

newsletter

Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association

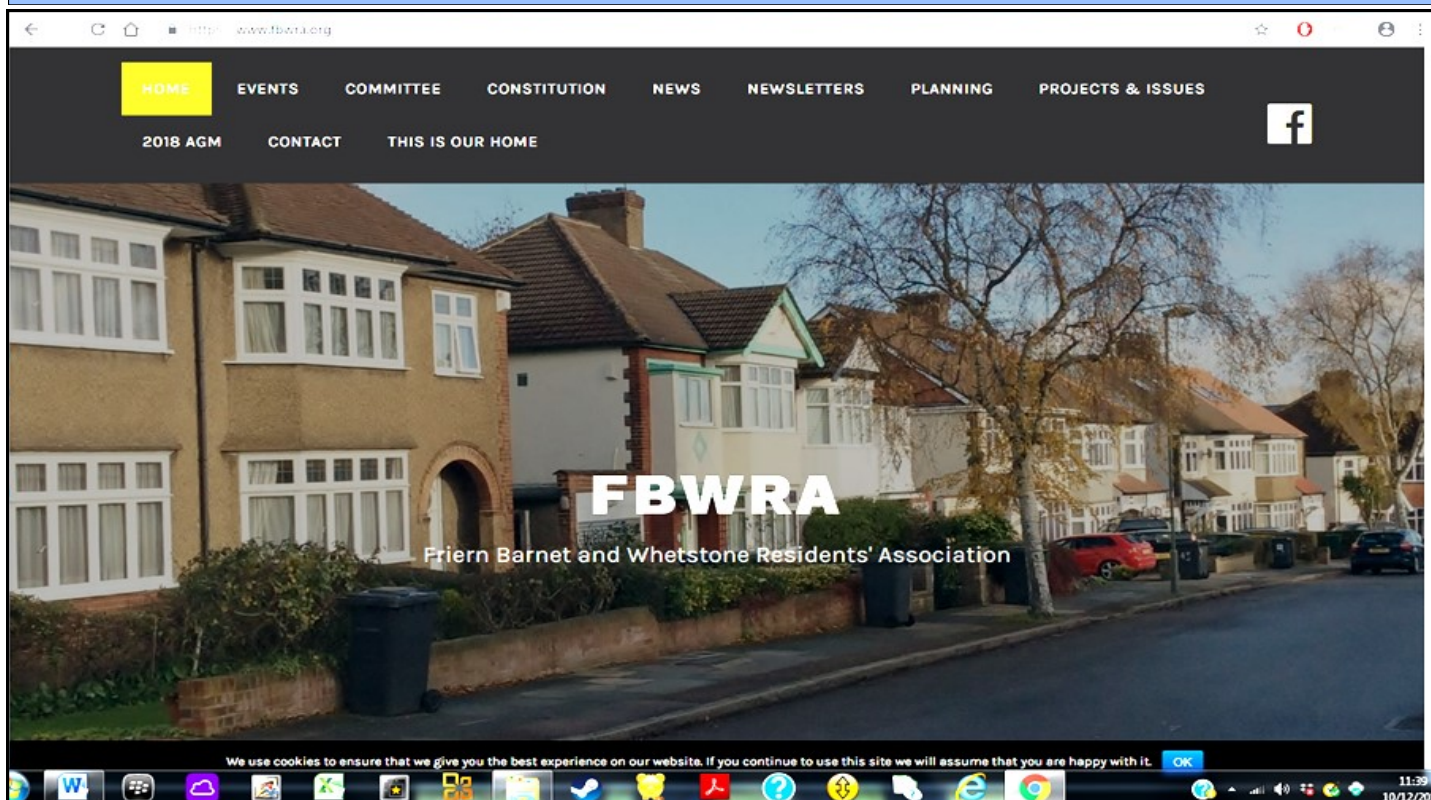


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Our new website goes live



Screen image of the home page of the new website

We now have a new website and the address is

<https://www.fbwra.org/>

The new website went live in early December and marks the completion of a project that was announced at our AGM last May.

