

Lollipop newsletter

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LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

We miss you all!

A fond hello to all our members, I hope that you are all well.



Penny McDonald - Chair

Lollipop staff and trustees have been working from home for four weeks now and are just about getting used to video conference meetings.

Lollipop is a very interactive and face-to-face charity, so we are having to 'think outside the box' about how we continue supporting you. You will have seen a recent poll asking you for the best way to do this - please do send us any ideas you may have.

Heidi and I have been attending webinars and meetings online about how charities can survive through these difficult times and in the future...

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Message from our Chair continued...

At the end of all this we are going to need to continue to prove the impact of the work Lollipop does. I realise that Vox and other evaluations sometimes seem boring but for us they are our proof for funders so please do respond.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to find out the latest news.

If you need any support during the lock down please let us know. If we can't provide it we will, with your permission, pass the request on to other organisations that maybe can help.

Keep safe,

Penny, Chair

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Pen pal project



Are you missing your Lollipop pals? Are you feeling the isolation effects of lockdown?

Would you like to get in touch with someone to cheer each other up?

Lollipop pen pal club is the answer! Writing a letter or email can be such fun and receiving one back is a real buzz!

Every year we ask parents to complete a short survey and the feedback we get really helps us with our planning. Lots of you tell us that being a part of Lollipop really helps you to combat feelings of isolation, but here we are with isolation forced upon us by the Coronavirus.

“Lollipop wants to support you as much as we can through this uncertain time”

Let us know that you would like to join the fun and we will do the rest. Children, young people and adults are welcome to join. Simply email Deb at activities@lollipop.org.uk for more details, a registration form and some great hints on what to write about!

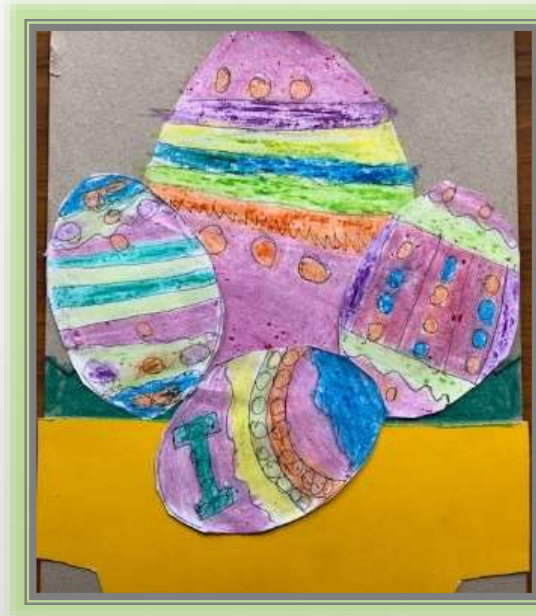
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Easter competition winners

Some of our lovely Lollipop members were being very crafty this Easter. We are delighted to share the photos of our competition winners. Each winner will receive a £5.00 Hobbycraft voucher.



Marina, age 6



Simas, age 7



Rose, age 2

BSL link: <https://bit.ly/2yy7zsH>

Meet our new volunteer

Mentor – Nikhita

“Growing up I didn’t know any other young people who were hard of hearing like me. Now, I have a place where I can be more confident and be myself around people who have similar experiences. Joining Lollipop as a Deaf Mentor has allowed me to help others, meet new people and develop new skills like learning British Sign Language.”



