish to drop things off. Telephone 020-8371.0281 for more information, and if you wish to arrange for scrap to be collected.

Composting at home

Over 30% of our household waste can be composted, including all vegetable waste and fruit, tea bags, leaves, weeds, dead flowers, grass cuttings and general garden waste. Large quantities of autumn leaves are best composted separately. Meat and cooked food are not suitable for composting as they will attract rats. Compost is a cheap, rich fertiliser for the garden which will enrich and improve the soil structure. Composting makes good use of material that might otherwise be dumped or put into a landfill site, and by using it as a peat substitute it helps save rapidly disappearing areas important for wildlife.

Barnet Council offers residents a choice from a range of compost bins at greatly reduced prices, often less than half the normal retail price (typically £10 – £25) together with instructions about their use. (Tel. 020-8359.4600 for an illustrated leaflet and details of the scheme.)

Gardening Which? (Consumers' Association) publish a Question & Answer Factsheet 'Making Good Compost' (Ref. GWF436). Telephone 0845-903.7000 or visit the website www.which.co.uk/gardeningwhich

RECYCLING BANKS

Barnet has established over 80 banks for recycling various items. The following are in Finchley or close by, and collect: glass jars and bottles (**G**); newspapers and magazines (**N**); cans of all types (**C**); textiles, soft toys, paired shoes (**T**); books (**B**).

Friern Barnet N12	Tesco Car Park, Colney Hatch Lane	G N T C
North Finchley N12	Lodge Lane Car Park	G N T C B
North Finchley N12	Lullington Garth	G N C
North Finchley N12	Waitrose Car Park, Ballards Lane	G T C
North Finchley N12	Woodside Park Underground Station	G N
North Finchley N12	outside Telephone Exchange, 879 High Road ...	G N T
Finchley Church End N3 ..	College Farm, Regents Park Road	G N T
Finchley Church End N3 ..	Popes Drive, off Ballards Lane	G N T C
Finchley Church End N3 ..	Victoria Park, Long Lane entrance	G
Temple Fortune NW11	Texaco Filling Station, Finchley Road	G N T C

FURTHER INFORMATION

DEFRA, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6DE (Tel. 020-7944.6414 or www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste) for information about recycling and waste strategies. DEFRA also publishes *Achieving a Better Quality of Life*, available free from DEFRA Publications, Admail 6000, London, SW1A 2XX (Tel. 08459-556000).

Friends of the Earth, 26-28 Underwood Street, London, N1 7JQ (Tel. 020-7490.1555 or e-mail info@foe.co.uk or www.foe.co.uk) for general information, campaign news and, especially, two publications: *Waste and Recycling*, a free 16page booklet, and *Don't Throw it All Away: a guide to waste reduction and recycling* (£4.99).

Recycle Works, Unit 1, Bee Mill, Ribchester, Preston, PR3 3XJ (Tel. 01254-820088 or www.recycleworks.co.uk) for a wide range of recycled and recycling equipment for the garden, including Ecosacs, a bio-degradable 'plastic' bag that will fully degrade within two months.

Finchley Church End Agenda 21 Partnership

Agenda 21 is a worldwide initiative, a step forward in thinking globally and acting locally. In Barnet it aims to bring the whole community and Council together to improve the quality of life to meet the needs of current generations whilst protecting the environment which future generations will depend upon.

This Agenda 21 Partnership is working to improve the environmental, social and economic life for residents in the whole of Church End and the N3 postal district. We raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage environmentally friendly practices. We run projects, and help others to run projects, which support and promote sustainable living. We are involved traffic and transport, recycling and waste reduction, in planning issues, and in protecting our parks, open spaces and wildlife. We work with other Barnet Agenda 21 Partnerships to co-ordinate our efforts within the Borough.

We are an independent voluntary group. Although we work in close consultation with London Borough of Barnet, we are not part of the Council.

We very much welcome involvement from any resident, business or community group within our area.

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