

PATHWAY NEWS

The Lodge Trust Newsletter

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Recently we have been giving a lot of thought to values and how we can build these into everyday life at The Lodge Trust. Our overarching values are teamwork, integrity, and excellence (T.I.E.), each of these having its foundation in the Holy Scriptures. It is important to have the right values, as our hearts tend to be inclined to the wrong ones. We are warned that “people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive...” (2 Timothy 3:2-9). Our culture can lead us to value what seems good for us at the cost of others; it can provoke our greediness and self-centredness; prompting us to work against, resent, and envy each other; it can encourage laziness and apathy. But all this, God says, is folly, and it won't get us very far. On the other hand, our Christian basis should equip us to be a place where we enjoy harmony, prioritize the well-being of all Service Users and staff, work to the highest standard, and ultimately succeed, for we depend on God's grace to write His law in our minds and hearts (Hebrews 8:10). This is our prayer for us at The Lodge Trust. “Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)



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Christmas Fun

Meals out

Each year each house goes out for a Christmas meal together. This is the Cottage enjoying their Christmas meal out at The Welby pub in Melton Mowbray.



Parties

We had another fabulous WES Christmas party. This year we had a hog roast. It was lovely food and as always a great disco afterwards in the hall with fun, friendship, and of course presents!

Decorations

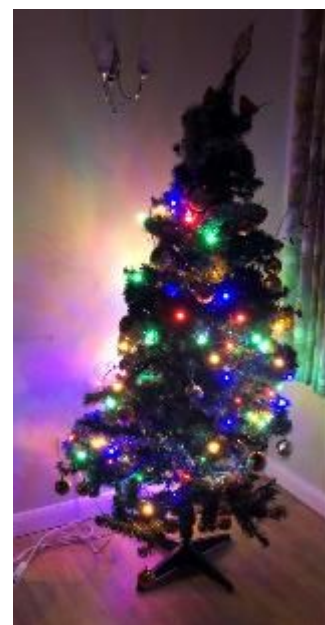
A big thank-you to Gates Garden Centre for helping us to get a fabulous new tree for our reception area this year (and thank you to Sarah for her amazing decorating skills). It looked great.

Decorating the house and tree is a special time and something

that our residents look forward to every year. However, some of our decorations are getting a bit tired, so if you have any good-quality Christmas lights or decorations that you no longer need, then please remember us; we would be very grateful.



Reception Tree from Gates



Interview with James Murphy

James Murphy has recently started in our Work and Education Service as a grounds and horticulture team leader. We thought we would ask him a few questions so that you can all get to know him a bit better:



Where did you work before you came here?

I worked for the Rossendale Trust in Macclesfield. I worked for one year in residential care and two years as team leader in horticulture.

What made you choose to come and work at The Lodge Trust?

When I moved back to live in Rutland and found out about The Lodge Trust, I was pleasantly surprised at the similarity between here and Rossendale Trust. I thought this would be a lovely place to work.

How have you found your time here so far?

I have been made most welcome and the level of training and support I have received has been fantastic.

What are you most looking forward to in your future here at The Lodge Trust?

I am looking forward to carrying on with the high standards of work in a happy environment to make people smile and enjoy what we do here as part of one big team.

James will be here at our Family Fun Day in May, so if you're coming along, why not find him and say hi?

Coming Up

- **Christian Resources Exhibition** is on 13th—14th March at Event City, **Manchester**. See our website to get your free ticket.
- We will again be partnering with **Count Everyone In** to provide an accessible stream at Word Alive in Prestatyn from the 13th—18th April.
- Our annual **Family Fun Day** is on 18th May at our site in Market Overton.
- We are hoping to again take our stand to New Wine's **United 19** conference, this year for the first time in Peterborough. We will be there for both weeks.

For more information on any of our events and to see how you can get involved, then please visit our website.

Prayer Points

- For Word Alive 2019. Please pray for our staff and the Count Everyone In team as they prepare for the conference.
- We are currently advertising for a new CEO and more residential support workers. We pray God would send people gifted for the roles.

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