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Fundraising news



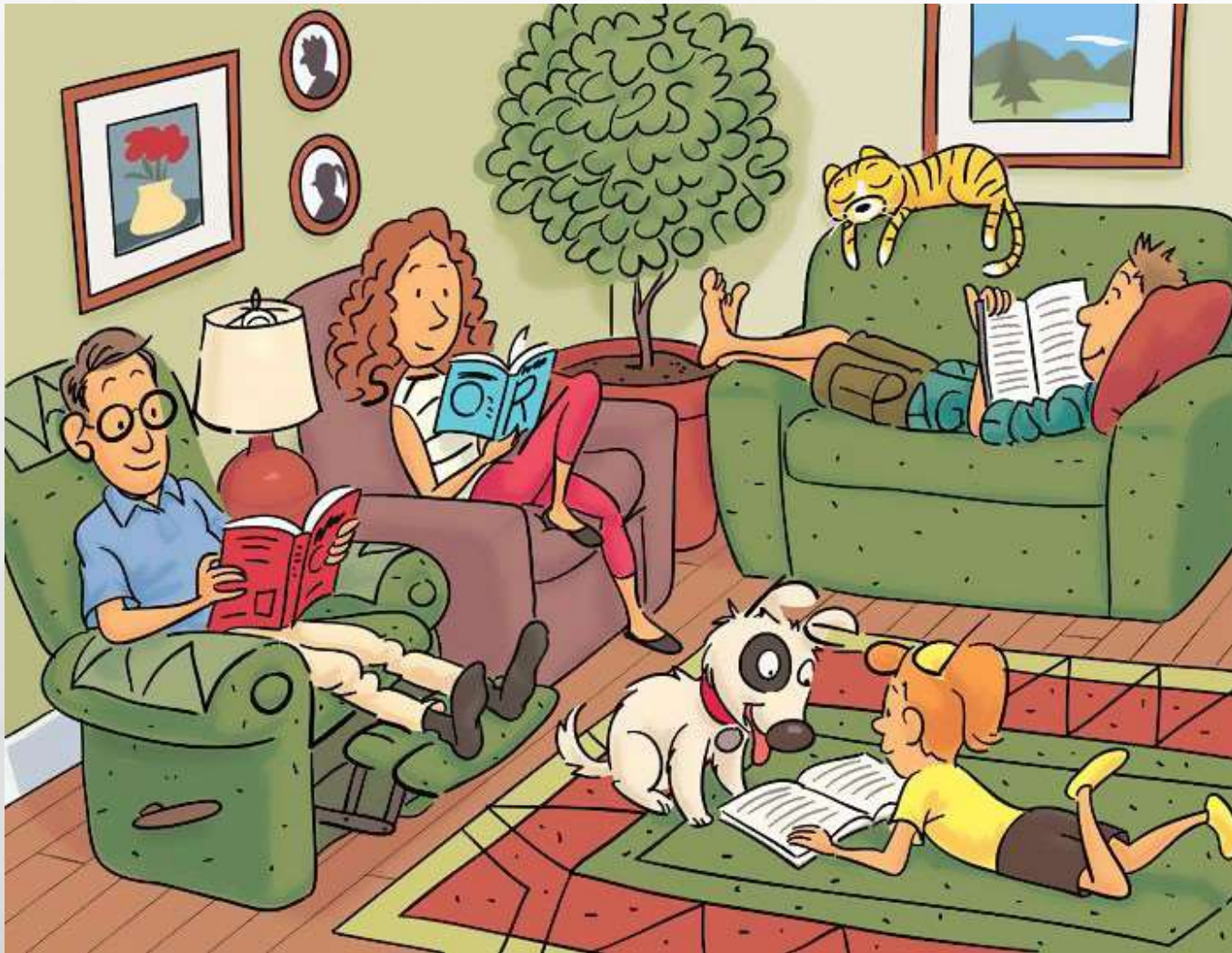
Did you see the collection containers for the Community Matters scheme in the entrance to John Lewis?

At the start of the year we were very happy to be nominated to take part alongside two other local charities. Our turn in the scheme was cut short by the temporary closure of John Lewis, but this week we received the great news that John Lewis will be donating **£1,000** to Lollipop!

We are extremely grateful for this donation as it is a particularly tough time for small charity fundraising.

Thank-you John Lewis and Community Matters!

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Fun and games

Can you find six words hidden in this picture?

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#toylikeme

Colouring sheets

ToyLikeMe have created some fun colouring sheets featuring hearing aids, cochlear implants, bone anchored hearing aids and a very loveable monkey!

To download these and other great resources for FREE visit:

www.toylikeme.org/creativecovid/

Thanks to Karen at ToyLikeMe for letting us share these.

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