

WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE !

Much local concern has been expressed about the flooding under the bridge in Cricklewood Lane. Pedestrians have understandably been upset at being soaked by spray from passing vehicles.

Ward Councillors and residents have been pressing Barnet Council Highways manager to find a remedy to the cause of the flooding. The problem is from water from the road gully located by the entrance to the B&Q Warehouse site. This gully connects to a drainage system within the site where maintenance is the responsibility of the management company. Blockages to this gully have prevented the water discharging to the sewer. When the system is full, it escapes onto the road and floods under the bridge.

Barnet Council now has an agreement by B&Q to investigate and clear the drainage system. They gave an instruction to Metro Rod who will pump out the system and then organise a CCTV camera survey so they can identify how the system operates and what remedial works are required.

Cllr Jack Cohen says, "We are glad that our officers have at last got to grips with this problem and we will be monitoring the site closely to see the system is adequately maintained."

NOISE PREVENTION SERVICE

Tory cut to the service means the out of hours service only operates Friday evening to Sunday night.
 To report noise problems phone 02083597997 in office hours and 02083592000 over the weekend.

HENDON LIBRARY KNIT & NATTER GROUP.

Hendon Library at The Burroughs is hosting Knit and Natter Groups for knitting chat and tea on Thursdays from 2 -4 in the Meeting Room on:
 Feb 18th, March 18th, April 15th, May 13th.
 Cllr Susette Palmer (as readers of her blog will know) is a keen knitter and thoroughly enjoyed the last 'Knit and Natter' afternoon. Do come.



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TORY COUNCILLORS ABOLISH WELFARE RIGHTS UNIT

Cllr Susette Palmer who sat on the Task Group reviewing Council advice services feels strongly that abolishing the Welfare Rights Unit of the Council in favour of a contract with voluntary organisations is a bad idea and far less likely to give residents easy access to help with welfare and related problems. "Nothing I have seen or heard during this Task Group's investigation has made me feel happier about the decision to close the 'in house' welfare rights unit who I have always found extremely helpful," she said.

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