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"WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT, BEING THE SAME WOULD BE BORING."

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"THE PEOPLE ARE VERY FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING."

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Help us celebrate Barnet.

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guide inside

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SUMMER 2019

TWO NEW LEISURE CENTRES COMING SOON



Following an investment of £44.9 million by Barnet Council, including £2 million of funding from Sport England, New Barnet Leisure Centre & Library and Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre, both operated by Better, are due to open their doors this summer.

With a variety of facilities and activities on offer at both centres, as well as introductory membership prices, now is the time to join.

Find out more at better.org.uk/barnet

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Leader's column

I am delighted to be writing my inaugural column for Barnet First. It was a huge honour to be appointed Leader of Barnet Council and I'm looking forward to doing all I can to make Barnet an even better place to live.

I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, Councillor Richard Cornelius, who for the last eight years, served as Leader with dedication and distinction. Richard leaves the borough in good shape, despite the council having far less money to spend over recent years.

One thing that will not change is our focus on value for money. I believe there is no such thing as the council's money; we spend taxpayers' money and need to ensure every pound is spent wisely and fairly.

As the new Leader, there are two main areas that I will be focussing on: building a Barnet fit for the future and delivering first class customer service to our residents. In the coming months, and as you will read in this edition (page 10), we will be opening two new leisure centres. We have also recently opened a multimillion pound YouthZone for young people (page 12).

This is in addition to new schools, community centres and public spaces built in recent years, all funded by housing development. To build a Barnet fit for the future, we need development to work for both current and future residents. That is why, in addition to houses and flats, we need new transport facilities, commercial areas, investment in our parks, support for our high streets and job creation.

We will help deliver a variety of housing options - good quality affordable housing, alongside a private rental sector that has high standards and treats tenants fairly. We must also provide opportunities for young people who dream of owning their own home.

In Barnet, we will keep things simple and play to our strengths. Building new homes is certainly one of our strengths, as is education, adult social services and green spaces.

My second area of focus is customer service for you, our residents. I fully appreciate this is a source of great frustration for residents when you're trying to do the right thing and tell the council about a problem.

When you report a problem, whether it's potholes or fly-tipping, we need to respond quickly and keep you informed of progress. Our reporting systems have improved over the years but there is more to be done. Rest assured this is a priority.

I am pleased to say that Children's Services have made significant improvements in just under two years (page 19). The recent Ofsted Inspection shows Children's Services is now rated as 'Good' and delivering better outcomes for some of the borough's most vulnerable children and young people. This is a tremendous achievement by all those who were involved.

On a final note, it has been great to celebrate the fantastic groups and individuals who make Barnet such a great place to live through our *Together we are Barnet* campaign. See how you can get involved (page 7).

I look forward to catching up with you further in the next edition. Enjoy the summer.



Councillor Dan Thomas,
Leader of Barnet Council



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Council moves to Colindale

Barnet Council, along with our partners, including Re, The Barnet Group, and Cambridge Education, are moving to a new office in Colindale. Having been based at Barnet House in Whetstone and North London Business Park in New Southgate in recent years, the move brings most council services together under one roof.

The move to the purpose-built HQ will also place our services in a location that is easier for most of our residents to access and save on average £1million a year in accommodation costs. Based in the heart of one of London's key growth areas, the move will bring further improvements and opportunities to the area.

We are pleased to announce that we will also be opening a Costa Coffee in the autumn that will be available to residents seven days a week, and a landscaped square, with ambitions to provide a regular world food market for residents to enjoy.

The new office is located at: 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW.



The final services will move by September 2019 as Colindale becomes the new permanent home of Barnet Council.

Find out more at www.barnet.gov.uk/colindale_office



Crowdfunding for community projects

We are delighted to announce that we are extending our partnership with Spacehive to provide a crowdfunding platform for the borough. This initiative aims to give residents with project ideas the ability to attract funding from the community, council, businesses and foundations through one portal.

With the help of our residents we raised £350,000 for good causes during the two-year course of our original partnership, which began in 2017. This included more than 1,000 people getting involved and pledging money to support innovative community projects.

Successful initiatives have included the launch of a teenage market for Chipping Barnet and a Syrian Kitchen for North Finchley, staffed and managed by refugee women providing delicious food.

Through the Together Barnet fund, we're willing to put up to £5,000 into crowdfunding projects that support the priorities in our Corporate Plan, and can prove they have wider support from the community. Our first funding round will be held this autumn where we will assess all of the exciting new projects that have come on to the platform! There is also funding on offer from other companies and foundations.

To learn more, set up your own crowdfunding project, or support others, visit: www.spacehive.com/movement/togetherbarnet



EU Settlement Scheme

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.

We are offering support with the digital ID verification process as part of your application to the Home Office. Please note the Council cannot advise on eligibility or likelihood of success of your application.

For more details on the 'EU Exit: ID Document Check' app, visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/news/eu-settlement-scheme

If you need additional help with the app and you're eligible to apply for settled status, you can attend an appointment at Barnet Register Office at Hendon Town Hall.

During your appointment, you will need:

- Your current valid EU biometric passport or valid biometric residence card
- A mobile phone that can receive SMS text messages
- A valid email address.

The cost of the service is £14. Appointments will take place between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

To book an appointment, please phone 020 8359 2074.

Protect your child from measles



Free MMR vaccinations to protect children from measles, mumps and rubella are available on the NHS. We urge parents to seek advice from their doctors.

Vaccination is the only way to protect our communities from measles, mumps and rubella. All children should receive two doses of the MMR vaccine. The first dose is just after a child's first birthday, and then a second dose is given at three years four months.

Cllr Caroline Stock, Chair of Barnet's Health and Wellbeing Board, said: "It is important that all children receive their immunisations at the correct time, so they are protected at the earliest opportunity. To arrange a vaccination for your child, contact your local GP."

Adults who may not have received the MMR vaccine are equally encouraged to seek it as soon as possible.

Please contact your local GP to seek the MMR vaccine if you or your child needs it.

Diabetes awareness at Brent Cross

To mark Diabetes Week in June, our Public Health team held a diabetes awareness event at Brent Cross Shopping Centre, encouraging shoppers to assess their risk of getting type 2 diabetes.

The event provided shoppers with general health advice from nurses and diabetes specialists.

You may have noticed the event also appeared on BBC One's 'The One Show' on 12 June.

Over 200 shoppers were assessed and 85 people with high risk factors received a point-of-care-test to screen for pre-diabetes or type 2 diabetes. Of this, 28 people were referred on to their GPs with indicative tests of pre-diabetes or type 2 diabetes.

You can significantly reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes by reducing your weight (where appropriate), increasing the amount of physical activity that you do and improving your diet. Your local Healthier You service will support you to do just that, with a range of information and activities on weight loss, physical activity, cooking and nutrition that will all make a huge difference. You will be able to talk to other people using the service and may be offered access to telephone and online support from trained professionals too.

