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Christmas 2020

Whilst the Christmas market could not go ahead this year, the Christmas tree and lights have still given these odd times a yuletide edge. Thanks to the wonderful people at Fotheringhay Christmas Trees for donating such a fine tree to the Market Place again – and to the team at SparkX for working through a particularly cold snap early in December to get our beautiful Christmas lights installed - we have had so many lovely comments from people saying that seeing the lights and tree really lifted their spirits at a very difficult time.

January 2021 and beyond

Looking ahead, on top of wishes for a kinder and more prosperous New Year to all, it seems a good time to thank all the teaching and non-teaching staff at the schools in the Oundle area, for keeping them open so successfully during the past few months.

And please don't forget all our wonderful local shops and businesses that have stayed open during the really tough times, and equally importantly those who have had to close and then reopen in uncertain economic times. We are blessed to have such a wide range of shops and services, but must support them to protect them, as they have helped protect us.

PLEASE keep observing the below – especially when out and about, including at our markets.

HM Government

We must keep on protecting each other.

HANDS **FACE** **SPACE**

STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES

NHS

Census 2021

More details will be forthcoming when we know them, but much of this census will be online. We'll keep you in touch through all the various channels available to us.

Communications

OTC has been trying over the last 12 months to really improve the way in which we communicate with you, the residents of Oundle. On top of a regular presence in the locally produced Advertiser, putting us through the door of every household in Oundle each month, we've recently changed our website, and are looking to really upgrade and improve the Oundle.info provision in the new year. We're also hoping to build on the livestream success of the Remembrance Ceremony on November 8th, with a view to livestreaming future town meetings and other events once they are able to go ahead. If you have any comments or thoughts on other ways we can improve, do please get in touch.

2021-22 Precept

OTC is delighted to report that our proposed budget for 2021-22 involves no increase in the town precept as part of the Council Tax for the new North Northants unitary authority. We can't guarantee what will happen across the rest of the board, but as things stand, we are aiming to balance our budget AND still offer free car parking, open public toilets, support for local groups and charities, and all the facilities available in Oundle. We hope you agree this represents good value for money – and as ever, if you disagree, do please get in touch.

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The poster features three circular icons: a pink circle with hands being washed, a blue circle with a face mask, and a green circle with two people and a double-headed arrow between them. The background is dark blue with a yellow banner at the bottom.