






December 2024 – Best Start Theme: Debt advice, financial resilience and housing				
	Date to post	Theme	Final CANVA Created images	Text for post
1	2.12.24.	Financial Resilience	 <p>The graphic features a green background with a white path leading to a house icon. Text includes 'Cost of Living Support', 'Supporting independence and building resilience', and '...giving children the best start'. There are illustrations of people and flying money notes.</p>	<p><b>Worried about the Cost of Living this Christmas?</b></p> <p>Nottinghamshire County Council have brought together lots of advice and support for local residents.</p> <p>Take a look at:  <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/cost-of-living-support">https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/cost-of-living-support</a></p> <p>#beststartnotts</p>
2	9.12.24.	Financial Resilience - debt	 <p>The graphic shows a sad-looking cartoon character inside a circle, surrounded by flying money notes. Text includes 'Money worries?' and '...giving children the best start'.</p>	<p><b>Money Worries?</b></p> <p>If you're struggling to keep up with bills and debt payments, try not to worry – you're not alone.</p> <p>Money Helper have lots of great advice at:  <a href="https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/money-troubles/dealing-with-debt">https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en/money-troubles/dealing-with-debt</a></p> <p>#beststartnotts</p>

3	16.12.24.	Financial resilience – loan sharks, credit union	<p>Avoid debt this Christmas!</p> 	<p><b>Don't go into debt this Christmas!</b></p> <p>Know your budget and stick to it – charity shops are a great place to find presents or get creative and make your own gifts. You don't need to spend lots of money to show you care.</p> <p>Don't forget about your “normal” bills this month and next! Start saving for next Christmas: Credit Unions are a great place to save <a href="https://nottsandlincscu.co.uk/">https://nottsandlincscu.co.uk/</a></p> <p>Avoid loan sharks and doorstep lenders. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/report-loan-shark">https://www.gov.uk/report-loan-shark</a></p> <p>#beststartnotts</p>
4	23.12.24.	Energy bills	<p>Keep cosy at Christmas.</p> 	<p><b>Struggling with heating bills?</b></p> <p>When temperatures drop outside, it's natural we want our homes to be warm and cosy.</p> <p>Our friends at Nottingham Energy Partnership have lots of great advice and support.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nottenergy.com/costoflivingsupport/energy-bills-support">https://www.nottenergy.com/costoflivingsupport/energy-bills-support</a></p> <p>#beststartnotts</p>

5	28.12.24.	Budget	 <p>Make your plans for 2025</p> <p><b>Budget</b></p> <p>...giving children the best start</p> <p>The graphic features a green background with various financial icons: a piggy bank, a calculator, a wallet, a credit card, a stack of coins, and several banknotes with wings. The word 'Budget' is prominently displayed in the center.</p>	<p><b>Want to get your 2025 finances off to a sound start?</b></p> <p>Take a look at the free budget planning tool from our friends at MoneyHelper:</p> <p><a href="#">Budget Planner</a>   <a href="#">Free online budget planning tool</a>   <a href="#">MoneyHelper</a></p> <p>#beststartnotts</p>
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