Find out more about diabetes services in Barnet and use the 'Know Your Risk' tool to see if you are at risk of diabetes. Visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/public-health/diabetes



New partnership to tackle environmental crime

We've launched a new partnership with Kingdom Services to clamp down on a range of environmental crimes including littering, dog fouling, spitting, fly-tipping and urinating in public.

Council officers will don body-worn cameras when approaching people to issue fines and record conversations.

The action is part of our Keep Barnet Clean campaign. Fines will be issued for:

- **Littering** – this includes everything from food packaging to cigarette butts and chewing gum, and can also include feeding birds: £100
- **Dog fouling:** £100
- **Spitting:** £100
- **Urinating:** £100
- **Flyposting** – where advertising material is displayed on buildings and street furniture without the consent of the owner: £80
- **Fly-tipping** – the illegal dumping of anything from a bin bag of rubbish to bulky items such as a mattress or white goods: £400 (you could also be prosecuted).

To report environmental crime where you find it, visit www.barnet.gov.uk/reportaproblem If you see fly-tipping taking place, make a note of the vehicle registration number and the date and time of the incident and report it to the council.

A new Leader for Barnet Council

Barnet Council names its first new Leader in eight years.



Councillor Dan Thomas, Leader of Barnet Council

Cllr Dan Thomas was officially appointed as the new Leader of Barnet Council at the meeting of Annual Council in May.

Cllr Thomas has taken over the leadership of the Council from Cllr Richard Cornelius. Cllr Thomas has been Deputy Leader since 2011, as well as Chairman of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee, and is a ward councillor for Finchley Church End.

Cllr David Longstaff was appointed as Deputy Leader to Cllr Thomas. Cllr Richard Cornelius will become Chair of the Assets, Regeneration and Growth Committee.

Two new lead member roles were introduced at Annual Council. Cllr Shimon Ryde is the Lead Member for Strategic Planning and Placemaking, while Cllr Roberto Weeden-Sanz will be the Lead Member for Policing and Community Safety.

Speaking in response to his appointment Cllr Thomas said: "I am both honoured and excited to be the new Leader of Barnet Council. This is a fantastic borough, and I will do my utmost in continuing to make it a better place for residents, businesses and visitors.

"I am looking forward to working with residents to ensure that Barnet continues to be a place that people love to live, and where local people benefit from the growth and opportunities that are being created.

"We have an exciting building programme that will make the borough better for everyone, including new leisure centres and community facilities opening this summer, and much needed housing that will provide future homeowners and renters with a quality place to live.

"I would like to wish Cllr Cornelius the very best, and look forward to building on the good work he has done for Barnet over the past eight years."



Councillor Caroline Stock, Mayor of Barnet

Cllr Caroline Stock was also officially sworn in as the 55th Mayor of Barnet for the next year. Cllr Stock appointed Cllr Lachhya Bahadur Gurung as her deputy.

The Worshipful the Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Caroline Stock, said: "I am truly honoured at becoming the 55th Mayor of Barnet. Barnet means a great deal to me having been born, educated and lived here my entire life.

I am extremely passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of residents in Barnet. Through my work as Mayor I will continue to do my utmost to encourage all ages to become more active, and really use the hundreds of acres of parks and open spaces that we are so privileged to have in the borough. I hope some of you will join me on different walks that I will be promoting over the coming year!"

Together, WE ARE BARNET



This summer, we're celebrating the rich mix of people who call Barnet home.

The borough has a proud history of people from diverse communities living happily side by side. *Together, we are Barnet* highlights some of our many groups, sports teams and local projects, as well as individuals, who contribute so much to our community.

Here are the stories of some of the groups that are uniting a wide range of people from across the borough.

GET INVOLVED!

If you live, work, study or volunteer in the borough then we want you to submit a selfie or photo of yourself and share a message about why you love living in Barnet's diverse community. Submissions could feature in our online gallery and you could become one of the 'faces of Barnet' included in our community artwork project! Visit www.engage.barnet.gov.uk/togetherbarnet to upload your photo and find out more about the campaign.

Or if you're part of a group that brings together people from across the community, then we also want to hear from you. Tell us about your group and events that you're hosting and you could feature in our campaign.

Together, WE ARE BARNET



Inass Ibrahim, Burnt Oak Women's Group

"When I first moved to Burnt Oak, I quickly realised how culturally diverse the place is. I was new and I wanted to meet people. My friends are eclectic – every race, religion, and background. I wanted a space to get together that welcomed all, so I decided to create one."

"The difference it's made has been huge. Now, I can walk down the street and people say 'good morning' to each other. We're trying to improve our community spirit. You should be able to knock on your neighbour's door and borrow a cup of sugar. That's the essence of British neighbourliness."

Visit: [Facebook @Burnt Oak Women's Group](#)



Andrew Cox, Middlesex Association for the Blind

"Sight loss is a great leveller. It affects people of all ages, ethnicities, religions and each face similar problems to those of someone from a completely different background. Becoming visually impaired can be socially isolating; you can lose your confidence. Our organisation helps people to remain independent in their own homes and to get out of the home and be part of the local community."

"We are very much a social hub. Our services connect people. For example, teaching IT skills has been liberating for our older clients, as they learn to use things like Skype and email to keep in touch with friends and family."

Visit: aftb.org.uk



Eliot Tang, Rising Stars

"I wanted to create a safe space for children to play freely outside of school hours. Too many children are stuck indoors after school, at weekends and during the holidays. Our Rising Stars programmes get children outdoors, doing sports and creative activities."

"The children we coach really represent the spread of cultural and ethnic backgrounds of people in the borough. As an adult, it's very refreshing to see just how innocent children are. They don't pay much attention to any differences, they just want to play and make new friends."

Visit: risingstarsactivities.com

Our
partners



Anthony Dawudo, Wheelio

“The idea for Wheelio came about three years ago [2016] when I was speaking to a lot of people in the area about what we could do to improve wellbeing. Families I spoke to said they wanted a safe place for their children to learn how to cycle. It just evolved from there.

“We most definitely have people of all backgrounds, of all nations, of all ages regularly taking part. Our youngest is three. We taught a Chinese lady in her 70s to ride. The club has become a hub, bringing everyone together. Families have taken ownership of the park, transforming its character.”

Visit: thoch.org.uk/wheelio.html



Mary Pearce, Grahame Park Independent Living Group

“We meet every Monday morning at 9.30am at the Grahame Park Community Centre. We welcome men and women over the age of 50; our ages currently range from 53 to 90. People come here to get out and about, to have fun and a laugh, and above all to make new friends.

“You won’t find a more multicultural group than ours. Among our regulars, there are 23 countries of origin represented. We’re a friendly bunch and people have been coming here for years and years. Many go back to visit their home countries and when they return to Barnet they always come back to us.”



Holly Park Choir

Together, we are Barnet engagement event

To celebrate the campaign we held an engagement event at Brent Cross Shopping Centre on 4 July.