An email announcing the opening of the new site was sent to all members for whom we hold a valid email address. If you are one of those members who do have email and yet who did not receive our email please would you email us with your name and address to

fbwra@btinternet.com

so that we can update our records?

We hope that you will take a moment to visit the site and to explore it. We plan that, in due course, additional content and features will be loaded onto the site, and we also have a few minor issues of presentation to iron out.

The old website, at fbwra.co.uk has now been closed.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank member Lorraine Patel for all she has done in the past with the old website and also congratulate our Treasurer, David Thompson and Committee member Maria Jordan, for managing the process of setting up the new website.

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Friern Barnet and Whetstone Residents' Association

- We are non-political
- We work for all residents in the area
- We discuss issues with Local Councillors and Council Officials
- Associated with the following bodies
- The Federation of Residents' Associations of Barnet
- The Finchley Society
- Friends of Friary Park
- Open Spaces Society
- The Friern Barnet & District Local History Society
- Coppetts Wood Conservationists
- The London Green Belt Council
- Love Whetstone

Developer tsunami transforms Whetstone - development schemes galore

<p>Gerson Site No planning applications for redevelopment so far-but for how long?</p>			<p>Former Brethren Site (behind Travelodge) Now 62 houses and 8 flats with day nursey</p>
<p>Northway House 1379 High Road Former office building converted and extended- now 149 flats plus offices and other uses</p>			<p>Former Black Bull Now 96 bedroom Travelodge with Halfords retail unit below</p>
<p>Walsingham House 1335 -1337 High Road Offices now 15 flats</p>			<p>Former petrol Station/ car wash - to be redeveloped as 20 "lavish" flats and 2 "extravagant" penthouses with 2 retail units</p>
<p>Former HSBC, 1323 High Road Permission for 5 flats with retail unit below</p>			<p>Brook Point 1390-1420 High Road Former offices being converted and extended to form 24 flats</p>
<p>Barnet House Council Offices Conversion to 254 flats approved but an application for further buildings failed</p>			<p>Euro House and Turnberry House 1394-1410 High Road Former offices being converted to form 44 flats</p>
<p>Former B&Q 1201 High Road 24 houses and 100 flats</p>			<p>Former supermarket 1338-1340 High Road Permission for restaurant</p>
<p>Regal House 1136 High Road Offices/bank- now 12 flats</p>			<p>Former Nat West 1302 High Road Permission for restaurant</p>
<p>Former Police Station now Alma Primary School</p>			<p>Edelman House, 1238 High Road. Offices to 26 flats permitted</p>
<p>Liberty Square, 1230 High Road New offices and 39 flats</p>		<p>Additionally, development proceeds around the High Road - e.g. houses in St Margaret's Ave developed as flats, buildings in Atheneum Rd are now flats. Loss of offices has resulted in loss of local jobs - so less lunchtime trade for restaurants - will they all survive?</p>	

Membership Renewal - Please Renew / Join

MEMBERSHIP IS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR AND SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE.

Please support the Association by renewing (or joining if you are not already a member) -

YOU NEED TO DO THIS TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER.

Details of our rules and constitution can be found on our website at www.fbwra.org

Please complete the form below and return it to The Treasurer with your subscription of £5 per household (although you are welcome to give an additional donation!).

Cheques should be made payable to "*Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association*" **OR** "*FBWRA*". You can also pay by direct transfer to our NatWest bank account- Sort Code 60-23-36, Account No. 82597359, but if you do this please put your surname and the first line of your address as the reference so we can identify your payment-if we cannot identify you we cannot count you as a member- and you must also complete and return the form.

We would like you to pay as soon as possible. Please note that we do not usually provide receipts, due to the cost of postage.

Please complete and return to:

David Thompson, Treasurer, FBWRA,

14 Bethune Avenue,

Friern Barnet,

London N11 3LE

(WARNING- please use the post and do not hand deliver- beware of the dog!)

