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Local Agenda 21
is
sustainable development
meeting the needs of current generations....
while protecting the environment which future generations
will depend upon.

THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

Chipping Barnet and Arkley Agenda 21 (LA21) Partnership was formed with the aim of raising awareness of and involvement in environmental and community issues. We are working locally to encourage the development and implementation of environmentally friendly practices and increase community involvement in council decisions about our area.

Membership is open to residents, businesses and community groups within the London EN5 postal district. **If you have a specific interest and have ideas for a project (small or large) do get involved. We need active local help from everyone -- men, women and children! Phone Angela Dickinson (Secretary) for further details 020 8441 7175. Grants can be applied for to aid projects but often it is just a little hard-work and enthusiasm from individuals that is needed.**

Our group is supported by the LA21 Team at London Borough of Barnet, Building 4, North London Business Park, Oakleigh Road South, London, N11 1NP, telephone 020 8359 7435 or email la21@barnet.gov.uk, who you should contact for further information. You can also visit <http://www.barnet.gov.uk> and do a quick search for Local Agenda 21.

INTRODUCTION

Each household in Barnet produces on average one tonne of waste per year and most of this is buried in landfill sites in the surrounding countryside, using up valuable land and adding to pollution problems.

Barnet Council spent £3.2 million on waste disposal in 2000. As countryside waste increases by 3% a year this figure is likely to increase.

The Council recycled only 8.3% of household waste in the Borough in 2001/2002.

THIS COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE!

YOU CAN TAKE ACTION BY:

REDUCING

- Buy products that have minimal packaging (33% of household waste is packaging)
- Use less paper (e.g. double sided printing/copying)
- Stop junk mail
- Start composting your vegetable waste
- Buy products that will last
- Buy drinks in recyclable bottles

RE-USING

- Return milk bottles
- Shopping bags (take your own and buy 'Bags for Life')
- Sell on bulky items or donate them (see directory)
- Recharge batteries
- Open envelopes carefully and use re-use labels

REPAIRING

- New products need energy and resources to produce Investigate local repair agents

**IF ALL ELSE FAILS RECYCLE to prevent it ending
up in landfill or being burnt in incinerators**

**BE PROUD OF YOUR LEAN AND MEAN WHEELY BIN!
DO NOT FORGET TO BUY RECYCLED GOODS**

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*** Items collected weekly from outside your home by the Council's Kerbside Recycling Service. Call the Recycling Box Hotline 020 8371 3670**

*ALUMINIUM

Aluminium ring pulls, cans and foil milk bottle tops can be put in the Council's Cans Recycling Banks or taken to Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre.

*BATTERIES

Watch or calculator batteries are taken by most jewellers on replacement.

Take old vehicle batteries to Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre. *Household and car batteries can go in your kerbside collection box.

BOOKS

Most charity shops will accept books.

CARDS

Send/drop cards at the North London Hospice, 47 Woodside Ave. Nth. Finchley. Old greeting cards are useful for handicrafts and use as gift tags. Your local playgroup or school may be able to make use of them and some shops collect them. The front of old cards could be cut off to use for making new ones.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There is a Collection box in Barnet libraries.

CARS

Try to keep your car for longer and look after it! If your car is no longer roadworthy and you want to dispose of it contact Barnet Councils Clean Up Hotline on 8359 6035.

CHINA

Most charity shops will be happy to take unwanted china.

*CLOTHES

Most local charity shops will take clean clothing in good condition, or put them in the council's textile banks, or take them to the Summer's Lane N12, Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre.

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COINS

Take to charity shops or to high street banks.

COMPOST

Start a compost bin. About 30% of household waste is compostable. This waste can be recycled into compost and used in gardens. It is the cheapest and richest fertiliser available and enriches and improves the soil structure.

Compost material includes the following: vegetable waste and fruit peelings, tea bags or leaves, dead annual flowers and weeds, apple cores, crushed egg shells, autumn leaves, small amounts of grass cuttings. (prunings should be shredded if possible) newspaper, brown paper and cardboard. If you don't have a garden, collect your kitchen and vegetable waste and Green waste and take to Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre and it will be sent off site for composting.