Holly Park Primary School Choir attended and sang a variety of songs for shoppers. We also had a photo booth available for shoppers to take their photos and become part of our ‘many faces of Barnet’ community artwork project.

We also asked shoppers to share messages about what it is they most like about living in Barnet’s diverse community.

#TogetherBarnet



Help us celebrate Barnet.

Tell us your story and share your photos: engage.barnet.gov.uk/togetherbarnet

New leisure centres to open this summer

£47million investment will provide 21st Century facilities designed for all to play sports and keep fit.

As part of a £45million council investment, and an award of £2million National Lottery funding from Sport England, Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre has been redeveloped.

A new leisure centre has also been built in Victoria Recreation Ground, New Barnet, replacing the existing Church Farm Leisure Centre.

The New Barnet Leisure Centre will include a partnership library, relocated from the current East Barnet Library.

Cllr Sachin Rajput, Chairman of Adults and Safeguarding Committee and Lead Member for Sport and Physical Activity, said:

“This is an extremely exciting project. We are fortunate to have been able to invest so much in the creation of these top-notch facilities for our borough. It is something we should all be proud of. I can’t wait to see them open their doors.”

Both the existing Barnet Copthall Leisure Centre and Church Farm Leisure Centres will remain open until the new centres open in late summer.



New Barnet
Leisure Centre
and Library
OPENING DATE:
September 2019

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Leisure Centre
OPENING DATE:
September 2019



Facilities at Barnet Cophall Leisure Centre

- Health and fitness suite, including cardio and resistance equipment, a functional area for stretching, body weight and free weight training
- Two studios
- Competition pool – 25m, eight lanes
- Community pool – 25m, six lanes
- Learner pool
- Sports hall – five courts
- Three health improvement rooms
- Better Coffee Corner (café)
- Seniors lounge / viewing gallery
- Spectator seating

Activities at Barnet Cophall Leisure Centre

- Fitness classes
- Specialist health programmes
- Swimming lessons
- Badminton
- Gymnastics
- Football
- Netball
- Basketball
- Tots Water World
- Holiday activities
- Birthday parties



If you would like further information about the new centre or how to take advantage of the pre-sales membership offer please email us at cophall@gll.org

Facilities at New Barnet Leisure Centre

- Health and fitness suite, including cardio and resistance equipment, a functional area for stretching, body weight and free weight training
- Two studios
- Two health improvement rooms
- Multi-use games area
- Community swimming pool – 25m, six lanes
- Learner pool
- Two floodlit tennis courts
- Partnership library
- Better Coffee Corner (café)
- Spectator seating



Activities at New Barnet Leisure Centre

- Fitness classes
- Specialist health programmes
- Swimming lessons
- Tennis lessons
- Tots Water World
- Holiday activities
- Birthday parties

If you would like further information about the new centre or how to take advantage of the pre-sales membership offer please email us at new-barnet@gll.org

You can find out more about both centres at www.gll.org

Have you got your FAB Card yet?



To support and encourage Barnet residents to live a more active and healthier lifestyle, every resident is entitled to a **FREE FAB Card**. Additional benefits are available to registered carers, foster carers, children in care and care leavers. The FAB Card gives residents access to a range of benefits including:

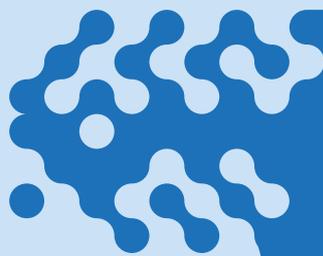
- Access to all Barnet leisure centres, including New Barnet and Barnet Cophall
- Up to 50% discounts off activity prices
- FREE swimming for children aged under 8*
- Young people aged 8–15 swim for ONLY £1.00*
- FREE swimming for looked-after children, care leavers, registered carers and foster carers
- Access to a wide range of activities and courses
- FREE e-activity guest passes
- Online booking and payment for activities
- Use of kiosks to allow fast-track entry
- Up to 14 days' advance telephone or online booking
- Discounted access to community-based activities such as Barnet Health Walks and more.

* Monday to Saturday only. Full terms and conditions are available at point of sign up.

Applying for your FAB Card

For full details, terms and conditions or to sign up, please visit better.org.uk/fab-hub

Once registered, visit your chosen Better leisure centre to redeem your FAB Card. Alternatively visit your nearest Better centre and a member of the team can help sign you up.



UNITAS YOUTH ZONE OPENS WITH BARNET'S GREATEST SHOW

Over 1,000 people celebrated as Barnet's OnSide Youth Zone, Unitas, officially opened its doors to young people in June.

The grand opening for the centre, which had a 'Greatest Showman' theme, offered everyone in the Barnet community the opportunity to see what is on offer.

As with all OnSide Youth Zones, the £6.5million facility has an incredible range of facilities including a four-court Sports Hall, gym, 3G all-weather pitch, music room with recording suite, training kitchen, dance studio, health and well-being room, arts and crafts area and much more.

Young people have already been showing their eagerness to get inside with over 800 signing up as members before Unitas even opened its doors!

As well as providing the land for the building, Barnet Council has contributed £4.2million towards the construction costs. The remainder has come from contributions from the Bernard Sunley Foundation, the Charles Wolfson Charitable Trust, the Linbury Trust, The Benson Black Charitable Trust, the Gerald and Gail Ronson Family Foundation, The Rubin Foundation and the Seroussi Foundation via Vistra Jersey and the UBS Optimus Foundation.



"Unitas will help bring the community together. I love how everyone is so welcoming. Having a place like this could really change a lot!"

Viany, 17
from Colindale



The annual £1.4million running costs will be funded by a range of trusts, grants, private sector and philanthropic contributions.

Cllr David Longstaff, Chairman of Barnet Council's Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee, said: "It is fantastic to see Barnet's new Youth Zone officially open after all the years of hard work which have gone into making it a reality.

"Unitas is only the second Youth Zone to open in London and we are so incredibly proud that we have been able to support and invest in this ambitious project.

"A big thank you must go to the group of very committed young people who have been involved throughout, and used their enthusiasm, ideas and creativity to really shape Unitas and make it their own.

"Our young people are very important to us and the amazing array of facilities and activities available under one roof here is absolutely first class. I have no doubt Unitas will prove enormously popular with our young people for many years to come."



Burnt Oak Funk!

The first full day at Unitas saw pupils from St Mary’s & St John’s CE School in Hendon and Cophall School enjoy very special music lessons as superstar producer and DJ Mark Ronson paid a visit.

Mark, who has worked with everyone from Barnet icon Amy Winehouse to Adele, Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars, helped St Mary’s to record a version of Adele’s ‘Rolling in the Deep’, while Cophall chose every parent’s favourite singalong ‘Baby Shark’!



Volunteers still needed

Unitas already has a committed corps of volunteers across a wide range of projects to ensure we deliver a world-class service to Barnet’s young people, but more are always welcomed and needed.

