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The Pandemic has not stopped our work with the local community

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At TNHAA the students and staff have been working hard in support of our local community despite the restrictions of Covid.

At the height of the pandemic we supported various projects such as: Red Cross Posters - This idea was initially put forward by one of our teachers and was taken further by TNHAA in discussions with a local town councillor. The Red Cross resources were coloured by our younger students and sent to all those people in isolation and delivered via the food packages made up by the White Hart Pub in the town which quickly became the 'hub'. Posters were also given to those people who were visited by town councillors; 'Thank you Wall': The landlord of the White Hart Pub started a 'thank you wall' noticed by TNHAA on the local Swaffham Facebook Page. The landlord was contacted and was delighted to add posters made by the students honouring and thanking those responsible for keeping the country going at the height of the pandemic namely NHS, carers, supermarket workers, police etc. These were laminated and put up outside the pub by academy staff; Christmas Tree Trail: Businesses etc. were approached by Meadow House Nursing Home and asked if they would take part in a Christmas Tree Trail in order to encourage people to get 'out and about' in the fresh air and count how many trees they could find on the trail. TNHAA's tree stood in the library window facing the road; Student Christmas Cards: The academy made contact with the Iceni Partnership who were delivering hampers to those senior citizens who would normally have joined the Lions for their Christmas lunch. Students made Christmas cards which were delivered to Iceni to include in those hampers; Mid-Norfolk Foodbank: Students and staff at the academy collected a huge amount of food for the local foodbank serving Swaffham and the local area delivered by the academy.

Whilst we have not asked for money during the pandemic, due to many people suffering hardship, we are still endeavouring to help charities where we can. We are currently collecting crisp packets in aid of the local Air Ambulance and are doing very well so far.

As the country is slowing 'opening back up' we are therefore very hopeful that our current plans can continue. We are in the process of collaborating with the Swaffham Lions regarding an Essay Competition and our Assistant Principal is taking this forward. We are also delighted that they are to hold their Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch at the academy in December. The hall has been offered free of charge and our wonderful catering and caretaking staff are also donating their time at no cost.

We are also pleased to add that we will be taking part in the town's commemorations of Howard Carter in whatever form that may take and are currently in discussion with the organisers in this regard. Finally the academy contacted the Merle Body Centre in the town before the pandemic and had always planned a summer fundraising day. This will take place as a non-uniform day with the funds donated towards the purchase of a specialised chair costing in excess of £500.

We will of course continue our efforts in working with the local community and would be very pleased to hear of any future projects that our students and staff may take part in. Please email us at office@tnha.org.uk.

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