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Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association- Membership Renewal for 2019

I/We apply for renewal of my/our membership of/ to join Friern Barnet & Whetstone Residents' Association for 2019 and agree to be bound by the rules and constitution of the Association.

I/We wish to receive the FBWRA Newsletter/ I/We do not wish to receive the FBWRA Newsletter (please delete as appropriate)

Signed:..... and (if applicable).....

Name(s):

Address:

Postcode:

Email address (if any): (PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY)

Telephone :

I/We enclose a cheque/ or I/We have paid by bank transfer (please delete as appropriate)

Subscription £ 5

Donation £ _____

Total

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Data Protection- The information you provide in the form above is provided by you on a voluntary basis and will be used by FBWRA on the basis of our legitimate interests- maintaining our membership records, to assist in distributing our Newsletter, to communicate with you and in connection with our activities as a residents' association, including where we work with other organisations (for example, where we work with them on an issue of mutual interest). We may retain the information for up to six years after you cease to be a member. If you do not provide the information this may adversely affect our ability to carry out the purposes for which we intend to use the information.

You have the following rights under data protection legislation: to access a copy of the information comprised in your personal data; to object to use of your personal data that is likely to cause or is causing damage or distress; to prevent use for direct marketing; to object to decisions being taken by automated means (this is not done by FBWRA); in certain circumstances, to have inaccurate personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed, and to claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of data protection legislation. If you have any concerns or complaints in relation to how FBWRA collects and/or uses your personal data, you should contact the Treasurer in the first instance. If you are dissatisfied with how your concern/complaint is dealt with by FBWRA, you have the right to report your concern/complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office (www.ico.org.uk).

The New London Plan

**You are invited to a
Members Meeting**

**St Johns Church Hall (behind the church)
Friern Barnet Road
N11 3 EQ**

On 7th March 2019, starting at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7:15 p.m.)

You will learn about the new London Plan and how it will affect you, in relation to

**Parking
Traffic
Roads**

from a TfL expert.

You may also discuss the matters raised and ask questions.

**Please come along
R.S.V.P. To fbwra@btinternet.com
or telephone 0208 368 1329**

. . . . while North Finchley shows slower rate of intensification

Former police garage
913 High Road
Redeveloped at 84 flats
and 11 houses



886-902 High Road
(Furnitureland)
Redeveloped as 60 flats
above ground floor offices

Solar house
915 High Road
Offices partly converted
to church use



White Rose Motors
912-920 High Road
Application to change use
from garage to offices

Malt & Hops Pub
Now closed- no current
planning applications



Autumn House
744 High Road
Being redeveloped as a
restaurant with 8 flats
above

837-839 High Road
Being redeveloped as
new retail unit with 7
flats above (North
London Hospice had a
shop here for a few
years).



Finchley House
707 High Road Offices
recently converted to 63
flats plus 9 new flats built

William Channon
365 Ballards Lane
Long established key
shop recently closed-no
current planning
applications



Rowlandson House,
289-297 Ballards Lane -
Permission to convert
office building to 47 flats

751 High Road
Former Post office –
vacant, no current plan-
ning applications



The contrast between Whetstone and North Finchley probably owes much to historical factors- in particular Whetstone had a better supply of relatively modern office blocks well suited to conversion. The availability of large sites for redevelopment - e.g. the B&O and Brethren sites in Whetstone and the police garage and Furnitureland sites in North Finchley also seems important- so perhaps the Council's stated willingness to assist with site assembly through compulsory purchase in North Finchley makes some sense. *DT*

Problem with changes to bin collection by Barnet Council

The FBWRA have been very concerned about the borough's changes to the bin collections. A large number of our members have complained to us about the new system which does not appear to be working. Our Chaiman has spoken to Street Based Services in Barnet expressing dissatisfaction as well as writing to the Chaiman of the Environment Committee and the Council Leader. It is hoped that matters will be satisfactorily sorted out very soon.