Volunteering at Unitas Youth Zone is a way to support your local community, enhance your skills and have a lot of fun along the way. It will also enable you to be at the heart of a world-class project that will improve the options and opportunities for Barnet’s young people.

We have a range of volunteering opportunities available from Monday through to Sunday but we are ideally looking for availability on Tuesday and Thursday evening as well as weekends.

We ask from volunteers a minimum of six months’ commitment which can be one day or evening, a week. Volunteers also need to complete an application form and do online safeguarding training as well as undergo a DBS check.

For more information about volunteering at Unitas and how to apply please visit our website: www.unitasyouthzone.org

Follow the Youth Zone at:

-  @unitasYZ
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-  unitasyouthzone
-  unitasyouthzone



SIGN UP NOW

With the summer holidays upon us, now is a fantastic time to sign up for Unitas membership. Membership is open to 8-19 year olds, and for those up to 25 with disabilities. A year-long membership costs just £5 and gives access to a huge range of facilities and activities for just 50p per session

To apply, visit www.unitasyouthzone.org.uk

Pioneering driving scheme launched for young people in care

Young people in care are being supported to learn to drive thanks to a new initiative.

The initiative, called 'Driving Ahead', is the latest programme created by the Live Unlimited charity, launched last year to provide support, encouragement and inspiration to Barnet's looked after children and care leavers.

The trial scheme, which is funded by Live Unlimited and delivered by AA Driving School driving instructors, will see 12 young people receive 30 hours of free driving lessons and take a driving test. This experience would otherwise have been unobtainable to them due to the high cost of driving lessons.

Live Unlimited is passionate about helping Barnet's looked after children and care leavers fulfil their potential and meet their aspirations. Their vision is that every child who spends time in Barnet's care should have an equal chance to lead a happy and fulfilling life as a child living with their birth family.

Care leaver Emma Harris, 18, (pictured right) who was selected as one of the first learner drivers to take part in the scheme, said:

"I want to be able to drive to run my own mobile hairdressing business in the future. Being able to drive would change my life for the better, give me more freedom and the power to develop my own business which is my dream for the future!"



For further information visit: liveunlimited.org.uk

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 Live Unlimited Barnet

Congratulations to our 2019 Civic Awards winners

Our 2019 Civic Awards winners were recognised for their outstanding efforts to make our borough a better place to live.

They include Stamp Out Stigma, the incredible mental health team at Hendon School – who won the Young Citizens Civic Award.

The team's achievements include securing £10,000 to train Mental Health First Aiders for every school in Barnet, and collectively completing more than 3,000 hours of volunteering in a year.



The winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award were:

- Peter Cragg
- Olive Dawes
- John Barry Russell.

Their community work has included serving the needs of Victim Support, Age Concern Barnet, Homeless Action in North Finchley, Street Pastors, Rail Pastors and the Finchley Sea Cadets.

The winners of the Outstanding Service to the Community Civic Award were:

- Rosa Croci
- Rev Peter Liddlelow
- Jocelyn McAuliffe
- Rev Helen Shannon
- The Clitterhouse Farm Project
- Maxine Webber.

Their achievements include years of volunteering at the Royal Free Hospital, Barnet Hospital and Colindale Police Station; 50 years of preaching at Christ Church, Whetstone; volunteering for East Barnet Library and South Friern Library; running a foodbank; 50 years of volunteering; and creating a volunteer-run café with plans for three affordable workshops for creative professionals.

To find out more, visit: barnet.gov.uk/civic-awards

Barnet launches new

Healthy Heritage Walks

Barnet Council and the Wellbeing Champion, Cllr Caroline Stock, with support from the Ramblers and the British Guild of Tourist Guides, are proud to launch six new walks with accompanying audio, over the next year. These audio-guided walks include some of the most interesting points of heritage in Barnet, while promoting physical activity.

The Walks

All six walks will be around five to ten kilometres (km) or three to six miles (m), approximately 5,000-10,000 steps. In this issue you can find our first two walks.

Hendon to Mill Hill Walk

A gentle stroll through the heart of Barnet; experience a mix of unique urban heritage and leafy green spaces. This walk is mostly paved, with some park walking which could become muddy during wet weather. This is not a circular walk.

Totteridge Walk

A beautiful countryside walk through Totteridge Common, a stone's throw away from the hustle and bustle of suburban London. Most of this walk is on unpaved ground which is at times uneven, through Totteridge Common woodland and fields. This is a circular walk. This route is unsuitable for people with buggies or wheelchair users.

Please find these two maps overleaf. Accompanying written guides and audio descriptions are available from www.barnet.gov.uk/heritagewalks

Healthy Heritage Walks

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK!

This is a trial initiative, so we welcome your feedback on any points related to the Barnet Healthy Heritage Walks.

Please contact us on: publichealth@barnet.gov.uk

Come and join us!

The Ramblers will be walking the Hendon to Mill Hill walk joined by the Worshipful The Mayor of Barnet, Cllr Caroline Stock on **Saturday 27 July**.

To find out more, visit our website and keep an eye out on Barnet Council social media accounts.



The Benefits of Walking

Walking is simple, free, and one of the easiest ways to get more active, lose weight and become healthier.

A brisk 10-minute daily walk has lots of health benefits and counts towards your recommended 150 minutes of weekly exercise. Regular walking is proven to reduce your risk of some chronic illnesses, including heart disease, stroke, asthma, type 2 diabetes, obesity and some types of cancer.

It can also improve your mood and reduce your risk of depression. For older people, walking more often is great for increasing general mobility and muscle strength in your lower body which reduces risk of having a fall.



Things to consider before you start your walk

- **Plan your route** - work out how you will travel to and from the start and end points of the walks
- **Wear appropriate footwear** - wear walking shoes or trainers that are comfortable, provide adequate support and don't cause blisters
- **Be comfortable** - wear clothing that you can freely move in and dress accordingly for the weather. If it's sunny remember sunscreen!
- **Stay hydrated** - bring water to drink, especially on hot days, and some healthy snacks
- **Make it a family day out** - learn about Barnet's unique heritage together.

While on your walk, remember

- Be aware of your surroundings and watch your footing
- If you are listening to the audio at the highlighted points, we advise you to keep one ear uncovered while listening and remove headphones while crossing roads
- As you enjoy the sights and sounds on your way through the green spaces of the walks, you may like to learn about some of the flora and fauna you encounter. Visit our Healthy Heritage Walks page which has links to help you identify trees, flowers, insects, birds and other animals
- Why not take some photos on your walk? You can use **#BarnetHealthyHeritageWalks** when sharing your walks!

