



OWN Update 8

8 May 2020

The VE Day 75th Anniversary will not be what was planned but it's still worth celebrating if only to show that we've come through difficult times in the past and we'll do so again. OWN has been very encouraged by the donations that local people have given through the Just Giving page to the Hardship Fund <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/own-hardship-fund> . Over £1400 has been given so far – thank you. If you are in need of emergency financial support, please contact OWN on 07902 111786/ 07375 945284 (or email owneighbours@gmail.com) and we will try to respond promptly. Requests are treated confidentially.

This week, 10 shopping and Foodbank deliveries were made, 2 prescriptions collected, and 2 IT queries were dealt with. There are still a few local residents we have not been able to reach to confirm that they are coping. If you know that a neighbour is not at home (they may be in hospital or staying with family for instance) it would be extremely helpful if you could get in touch to let us know. We are trying not to miss anyone.

A Village Telephone Tree is being set up to connect people socially even though we are physically distanced. If you would like to be part of this network you can sign up by calling 07902 111786/ 07375 945284 or emailing owneighbours@gmail.com . More details will be available when the scheme is launched in the next week or so (look out for the posters), and there will be more information in the next Journal.

OWN's Virtual Café has had its second outing on Zoom. Grab your coffee (or tea!) and join in from 10.00 – 11.30am every Thursday. The link appears on the Oaky Folk Facebook page. For further information contact Ben Phillips: benp@standrewsoakington.co.uk 07342945373

We'd also like to say a big thank you to all those in the village who are helping the NHS and care homes by sewing scrubs, scrub bags, masks and surgical caps. Masks are available to buy in the village shop £3 adult, /£2 child (proceeds to charity) and if you enjoy sewing why not check out "Scrubs for Cambridgeshire /Helping the NHS" Facebook page or this link to Addenbrookes <https://www.cuh.nhs.uk/scrub-donations> .

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