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Dear Ms MacFarlane,

I have received the letter you sent to my sister sometime ago talking about the shortage of midwives in Auckland, available for home deliveries. It seems funny ~~as~~ here in Scotland and indeed certain home deliveries are fast becoming a thing of the past. Mainly the reason is to decrease the infant mortality rate - more correctly the perinatal mortality rate so that Britain does not continue to be high on the scale. Therefore home deliveries are not encouraged and in the area I work in we may have 9 to 12 a year which is so few. Also because of litigation midwives are not too happy to have mothers delivering at home. I send my sister any articles of interest which crop up from time to time as recently the radical midwives group and parents have set up groups to encourage women in labour or having a baby, to speak up for themselves and not be "walked" on. I do hope you manage to find more midwives who will be interested enough to join your group and support home births. Presently I'm off to Saudi Arabia to work for a 2 year contract and am looking forward to it. Many of the women in this country as others have been circumcised and obstetrically can result in problems.

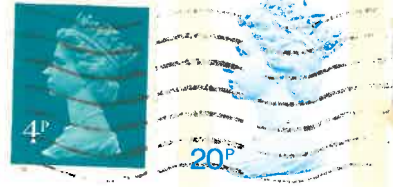
Do you publish newsletters at all? Certainly if I find anything of interest I shall forward it to you. Best of luck and I only hope you can find some others to help continue such a valuable service. When I left home it really was beginning to grow and I imagine the percentage has continued to increase.

Thank you,
Elspeth Duff

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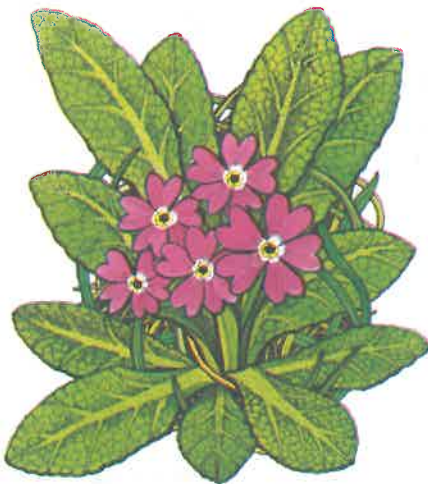
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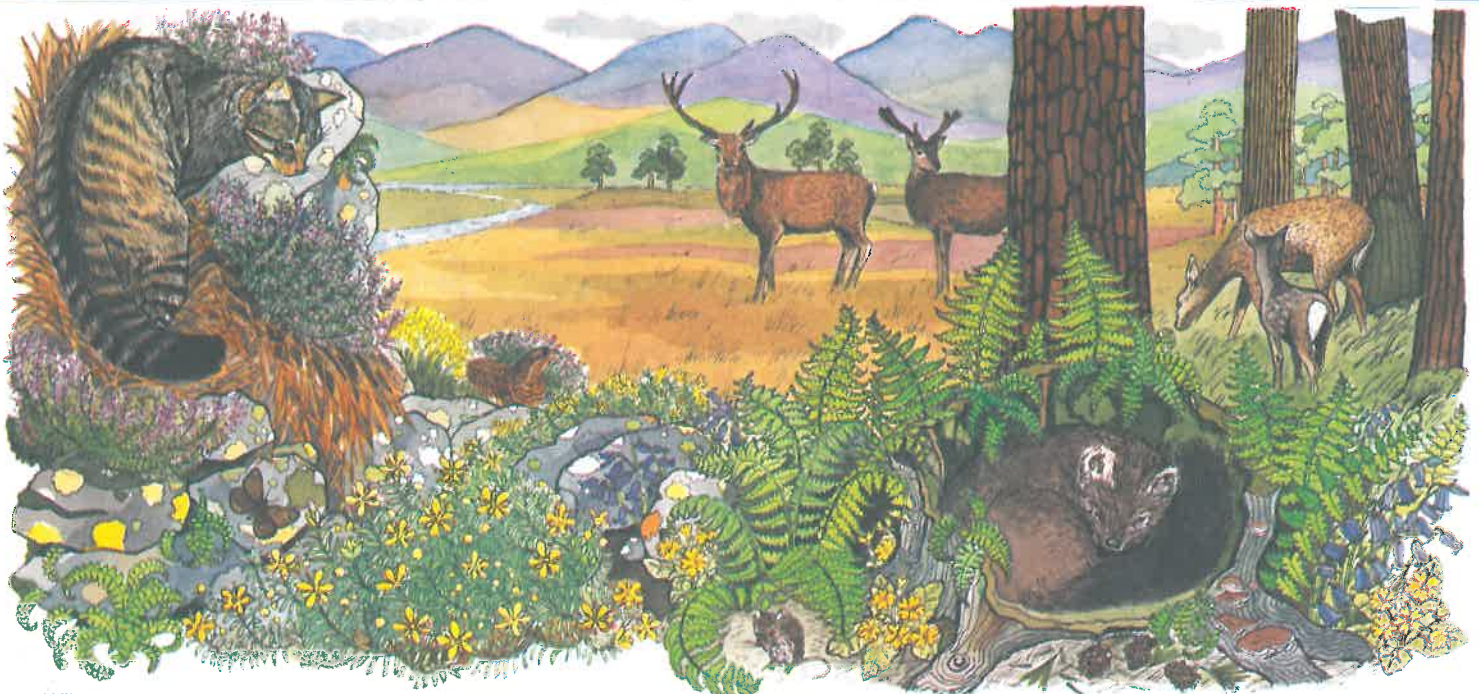
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