Healthy Heritage Walks

Totteridge walk

Heritage Points

- 1 The Orange Tree Public House
Laurel Farm Pond
- 2 Partingdale Lane
Seafield House
Electricity substation
- 3 Burton Hole Farm
Finchley Nurseries
- 4 Saint Andrew's Church
Totteridge War Memorial

APPROX. DISTANCE:
7km / 4.35 miles

APPROX. STEPS:
9,800 steps

APPROX. TIME:
2 hours

OPTIONAL CIRCUIT
around Darlands Lake



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WALKS IN OUR
NEXT ISSUE

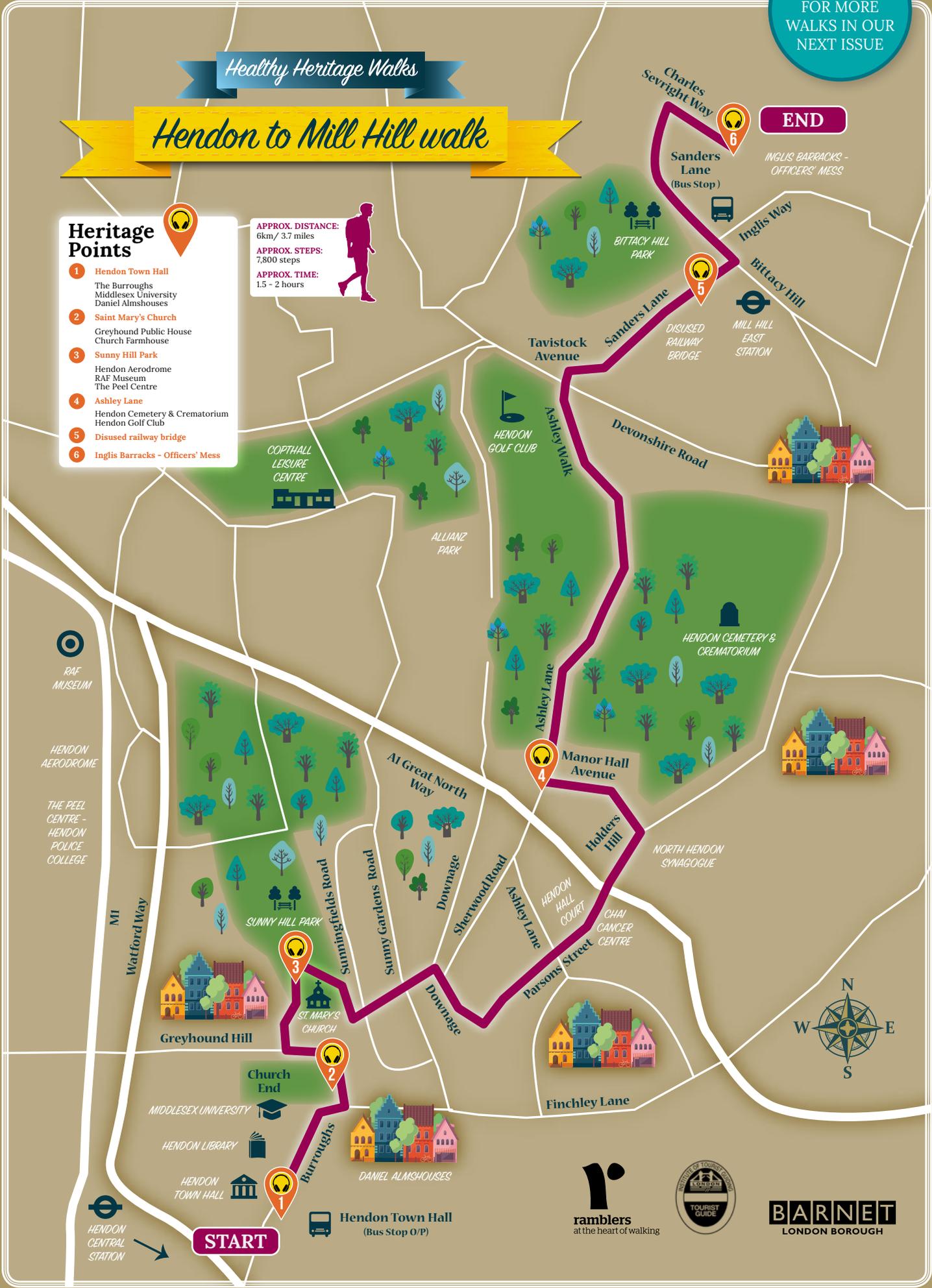
Healthy Heritage Walks

Hendon to Mill Hill walk

Heritage Points

- 1 **Hendon Town Hall**
The Burroughs
Middlesex University
Daniel Almshouses
- 2 **Saint Mary's Church**
Greyhound Public House
Church Farmhouse
- 3 **Sunny Hill Park**
Hendon Aerodrome
RAF Museum
The Peel Centre
- 4 **Ashley Lane**
Hendon Cemetery & Crematorium
Hendon Golf Club
- 5 **Disused railway bridge**
- 6 **Inglis Barracks - Officers' Mess**

APPROX. DISTANCE:
6km / 3.7 miles
APPROX. STEPS:
7,800 steps
APPROX. TIME:
1.5 - 2 hours



CUT OUT AND KEEP

START

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HENDON AERODROME
THE PEEL CENTRE - HENDON POLICE COLLEGE



HENDON CENTRAL STATION

Hendon Town Hall (Bus Stop O/P)



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SUMMER OF SPITFIRE

1 JULY – 15 SEPTEMBER 2019

A SEASON OF ACTIVITIES CENTRED AROUND
THE MOST ICONIC AIRCRAFT EVER BUILT

INCLUDING

THE SPITFIRE ACADEMY ADVENTURE CHALLENGE * SPITFIRE FAMILY RUN
BATTLE OF BRITAIN NIGHT * SPITFIRE SELFIE STATION
NIGHT FLIGHT SLEEPOVER FOR GROWNUPS
BATTLE OF BRITAIN DAY * SPITFIRE COOKIE DECORATING
PEACE TEA PARTY * BATTLE OF BRITAIN AIRCRAFT TOUR

DISCOVER THE STORY OF OUR FOUR SPITFIRES AND THE SERVICEMEN
AND WOMEN WHO WORKED WITH THESE WONDROUS AIRCRAFT

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Good news for Children's Services

A new report following Ofsted inspection has found that our Children's Services have gone from 'inadequate' to 'good' in under two years.

The report says the council is now delivering better outcomes for some of the borough's most vulnerable and young people, and demonstrates the significant progress that has been made in a short space of time.

The inspection of our Children's Services was carried out by Ofsted in May 2019, our first inspection since 2017. The report states that 'Leaders and managers have made purposeful progress, at pace, to establish a child-focused service that is delivering good outcomes'.

It also found that children in care now receive a good service from workers who know them well. Carers also provide stable homes and are supportive and ambitious for the children in their care.

In terms of leadership and governance, there is now strong and effective leadership at a political level and throughout the council. This has prioritised support and care for children and young people and led to significant and tangible improvements in the quality of social work practice, and the services that children and young people experience.

The Ofsted report concluded that services for children in Barnet are good, and much improved from the services that were inspected in 2017.

Cllr David Longstaff, Chairman of the Children, Education and Safeguarding Committee, said: "It is vital that our most vulnerable children and young people are supported by good quality services that will deliver better outcomes for them.

