



What's going
on at
Douglas
Drive?...

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welcome to Issue 8 of our Douglas Drive Newsletter.

*If plan 'A' doesn't work,
there are 25 more letters in the alphabet!*

- Claire Cook-

I think here at Douglas Drive we must be on plan 'D' by now and we are still planning!

Planning ways to stay in touch with you all during this time, planning events and opportunities to raise awareness of Douglas Drive and ultimately, planning for such a time when we can throw open the doors and welcome our lovely clients back to Douglas Drive.

With the announcement of this current lockdown we want to reassure you all that we are still working both from the office at Douglas Drive and from home.

We check emails daily and the answer phone is regularly checked for messages.

If you are having any difficulties getting shopping or medication because family or friends who help you are now self-isolating, there are teams and organisations that can help. We have listed these in this newsletter however, if you are unsure or have any problems or concerns please do contact us. If we are unable to help we will find someone who can.

We know it's easier said than done, but please try and stay positive because one day soon we will all be back together again.



Take good care and stay safe and warm.



Rose



Karin



Stevenage Helps – 01438 242452

Lines are open Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm

If you are struggling without support during this difficult time, call us to help with:

- Organising food supplies
- Accessing essential services
- Assistance in other ways i.e. posting mail, telephone support

We will work together with voluntary organisations and local businesses who have offered assistance during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Email: community.development@stevenage.gov.uk

Herts Help 0300 123 4044

Herts Help is a free helpline to give you the support and advice you need in difficult times.

Herts Help can make sure you get the help you need by directing you to specialist services who can give you confidential and anonymous advice.

Some of the sources of support they offer are: struggling to cope, money problems and abuse.

Email: www.info@hertshelp.net



The Silver Line is the only free confidential helpline providing information, friendship and advice to older people.

Open 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Email: www.thesilverline.org.uk

NHS 111



NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do.

NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To get help from NHS 111, you can:

- Call 111
- Go to www.111.nhs.uk

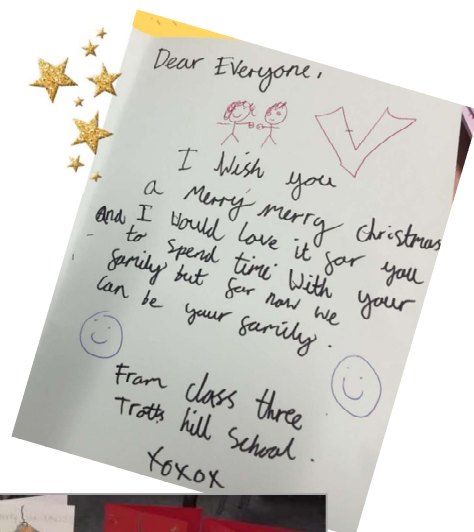
Online service: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19

Community Christmas Card Project

We would like to say a very big thank you to the children in years 1, 2 and 3 at Trots Hill Primary School for taking part in our Community Christmas Card Project.

The cards and messages were absolutely beautiful and the time, care and thought that went into making them is very much appreciated.

They were delivered by hand to all our clients which, along with a Christmas Gift from the organisation Small Acts of Kindness, helped to bring that little bit of Christmas sparkle!



Thank you for sharing this with us...

We received this great picture from the family of one of our lovely clients thanking us for the Christmas delivery. "... he was delighted and really enjoyed opening his bag on Christmas Morning"

... It made our day!

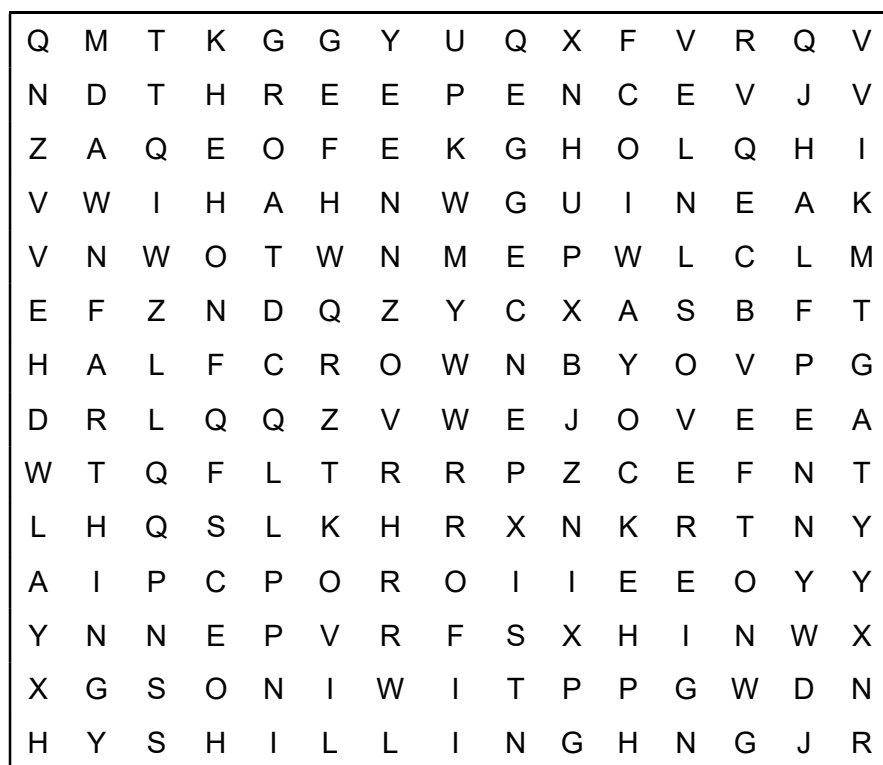
Keep warm this winter

We have information from Stevenage Community Trust about heating grants available to help people on low incomes keep warm during the coming winter months.

If you are on a low income and struggling with heating bills, please do phone us for a chat. If we are not in the office, please leave a message on the answerphone and we will call you back as soon as possible.



This month in history...



CROWN

FARTHING

FLORIN

GROAT

GUINEA

HALFCROWN

HALFPENNY

PENNY

SHILLING

SIXPENCE

SOVEREIGN

THREEPENCE

Decimal Day

Monday 15th February 1971

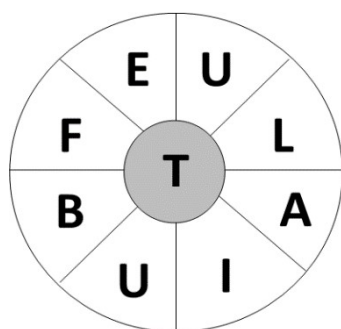
On this day 50 years ago, Britain said goodbye to the old system of currency, pounds, shillings and pence.



The coins named in the list are coins from that time (and some much earlier!)

All the names can be found in this word search

Upwards, downwards, backwards or diagonal.



Word Wheel

How many words of 3 letters or more, can you make using the letters in this word wheel?

All words must contain the centre letter and all letters can be used only once per word e.g. Tale.

There is one 9 letter word!

