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We hope you have received the latest information leaflet from Oakington and Westwick Neighbours. It contains details about the Hardship Fund that has been set up and how you can either access it (call or text Ben on 07342 945373 or Jo on 07714760582 or email oak.west.hardship.fund@outlook.com ), or contribute to it (https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/own-hardship-fund ). It also explains how you can protect yourself from Covid-related scams, in particular how to tell whether you have been genuinely contacted by NHS Test and Trace. According to the BBC, around £5 million pounds has been netted by fraudsters during the pandemic. Make sure you keep yourself safe, and do not give away any personal information without checking if something is genuine.

In the last Update, we said that the Olive Tree Cafe was open for take-away and it has just been announced that it is now open for customers wishing to eat-in. Conditions are in place to ensure it is Covid-safe, and breakfast, lunch and cake are on offer. Currently there is no need to book.

The White Horse pub has also re-opened for drinks and meals, and any items on the menu can also be ordered as take-away. Tel. 01223 232 327.

A big thank you to those who have donated to the foodbank. Due to increased demand over the past few weeks, stocks are getting low so donations are very welcome – principally storecupboard staples such as pasta, rice, breakfast cereals and tinned fruit and veg. As life begins to return to normal, we hope the need for this will decline but at the moment it is still needed. Donations can be left in the village shop, or at St. Andrews church. Contact Ben Phillips if you need assistance on 07342 945373,  or email benp@standrewsoakington.co.uk

OWN continues to support those still isolating or housebound, but we may not be able to respond as speedily as we have previously, because our pool of volunteers is getting smaller as people return to work. Please do continue to contact us when you need to, but ideally don't leave it until the last minute!

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