

OWN Update 21, January 2021

Lockdown#3

For a wide range of reasons, life in a pandemic is difficult for many, and there are differences between this lockdown and the first lockdown from March last year. There has been much more government emphasis on online learning. Laptops were promised, but only a few have materialised which causes access problems. OWN's Hardship Fund is now being used to help support families where there is only one device to share among several children who all need to log on to lessons, or where mobile phones are the only devices available, or where broadband is inadequate. If you need help and advice with this, please contact OWN'S Hardship Team:

Ben 07342 945373 or Jo 07714760582 or email oak.west.hardship.fund@outlook.com

If you have any devices, such as laptops or tablets that you no longer use, they could be repurposed and given to families who need them. Get in touch with OWN if you are able to help. The devices should ideally be less than 5 years old to ensure functionality.

Just a reminder:

The White Horse continues to offer take-away food. Contact Ferdan on 07415308172.

Many people are now doing their grocery shopping online, but don't forget to support our village shop too - it has been a lifeline for local residents during the pandemic.

South Cambs District Council has reported that some people who should be self-isolating (having tested positive themselves or been in contact with someone who has tested positive) are continuing to leave the house to run errands such as collecting prescriptions from the pharmacy. This is exactly what OWN is here for, so please get in touch. Our volunteers can help so that you do not need to put yourself or others at risk.