



OWN Update 19, January 2021

Here we go again!

Now that we are in Lockdown#3, we want to remind everyone that Oakington and Westwick Neighbours is here to help. Fewer people have been instructed to shield, but because the new Covid variant spreads much more quickly, more may not want to risk going out and the government's message is clear – Stay Home.

As ever, OWN volunteers stand ready to help with shopping, collecting prescriptions and posting letters etc. Because we anticipate lockdown increasing requests for help, we would welcome more volunteers to join us and if you previously volunteered, we'd love to have you back. For requests and offers please contact us on:

07902 111786 or 07375 945284 or email [owneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:owneighbours@gmail.com).

The village shop has offered sterling service throughout the pandemic, and we are so grateful for that. If one of your neighbours is isolating, perhaps you could include their order if you are planning to go to the local shop or supermarket or have an on-line shop booked? OWN has a well-established contactless system to allow the person you are buying for to reimburse you without money changing hands.

Another lockdown for some means entering or extending furlough. The Hardship Fund set up by OWN is there for anyone who is experiencing financial difficulty. For confidential information and advice:

Ben 07342 945373 or Jo 07714760582 or email [oak.west.hardship.fund@outlook.com](mailto:oak.west.hardship.fund@outlook.com)

It has been decided not to operate a local foodbank during this lockdown. Instead, the Hardship Fund will be used to purchase food or vouchers tailored to individual situations.

Finally, a huge thank you to those who delivered around 100 Christmas meals on 23 December 2020 as part of a scheme organised by SCDC with food provided by C3 Church in Cambridge. Feedback we have received is that the meals were very much appreciated.

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