



**OWN Update 10**

**28 May 2020**

The lockdown restrictions continue to ease, but the financial impact of Covid 19 is now beginning to bite particularly for those who have lost their job or been furloughed. OWN has tried to plan ahead for this with the Hardship Fund, and this lifeline is now being utilised, eg in the past week for baby essentials. Also during the past week, 10 Foodbank deliveries have been made, assisting around 40 people. We are so grateful for the donations already made to both the Foodbank and the Hardship Fund and we need your continued support if you are able to help. Whenever you go shopping, please try to add a few of the items listed below:

Milk (UHT or powdered)	Sugar (500g)
Fruit juice (carton)	Tea bags/ Instant coffee
Tinned meat/ Fish	Tinned fruit
Soup	Pasta sauces
Tinned pulses (lentils, beans, chickpeas)	Instant mashed potato
Jam	Tinned tomatoes/ vegetables
Cereals	Rice pudding
Rice/ Pasta/ Couscous	Biscuits or snack bars
Sponge pudding (tinned)	Ready-made custard

Ben Phillips co-ordinates the Foodbank so if you would like to donate to it, or request assistance contact him on 07342 945373 or [Benp@standrewsoakington.co.uk](mailto:Benp@standrewsoakington.co.uk) .

The aim of the Hardship Fund is to be a lifeline to help where finances are under strain. We know that the pandemic is causing financial difficulties that no-one could have predicted or planned for. If you are struggling to pay for essentials, please do get in touch to avoid getting dragged into longer term difficulties. A small amount of help now might make a big difference in the long run.

For support, please contact OWN on 07902 111786/ 07375 945284 or email [owneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:owneighbours@gmail.com) and we will try to respond promptly. Your details will be kept confidential. To donate to the Hardship Fund please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/own-hardship-fund>

The next edition of the Oakington and Westwick Journal is due to be delivered in the next few days. It is important that local residents who are not online are kept informed. OWN has tried to contact anyone in the villages who may need support, to make sure they can access it. If your situation has changed since you were last contacted and you find you need assistance, please do get in touch on 07902 111786/ 07375 945284 or email [owneighbours@gmail.com](mailto:owneighbours@gmail.com)

The Village Telephone Tree is now running and you can see more about this in the Journal. If you are interested in taking part in this, get in touch and we will get back to you to answer any questions.

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