



Photo: Emma Howard

Hampstead Garden Suburb saw a heavy snowfall a week before Christmas. It was perfect snow for building snowmen, snowball fights. The snow also inspired talented Suburb resident Marcus French to create this beautiful sculpture on a bench inside the grounds of Meadway Court.



Photo: Marcus French

# Age UK Barnet walks

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Monday mornings are the time to have a leisurely breakfast, read The Times, plan my week ahead and generally relax. All that changed over a year ago when I joined my nearest Age UK Barnet Walks.

In January 2020 the London Community Fund awarded Age UK Barnet a grant to use over 12 months for setting up various park walking groups for over 55s around Barnet. Walks are now held in six parks throughout Barnet (Friary Park, Dollis Valley Greenwalk, Silkstream Park/Montrose Playing

fields, Stephens House & Gardens and Oak Hill Park).

Our local group volunteer leader, Brenda is amazing. Always cheerful and great company come rain or shine. We walk around Northway Rose Garden, Bigwood, Littlewood and Lyttleton Playing Fields for about 45-60 minutes; all very gentle, on pavements and always have a coffee at one of the many cafés in Market Place.

We meet at 10.30 on the corner of Northway and Litchfield Way by the bench

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Contrary to what was reported in the last issue of Suburb News, the friendly fellow in Big Wood is not called Henry but is actually Bishop. He lives with me, his partner Betty Bowler, at **Bishopswood Bowling Club**. He's gone missing and I'm very worried about him and anxious for him to come home. So I am appealing to Suburb News readers to keep an eye out for him. Anyone who has information on his whereabouts should contact Bishopswood on 020 8058 2212. Whoever finds him will be offered a warm welcome to the club, free bowls lessons plus cups of tea and some extremely nice biscuits.



Who's the lucky fella?

# The Queen's Canopy

## a new avenue of trees for the Suburb

COLIN GREGORY

Suburb residents may have noticed an avenue of trees planted either side of the path from Hampstead Way to the changing rooms on the Heath Extension. These are one of several groups the City of London Corporation is planting as part of The Queen's Green Canopy, which was one of the ways in which Queen Elizabeth marked her Platinum Jubilee. The trees are disease resistant elms, which should reach maturity in about 15 years. The path is part of the ancient drovers' track from Hendon to Hampstead.

Later another tree, an alder, was planted in Golders Hill Park, where the City and Barnet Council organised celebrations to mark Queen Elizabeth's Diamond and Platinum Jubilees. This tree featured as part of the 'Tree of Trees' sculpture outside Buckingham Palace during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and was handed over to the City at a ceremony at the Chelsea Royal Hospital.

Information about The Queen's Green Canopy can be found at [queensgreencanopy.org](http://queensgreencanopy.org).



Martin Russell, Deputy Lord Lieutenant for the London Borough of Barnet and William Upton KC, Chair of the Hampstead Heath, Queen's Park & Highgate Wood Committee of the City. (Photo: Colin Gregory)



Colin Gregory, the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee RA representative, throws a spadeful of soil



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