Contact the Council for a bin (at greatly reduced price) with instructions on 020 8359 7475 or make your own slatted wooden bin with four sides, with the front side preferably removable or hinged. (wood pallets are useful for this.) The inside base of the bin should be covered with a layer of twiggy material to allow air to circulate.

Continue to build on this with layers of different materials, and about every 4" put in some Activator such as animal manure or a brand of Herbal Compost Maker if you wish. Cover the bin with a piece of old carpet or sacking to keep the heat in and the rain out. Depending on the time of year, the compost should look like soil again after a few months.

COMPUTERS

Leave unwanted computers at Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre or contact Joe Okoli at North London ItEC who refurbish PCs for community organisations – contact 020 8457 4848.

ELECTRICAL GOODS

Can be left at Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre. They will be refurbished and re-used if possible.

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FLOWER POTS

Can be useful for new cuttings or seedlings or for potting on. Clay pots are best for plants requiring good drainage. Why not grow cuttings for sale by local charities?

FURNITURE

Moxon Street Enterprises, an organisation that provides training and work experience for people with mental health problems in Barnet, may collect unwanted wooden furniture free of charge. Ring them on 020 8364 8466.

Other local charities which collect furniture:

Furniture 4 U collect unwanted furniture for those on low incomes or benefits. Call 020 8205 2000 or visit 8 The Concourse, Hendon NW9 5XB

Victoria House (supports Haringey Mencap) 020 8805 6262

U-Aid on 8207 0313

Kings Cross Furniture Project on 8493 0900

Solid wood furniture can be left at Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre where it will be offered to Furniture Projects throughout London.

FRIDGES/FREEZERS (Deemed Hazardous Waste)

Take to Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre for CFC extraction and recycling.

JUNK MAIL

Help to cut down on unwanted direct mail that comes through your letter box by subscribing free to the **Mailing Preference Service** at Freepost 22, London W1E 7EZ or visit www.the-dma.org/consumers (for application details).

MAGAZINES

Offer to local hospital, doctors' /dental surgeries

*MATERIAL (TEXTILE)

Some schools or playgroups will take fabric remnants for collages or school drama production. Textiles can also be taken to the council's textile banks, the Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre or put it in a plastic bag and into your *home recycling box.

MILK BOTTLES

Do not put in bottle banks. Please give to milk delivery services.

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MOBILE PHONES

Tescos at Potters Bar will take these and will give a donation to charity for each phone and give you extra Clubcard points.

Oxfam at 125 High Street, EN5 will also take mobiles.

Donate to British Red Cross Society on 01372 824263 (freepost). The hand set must be free from any contract or other financial arrangements, be a GSM model (with 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 your phone to: Samaritan's Purse mobile recycle, FREEPOST MID 23462, Burton-on-Trent, DE14 1BR.

NAPPIES

Opt for re-usable cotton nappies over disposables for everyday use. They save energy and resources, and are not as polluting. Contact the National Association of Nappy Services for information on 0121 693 4949.

*OIL

Waste oil is contaminated with a whole range of chemicals and could pollute the water supply. It is illegal to pour waste engine oil down the drain. Find out if your local garage will take it for recycling or take it to Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre and deposit for recycling. There is also an Oil Bank at B&Q in Whetstone N20.

PLASTICS

Try to re-use any plastic containers you do collect and opt for recyclable containers when possible. Deposit for recycling at Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

Any plastic bags can be recycled at Tescos, Potters Bar.

Bags/film - send to Polyprint Mailing Films. Tel: 01603 721807 Email: jneville@pollyprint.co.uk

*SHOES (paired please)

Can be put into the Council's Textile Banks or taken to the Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre. There is also a bin outside 'Wanders' shoe shop 180 High Street.

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SPECTACLES

Your local charity shop, optician or optometrist might take them. These are sent to the Third World, whether intact or broken.

STAMPS

Leave stamp on paper with a margin of about 1/4 inch all round. OXFAM shop in the High Street collects stamps.

