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The spirit of Christmas – the spirit of Oundle?

Many residents of Oundle will be familiar with Cathy, our local Hermes delivery agent, and the sterling work she has done keeping things around town running throughout 2020. Many will also be aware of the turbulent time she and her family suffered over Christmas with the Nene rising, tearing their houseboats from their moorings.

Whilst the news was terrible, it had a clear silver lining – the tremendous outpouring of offers of assistance, including accommodation, Christmas dinner, and financial help. It was a Christmas tale on a local scale, which warmed the heart, and reminded us all what is important about community.

In many ways, Cathy is a local hero, and the spirited Christmas response sums up the deserved respect and esteem she is held in by the whole community. Are there other such local heroes, individuals, or businesses, who have starred during CV19? And what should Oundle, as a community do to recognise their sterling work in 2020 and no doubt continued work in 2021 as the pandemic rolls on. Do get in touch with OTC with any ideas, and we'll see what we can get going.

Fly tipping – what 3 words?

If you want to report fly tipping in the local area, do make use of the excellent ENC website section, especially it's use of W3W – what3words. If you're not familiar with it, have a look at this location - <https://w3w.co/query.remix.joyously>

Our footpaths and streets

Many of you will have seen the excellent article in the recent Oundle Chronicle about the repair of roads and footpaths in Oundle. These are largely the responsibility of Northants County Council Highways (soon to become North Northants Highways?), but our responsibility as residents needs to be to keep Highways aware of any substandard areas in Oundle. Please report road/footpath problems via **Street Doctor/fixmystreet**, linked on the OTC website.

Highways have also put in place the one-way system in St Osyths Lane, to protect pedestrians on those narrow pavements. With the CV19 pandemic carrying on, and we all need exercise and space, we all need to be courteous and considerate to other road users including cyclist and pedestrians, and please keep an eye on speeds around town.

Census 2021 – help people off line

A reminder that there will be a census this year, much of which will be online. If you foresee any issues for yourself or someone you know with online access, do please get in contact with us, and we'll start seeing what we can do to help.

Cycle Route

Work on the proposed shared pedestrian cycle route along Glapthorn Road towards the Primary School is ongoing in the background. For more details, please look at Transition Oundle's website under "Transport" (www.transitionoundle.org.uk/transport).



The new Snipe Meadow boardwalk doing its job in December!



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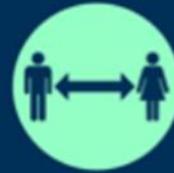
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