"The inspection result represents the huge amount of work that has gone into driving improvements for children and young people across the board over the last two years.

"The key thing now is to continue the hard work and build on this positive momentum. We have worked together across the council and with our partners to deliver these changes. I have every confidence that we will continue to go from strength to strength."

You can read the full report at reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/302



Supercharging green energy in our clean air drive

We are redoubling our efforts to make Barnet cleaner and greener in an ambitious programme to improve air quality.

110 new e-vehicle charging points

We've installed 40 charging points for electric vehicles, and we're installing another 40 this autumn. A further 30 stand-alone electric vehicle charging points will be added to car parks in the borough throughout the year.

Residents can charge their vehicles for as little as 25p per hour at the facilities. A full charge – taking around eight hours – will power most electric cars to travel more than 100 miles. The cost of covering that distance in a petrol- or diesel-powered vehicle would be considerably higher.

The borough's electric vehicle charging points have been plotted onto a map at: barnet.gov.uk/electriccharging

4,500 trees for our borough

We're planting 4,500 trees over five years to boost air quality, reduce the risk of flooding, provide protection from the sun, replace ageing trees and improve parks.

The scheme – thought to be the largest of its kind in London – will add to the 30,000 street trees and 164 hectares of woodland that we currently manage.

The new trees will help reduce air pollution caused by vehicles in areas near major roads like the A1, A41 and A406, such as Golders Green and Childs Hill. Hundreds more will be planted in the borough's parks, near schools and at the side of roads every year.

98 schools with STARS for sustainability

Headteachers must show they encourage parents and children to use Sustainable Travel to and from their school that is Active, Responsible and Safe (STARS) to achieve the rating. Nearly 100 of our schools have achieved the STARS rating – more than any other London borough.

Monitoring air quality

We are working to identify GP practices with high levels of childhood asthma, as well as mapping hospitals admissions for asthma and lung disorders. This will be measured against pollution levels across the borough to help us further improve Barnet's air quality.

Looking forward

Air pollution can reduce the length and quality of residents' lives. To lessen its impact, try walking to school and work, visiting our parks and green spaces, and turning car engines off when stationary.

Download the app at www.airtext.info to receive email, text or voicemail alerts when air quality is poor. This will help people with asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease reduce their exposure to pollution by limiting their outdoor activities to green spaces when air quality is poor.



What's on this Summer

You will be spoilt for choice this summer with a variety of activities and events for all ages taking place across the borough!

Activities for young people

0-19 Early Help Positive Activities summer programme

From our classic favourites of horse day experiences, fun on the water, business battle, real tennis and app design, to our new editions musical mayhem, slam poetry to mother-toddler movement group and art and science. We offer over 70 courses for young people from the age of 2 up to 19, and up to 25 with disabilities and/or autism.

Dates: Wednesday 24 July to Friday 23 August 2019

Location: Number of venues across Barnet

Cost: £5-45, depending on activity

To sign up visit: www.barnetyouth.uk
or call 0208 359 5281 / email: byes@barnet.gov.uk



Leisure activities

FREE
EVENT

Barnet Health Walks

Enjoy a stroll around some of our beautiful parks and open spaces by taking part in one (or more) of the weekly organised health walks. Barnet Health Walks offer a fun and enjoyable walk for all abilities. Suitable for adults aged 18 and over.

For more information on Health Walks visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/health-walks

Barnet parkruns

Free weekly 5k runs! Walk, run or jog, it's you against the clock! Every Saturday at 9am at Oak Hill and Sunny Hill Parks. Friary Park junior parkrun takes place on Sunday at 9am and is suitable for 4-14 year olds. Advanced registration required.

For more information on Health Walks and parkrun, visit: www.barnet.gov.uk/parkrun

What's on this Summer

Events in parks

Theatre in the Park

Oak Hill Park, EN4 8JS

Open air theatre, bring a chair or a rug!

A Midsummer Night's Dream

11 August, 3pm

www.immersiontheatre.co.uk

Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, Illyria

15 September, 3pm

www.illyria.co.uk

Tickets are available in advance from the weblinks listed above or available on the gate from 3pm, parking available in the car park.

£12 (concessions £10, 6-16 years £6)

For more information visit:

www.barnetarts.org.uk

or call: 07071 781745



Events at RAF Museum

FREE EVENT

Colindale, NW9 5LL

Yoga by the Sunderland

24 July

7.30pm-8.30pm

During this special event, you will be able to see parts of the museum privately and enjoy a FREE session of Yoga with Yogi Rakhee next to our Sunderland Flying Boat.

Doors will open at 6.30pm to allow time to view some of our aircraft.

This event is open to everyone but admission is by advanced ticket only.

Reserve your free place now at:

www.rafmuseum.org.uk/whatson



Family Festival of Flight

FREE EVENT

3 and 4 August 10am - 5pm

Kick start your summer holidays with a weekend of family fun consisting of a mixture of drop in and timed activities scattered throughout our fantastic London site. Pick up our trail, explore the museum, be amazed by our science show, make a Spitfire Streamer and get competitive with our paper plane challenge.

No need to pre-register, just drop in on the day.

Peace Tea Party

FREE EVENT

10-11 August

11am - 2pm

100 years ago, in August 1919, they celebrated peace after the First World War in the streets with big parties! They did so again in the summer of 1945 at the end of the Second World War.

Join us at our giant tea party with the whole family, make sure you're in fancy dress and ready to play games, listen to stories and music. It's free to join, but why not purchase a picnic to munch on?

There will be lots of activities taking place including storytelling, face painting, music, games, make and take, messy play and of course a chance to have a picnic on our airfield.

This event is open to everyone but admission is by advanced ticket only.

Reserve your free place now at:

www.rafmuseum.org.uk/whatson



FREE
EVENT

Events in libraries

FREE
EVENT

The Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Saturday 13 July to Saturday 14 September.

The theme this year is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing. Children taking part in the Challenge will join super space family - the Rockets - for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

Barnet libraries are delivering a huge range of free and low-cost events suitable for children aged 3+.

Join free at any Barnet Library or online at www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present
SPACE CHASE
Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Have you seen this crew?

Join FREE at your local library!

Saturday 13 July - Saturday 14 September
www.barnet.gov.uk/spacechase

Calling all 4-11 year olds! Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge online or at your local library.

Read at least six library books of your choice over the summer holidays and collect stickers and rewards. You could even help your school to win a special prize!

There's a galaxy of exciting events and activities for children and families throughout the summer holidays and beyond during our 2019 Year of Learning.

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Barnet Libraries
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20 YEARS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE THE READING AGENCY

Events at Stephens House and Gardens

Finchley, N3 3QE

The Wind in the Willows

Friday 2 to Sunday 4 August, 11.30am and 2.30pm daily.

Join Mole, Ratty and Badger on their mad-cap adventures in this heart-warming tale of friendship, mishap and mayhem in Quantum Theatre's new adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's family favourite.