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Cars and Ashurst Road

If you live anywhere near the Ashurst Road mini roundabout, where a moped rider lost his life two years ago, you will probably know that the Council is planning an experimental alteration in the spring to the layout of the roundabout and to the permitted flow of traffic in the vicinity.

Local residents are unhappy at the prospect (97 contributions this October on the Nextdoor website) and so am I.

This is the background. In summer 2017 Sustrans (the sustainable transport charity) began consulting, for TfL and Barnet Council, on creation of a safer route for walkers and cyclists travelling between Hornsey and North Finchley, a back-street "Quietway". The proposed route crosses our Woodhouse and Coppetts Wards, and so FBWRA was asked for input. Dr Natelson participated for walkers and I for cyclists.

The Council had emphasised the Ashurst Road/Buxted Road roundabout as of particular concern. Of the three proposals to emerge from the consultation this one is probably the least welcome. The others involve a more cyclist-friendly lay-out of Friern Park with the inevitable loss of some parking space, and a cycle path cutting through the green space at the north-west end of Friern Barnet Lane.

The Sustrans Report can be found on:

<https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/1173/documents/1386> which points to the document [Barnet_Discover_Report_v007.pdf](#)

where the details can be found and we can see just how much care was taken in the design, management and balanced reporting of this consultation.

As a representative, and frankly wobbly, cyclist I had had hopes of rabbits being pulled out of hats on my behalf. Was sad but not surprised that the almost saturation presence on our roads of cars, cars moving - either too fast or hardly at all - or cars parked, scotched any hope of this. (Another page here flags up the FBWRA members' meeting in March to brain-storm the whole car question.)

To come back to the roundabout review, which was initially about how best to slow careless drivers, it seems to have evolved into an exercise in reducing rat-running, since the option most favoured by the Council from those

on offer aims to stop almost any through-traffic between Woodhouse Road and Friern Park or Torrington Park. A ninety degree turning restriction at the roundabout (only south to west/west to south or north to east /east to north - find a map to work this out!) is compounded by proposed restrictions on the parallel side roads, including a no-right-turn onto Woodhouse Road.

My own reaction to this is that, as so often, the problem can't be dealt with out of context. This one always starts at the North Circular Road where traffic, whizzing along the open road from Henly's Corner, bottle-necks at the complex A109 traffic lights and backs up all the way to Friern Barnet Tesco.

(Dr Natelson and I have supported that residents' association in lobbying TfL to ease the flow there, but with no success.) So then NCR traffic rat-runs up Colney Hatch Lane onto Friern Barnet Road, our own traffic-light junction blocks, and the four feeder roads drop to a half-mile idle or crawl. And then canny/desperate drivers look for rat-runs, of course.

I suggest that simply re-mapping the Ashurst/Buxted traffic flow would, apart from causing local residents considerable inconvenience, simply generate increasingly ingenious and circuitous rat-run routes there. The result? Even worse air pollution. Barnet should rather be tackling TfL over that NCR junction.

A few weeks ago, after some pressure via Sustrans for an update, Barnet wrote:

Thank you for your email regarding an update about the Quietway route in Barnet.

The final engineering designs for the Quietway route have not yet been drawn up. Prior to any formal consultation taking place, which is currently planned for March/April 2019, there will be a meeting with the local ward Councillors, Barnet Council Officers and Sustrans to discuss what will go forward in the consultation stage.

The consultation will then give local residents the opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed measures.

So, local residents, you still have a voice. When that consultation paper drops through your letter-box, don't just throw it into the bin.

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Incognito Theatre, Holly Park Road **Sun 20th January to Sat 26th January "An Evening with Gary Lineker", a comedy by Arthur Smith and Chris England**
Performances are Sunday at 6pm, Monday - Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 3pm and 8pm.

FRIERN BARNET & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY
start 7:45 p.m. **Wed 23 Jan History of Britain's Roads** (by David Berguer)
North Middlesex Golf Club, Friern Barnet Lane, N20 0NL