TIMBER OFFCUTS

Ask your local schools, craft, design and technology Dept. Or take to Summers Lane N12, Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre

TONER CARTRIDGES

Donate to Scope Tel: 7609 7239, take to Summers Lane N12 Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre or take into Ryman Stores if that is where you bought them.

TOOLS

Tools and small electrical machines, in reasonable condition, will be refurbished and sent for African Self Help Projects. - Contact WORKAID for more information.

Tel: 01494765506 Email: workaid@btclick.com

TREE SEEDLINGS

Community Tree Nursery, Barnet Countryside Centre, Byng Road. Will nurture and grow on tree seedlings of native species which, when ready for transplantation are used by local schools and community tree projects or offered for sale. Please contact: Eddie Bellman. Tel: 0208449 1344 for further information.

TYRES

Old tyres which are good quality can be retreaded and reused or take to Summers Lane N 12, Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre.

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G = Glass Jars/Bottles N = Newspapers & Magazines
C = Cans of all types T = Textiles - Soft Toys - Paired Shoes

AREA	POST CODE	ADDRESS	MATERIALS
New Barnet	EN5	Victors Lane car park - Moxon St.	G N T
High Barnet	EN5	Stapylton Rd. car park	G N TC
High Barnet	EN5	Ye Olde Mitre Pub car park	G N
Barnet Underhill	EN5	Barnet Lane (by playing fields)	G N
	EN5	Dollis Valley bus stop	G N C
	EN5	Great North Rd., by railway bridge	G N TC
New Barnet	EN5	Sainsbury's car park, Approach Road.	G N TC

Visit your local library's InfoLink computer for other Collection Sites in Barnet.

Would you like more information?

Telephone

Wastewatch 0207253 6266

Web sites

www.wasteconnect.co.uk

www.wastewatch.org.uk

www.recycle-more.co.uk

www.wasteguide.org.uk

Suggested reading

250 Ways to Refuse. Publisher: Desert Island Press (1992)

ISBN No 0 95199560X

Don't Throw it Away. Publisher: Friends of the Earth (1998)

ISBN 185750 200 0

Free materials available for community projects

Are you in need of materials that B+Q no longer have use for e.g. broken tiles, timber, end of range paints etc, for a community project? If so, complete a waste donation application at B+Q Whetstone.



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▪ **Recycling Banks**

The London Borough of Barnet has established over eighty banks for recycling newspaper, magazines, white paper, tin cans, glass & textiles. *See last page.*

▪ **Recycling From Home**

Recycle from Home, is a weekly multi-materials kerbside collection service, run by ECT Recycling for Barnet Council residents to order an extra box or to check which items can and cannot be recycled call: 020 8371 3670.

Materials Collected will be identified by an asterisk * in the directory

Materials collected: include paper (newspaper, magazines, junk mail & telephone directories), glass (green, brown & clear), food tins and drink cans, textiles and shoes, aluminium foil & trays, car & house batteries, and engine oil (must be labelled in a sealed container).

A communal recycling service which is due to be fully operational by December 2002, will also serve residents in high rise buildings. *Paper, glass (green, brown and clear) and cans will be collected for recycling from centres based on estates.*

For more information call 020 8371 3670 surf www.ectrecycling.co.uk or email info@ectrecycling.co.uk.

▪ **Summers Lane Civic Amenity and Recycling Centre**

The new Summers Lane Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre will allow you to dispose of or recycle a greater range of your household waste. The facility - run by ECT Recycling on behalf of Barnet Council - will take *batteries, books, brown glass, bicycles, cans, card, clear glass, electrical items, fluorescent tubes, foil, fridges, furniture, gas bottles, general waste, glass (green, brown & clear), green waste, used engine oil, paint, paper, plastic bottles, scrap metal, shoes, textiles, toner cartridges, tyres, wood, yellow pages.*

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

For more information call 020 8362 0752

Are you a local business? Minimising your waste will save you money! Find out more in Barnet Council's FREE 'Green Guide for Business'. Call 020 8359 7435 for a copy.