Tickets: £11.50. Four tickets for £39.

Outdoor theatre, staged in the Bothy Gardens.

Recommended age: 3+

www.stephenshouseandgardens.com/events/the-wind-in-the-willows

Capturing nature in pastel art workshop

Sunday 22 September, 10.30am - 3.30pm.

In this chalk pastel workshop, we will explore a variety of skills and techniques which include layering and blocking in, expressive use of colour, experimental papers and acrylic grounds, and use of a variety of tools.

Suitable for adults age 17+, all levels.

Tickets: £35, materials not included (list available with booking)

For booking and info: email: artcurator@stephenshouseandgardens.com

Events at artsdepot

North Finchley, N12 0GA

artsdepot open

Thursday 18 July to Friday 30 August, gallery open 10am - 4pm.

artsdepot open is a vibrant exhibition of work by amateur and professional artists, with many works available to purchase. Free entry - no need to book.

The Scarecrow's Wedding

Friday 20 to Sunday 22 September

The team behind Stick Man present the best wedding ever, the best wedding yet, the wedding that no one will ever forget!

Tickets from £9 Ages 3+

More information visit: www.artsdepot.co.uk

FREE
EVENT

Building a Barnet fit for the future



The borough will continue to be a great place to live, work, and visit. We will ensure development opportunities benefit our residents, enabling people to live happy and healthy lives.

We want your views on our new Growth Strategy, which sets out a programme of growth, regeneration and development activities to 2030.

We are responding to current trends, including recognition that our population is growing and aging, that there are many changes to how we live and work, and how we use our high streets.

We recognise more people are working flexibly, and are choosing to live in town centres with easier access to transport, shops, services, and leisure facilities.

We want to see growth offer greater local opportunities, help to create better places, and encourage more active and healthier lifestyles. We acknowledge we must build more homes than any other outer London borough, and want to make sure this is done appropriately. We have therefore developed an area-based approach that splits the borough into west, centre and east.

To begin a conversation to understand the priorities of local communities for these areas, we have set out some headline recommendations that we welcome your feedback on. Below you can read about the five key themes of the Growth Strategy and their objectives.

A growing borough

Barnet has the largest population of any London borough, and current projections anticipate a significant rise by 2030.

To accommodate our growing population, we will need to increase the supply of housing, delivering more homes that people can afford, housing that works for our older population, and also taking an active role to enable delivery of homes on public sector land.

Ansell Court, our fantastic new Extra Care scheme, supports tenants with the very best in independent living.



A connected borough

Over half of journeys in Barnet are currently made by foot, bicycle and public transport; to keep Barnet moving we will continue to support a reduction in the dominance of the car. We will encourage provision of new and enhanced public transport connections, deliver a healthier approach to street design, and foster a cleaner, greener and more pleasant borough. We will ensure state-of-the-art digital infrastructure, such as 5G networks, are rolled out as a priority.

The new Brent Cross West Thameslink station will link the Brent Cross Cricklewood growth area to King's Cross St Pancras in under 15 minutes.



An entrepreneurial borough

Barnet has the most businesses of any Outer London borough. To support them to thrive, we will ensure the council delivers its services in a way that supports businesses, we will identify and encourage growing borough sectors across the borough, create jobs and skills development opportunities for local people, and promote local supply chains.

The relocation of nearly 2,000 Barnet Council staff to a new office in Colindale will bring further business opportunities to one of our key growth areas.



indicative image courtesy of U+I Plc

A borough of thriving town centres

Barnet has the most town centres of any London borough. To accommodate changes in shopping habits and the wider economy, we will support the strengthened identity and diversification of town centres. We will also focus on joined-up service delivery to encourage healthier high streets, delivery of new high-quality workspaces, and build on existing local strengths to create a thriving evening economy.

In North Finchley, we are securing a key partner for change locally. We have also been active in bidding for Future High Streets funding to help deliver improvements.

A great borough to live in and visit

Barnet benefits from numerous parks and open spaces, high-quality schools, community facilities, and a diverse arts and culture offer. We will ensure growth supports and enhances the current offer, and enables us to get the best out of the borough’s green assets. We will also encourage growth in our visitor economy, including engaging more closely with creative and arts sectors, and supporting new local leisure and cultural destinations.

Two new top-of-the-range leisure centres will open this summer in New Barnet and Barnet Copthall, which have been funded by development across the borough.



Have your say on our Growth Strategy

We want your input to help us develop the Growth Strategy, so we are consulting on it between 3 July 2019 and 15 September 2019.

To read more, fill in our survey and get in touch with the team, go to engage.barnet.gov.uk

You can also ask questions and meet us at one of our events:

Tuesday 3 September (Drop-in session) 3.00pm – 8.00pm London Borough of Barnet, Colindale Office, 2 Bristol Avenue, London NW9 4EW

Wednesday 4 September (Drop-in session) 3.00pm – 8.00pm Arts Depot, 5 Nether Street, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley, London, N12 0GA

Thursday 5 September (Drop-in session) 3.00pm – 7.00pm Chipping Barnet Library, 3 Stapylton Road, Barnet, EN5 4QT



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Supporting local business: | When I Grow Up

Joanne Merchant won the 2019 Entrepreneurial Barnet competition with her business When I Grow Up, which will provide an appealing play, support and community space for families with young children. Our Entrepreneurial Barnet competition, launched to boost the borough's business talent, is now in its sixth year, and attracted record levels of interest.

Why did you decide to start this business?

The idea was inspired by being a mum of two boys. Shortly after giving birth to my second son, with an energetic toddler and new-born baby, I was finding it difficult to find family friendly places which appealed to the grown-ups as much as children. I then made it my goal to create a place on the high street to change the way families spend time together.

What has been your biggest challenge?

My biggest challenge has been juggling a start-up with the demands of being a mum and family life with small children.

Working for myself is all new to me so adapting to a new way of working has been challenging as it's not so easy to switch-off when your home is your office. Saying that, being able to make my own decisions (in between demands for snacks and nappy changes) has been very refreshing.

What has been your proudest moment?

My proudest moment so far has been winning the Entrepreneurial Barnet award. I've put in so much time and hard work into creating this dream so for it all to be recognised was amazing. The support for the idea throughout has been overwhelming and given me the energy to keep going when I've felt like giving up.

How has Barnet Council supported your business?

The Council has been supportive in granting the planning permission for change of use for the premises for When I Grow Up. The Entrepreneurial Barnet competition was supported by the Council which gave us the opportunity to go head-to-head in a Dragons' Den-style pitch which was fun and a great experience. Winning the competition was obviously a lovely surprise as well and the prize money meant that I'm able to keep going to pursue my vision.

What advice would you give to anyone starting out in business?

My advice to anyone starting a business is to just do it! If you have an idea you are passionate about with the right energy, hard work and self-belief it will get you a long way.

What is the future for When I Grow Up?

