



Oakington and Westwick Neighbours Update 11

11 June 2020

OWN would like to say a huge **thank you** to the volunteers in the village for the way they have been supporting those who need it and we know that many of those who have had to isolate are very appreciative. However, the needs continue. In the last two weeks there have been 10 Foodbank requests, 4 shopping requests, 3 prescriptions collected, 2 requests for technical assistance with IT, and 1 other task.

Demand on the **Foodbank** has increased and, if you are able to help, the items most needed this week are breakfast cereals, spreads and preserves. Contact Ben Phillips if you wish to donate, or if you need assistance. Call 07342 945373 or email benp@standrewsoakington.co.uk We do ask that any donated food is unopened and within date.

We are so grateful that we have an excellent **village shop** providing a vital service to the community – don't forget to use it! If you need to place an order call 01223 232327. Opening hours at present are: *8.00am to 6pm Monday to Saturday, and 9.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday.* Thank you for following the guidelines about social distancing.

The **Village Telephone Tree** is now running and has successfully connected people who are keen to chat. Each week you call two people, and receive a call from a third person. If you are interested, call 07902 111786/ 07375 945284 or email owneighbours@gmail.com and we will get back to you to answer any questions.

Another way to keep in touch is through our **Zoom Virtual Café** which happens on a Thursday morning from 10 – 11.30am. Grab your coffee and join in – it's open to all. The link appears on the Oaky Folk Facebook page. Contact Ben Phillips for further details: benp@standrewsoakington.co.uk 07342945373.

Over £2000 has been given to the **Hardship Fund** so far which is fantastic – thank you. As time goes on, the need for this is likely to increase. You can donate online <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/own-hardship-fund> . If your finances are under strain and you need help with some essentials, please contact OWN on 07902 111786/ 07375 945284 (or email owneighbours@gmail.com) and we will try to respond promptly with help and advice. Requests are treated confidentially.

With contact tracing being so important, be aware of Covid-related online and telephone **scams**. Do not give your contact or bank details to anyone without first checking the request is genuine. <https://friendsagainstscams.org.uk> has further information. Stay safe!