We want to transform the way families spend time together and aim to open our first family hub this year in High Barnet. We want to give our supporters the opportunity to be part of the When I Grow Up family so we are giving people the opportunity to purchase shares and be part of this exciting journey with us! Please go onto our website www.whenigrowupclub.co.uk to sign up to our mailing list and be the first to know when you can be part of our family!



Joanne Merchant



Sign up to their mailing list on www.whenigrowupclub.co.uk for more information about their pre-launch for crowdfunding, giving you the opportunity to be part of the When I Grow Up family by purchasing shares through Seedrs.

Community fOCUs

Larches Community



From a £50 start-up to a £5million hub for people with learning disabilities and autism in North London

Larches Community, based at Larches House, an old warehouse in the heart of Edgware, champions the abilities, strengths, gifts and talents of people with autism and learning disabilities. Started with just £50 in 1995, today Larches Community is the heart of a thriving community, supporting thousands of people over the past two decades.



Larches Community's ethos is the individual development of self-esteem, confidence and personal growth within an environment of unconditional acceptance. Only six per cent of people with learning disabilities and autism are in paid employment. People need innovative training and specialised support rather than being excluded and marginalised throughout their lives. Larches Community works to combat this and give people the opportunity to have a full and worthwhile life.

Big plans

The beneficiaries are both people with learning disabilities and on the autistic spectrum and the volunteers and community friends who help to challenge the low aspirations that society can have for people with learning disabilities.

Larches Community now has big plans to build on their success, offering even more to this vibrant community. They want to run more courses, develop a wider outreach and build a new a £5million hub for people with learning disabilities and autism.

The new hub will include:

- Theatre, drama studios, event/ community rooms and sports facilities
- Café where people learn food preparation, health and safety, cooking, shopping, hospitality, travel and independent living skills
- Craft studio including pottery and mosaic workshops, customised home accessories, cards and candles – working alongside local artists
- On-site brewery creating first-class beer, and organic, non-alcoholic beer and hosting community beer tasting events
- Development of the pilot 'Health, Wellbeing and Compassion' programme to include laughter wellness, carer groups, mindfulness, yoga, Tai Chi meditation, circles of compassion and circles of friendship
- Arts in Action: community holiday projects.



Larches Community is launching this new phase of development now, but needs public support through donations, expertise, experience and time. To get involved with the exciting and important work of Larches Community, email rumela.kundu@larchestrust.org.uk or call Rumela on 020 8905 6333.

Volunteering opportunities in Barnet

Get involved in your local community

Home-Visiting volunteer – Home-Start Barnet

Home-Start train volunteers to provide emotional and practical support to vulnerable expectant mothers, families with young children and young people under the age of 18 with poor mental health. By visiting a family in their own home and offering friendship, volunteers represent a lifeline for many families who are struggling to cope with such things as isolation, depression, disability and multiple births. We are looking for people who can commit up to three hours a week and complete our comprehensive free training.



Volunteer Early Years Activity Assistant - Barnet Libraries

This is a supporting role, providing additional help to library staff running events for under-fives on a pre-arranged regular basis. Tasks include setting up the room, signing people in, handing out musical instruments and promoting the library service. Volunteers are required to support staff-run activities that take place in staffed and self-service opening hours. Long-term volunteers may get the opportunity to be involved in the planning of activities, in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

Whetstone Allotments Community Plot - Allotment Garden Buddy

Whetstone Allotments Community Plot provides 12 adults with a learning disability the opportunity to create a community garden, welcoming anyone who would benefit from this, especially people who do not have access to outdoor space. We run sessions in partnership with Barnet Mencap for adults with learning disabilities who require on-site support to access the project. These sessions are supported by professional Barnet Mencap support workers and volunteer Garden Buddies, who work alongside Support Workers and a Garden Facilitator on the Community Plot to befriend adults with learning disabilities and support them in allotment tasks.

Charity Shop Assistant - Mill Hill - All Aboard Shops

All Aboard is the Jewish community's leading charity shop chain. We are looking for volunteers of all ages (minimum 14 years), to assist in our North West London shops. You will provide customer service, tag clothes, sort bric-a-brac and clothing, price items and help to dress shop displays. We provide you with documented and referenced work experience and full training. Help us to give back to your community in a happy and dedicated team environment.



Register and apply for roles at: www.volunteeringbarnet.org.uk

Use the simply connect 'Find a Role' widget in the volunteer section of the website to apply for any of the above or search for more roles in your area.

If you have any questions about these opportunities, or how to apply, email enquiry@volunteeringbarnet.org.uk or call: 0300 365 9960.





Your views are helping us improve our services and develop our plans. We are currently running the following consultations and we would like your feedback.

Barnet Playing Fields and King George V Playing Fields, and West Hendon Playing Fields and associated community facilities – Master Planning consultations

We want to hear your views on proposed improvements to our parks.

Last chance to have your say – consultations close on 28 July 2019

Barnet has a great collection of parks and open spaces and these are an important part of what makes Barnet a green and family friendly borough.

We previously asked for your thoughts on possible options for these two sites, and using this feedback we developed draft masterplans which were approved by our Environment Committee in March. Now we are undertaking full public consultation on both the draft masterplans.

Specifically, we are seeking your views on:

- the facilities proposed within the draft masterplans
- the layout and location of the proposed facilities within the draft masterplans
- any comments you may have on the overall draft masterplans.

For more information on our proposals, the remaining drop-in sessions where you can view our plans, and how to give your views please visit engage.barnet.gov.uk

Parking Penalty Charge Notices consultation

Last chance to have your say – consultation runs from 25 April to 31 July 2019

We would like your views on our proposals to increase parking Penalty Charge Notice tariffs.

Barnet roads are vital to support travel, including travelling by bus or cycle, and to support local businesses and employment. Penalty Charge Notices are used as a deterrent to reduce inconsiderate parking, encouraging road users to drive responsibly and improving accessibility for all road users, including Blue Badge holders.

They also help reduce traffic congestion on our roads which harms our environment through engine idling, noise and makes our borough a less pleasant place to be.

For more information on how to give us your views please visit engage.barnet.gov.uk



We asked, you said, we did

We are committed to using your feedback and ideas to help inform our decisions. We have recently published how we are acting on residents' feedback from the following consultations:

- Victoria Park, Finchley - Play Consultation
- Colindale Area Controlled Parking Zone (Statutory Consultation)
- Transport for London (TfL) Healthy Streets Funding

To find out more please visit engage.barnet.gov.uk

Growth Strategy consultation

We are currently consulting on our draft Growth Strategy, which sets out the council's role and our priorities for regeneration, development and business, employment and skills activity within the borough between 2019 and 2030.

For more information on how to give us your views please visit engage.barnet.gov.uk

You can read more on page 24.

Contact your councillors

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Finchley & Golders Green

Thursday 5 September 2019, 7pm Church End Library, 318-320 Gateway House, Regent's Park Road, N3 2LN

Hendon

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