

Gawsworth Gazette

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Gawsworth NHS Heroes

Many of us have been clapping each Thursday at 8pm to thank NHS and frontline workers.

Now we are finding out a little more about our local NHS heroes working at our hospitals and community at this very hard time.

Charlotte Percy has started a fantastic initiative which was inspired by a child's tribute to his NHS mummy chalked on the Benbrook Way pavement.

NHS workers or carers who live in Gawsworth will be highted on the NextDoor app and they will receive a gift kindly donated by our

local neighbours and businesses. Please email Charlotte.a.percy@gmail.com with details of anyone who lives in Gawsworth and works for the NHS or is a carer that you would like to nominate for a 'Gawsworth Gift of Thanks'.

If you can pledge a 'Gawsworth Gift of

Thanks', anything would be gratefully received, it will surely go a long way in making the day of our local heroes.

Let's make our Gawsworth NHS heroes feel loved by the village.



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Maggoty's Murmurings

'Thank You' must be the most uttered phrase in our community at the moment. And rightly so.

The Gawsworth NHS Heroes initiative is highlighting the wonderful, dedicated professionals we have in our midst; The Gawsworth Outreach group is helping locals with shopping and picking up prescriptions and there has been no shortage of volunteers, The Community Shop hub directors, staff and volunteers are doing an absolutely wonderful job for us, our famous Newtons dairy is excelling in serving our community.

I keep hearing of more acts of kindness and generosity. Neighbours helping out. People just fixing things that they see that need fixing like broken street signs or the muddy path in Nancy's Wood. Overwhelmingly people are behaving responsibly and keeping their distance from others but always ready with a cheery 'Hello, how are you coping?'.

If you need help, or just a bit of cheering up, just ask. Gawsworth wants to help. This month's Gawsworth Gazette includes a brief guide to sources of help and you can find more on the Gawsworth Life website.

Thank You everyone! The Gawsworth spirit gives us all encouragement for the difficult months ahead of us.

Mindless Vandalism

Overnight on Sunday 19th April at least 3 cars on Benbrook Way were vandalised with spray paint.

This criminal stupidity is especially disturbing at this time when so many are making a positive contribution to the community. The police are investigating and if anyone has any information which may help please call 101.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council will be holding its first virtual meeting on Tuesday May 12th as new regulations allow councils to meet online.

Check out the agenda on the Gawsworth Life website from May 5th for details of how to join from home.

Where in Gawsworth?



Newton's Dairy on BBC

The Newton family are going to extraordinary lengths to keep us supplied during the crisis. They now serve almost 1000 households. Danny did a great job for Newtons and for Gawsworth when he was interviewed on BBC North West recently. We are all so grateful and so proud of the Newtons Dairy team.



Gawsworth School News

It has been a very unusual time in the life of the school as it has been for everyone in these unprecedented times.

The school has been closed to most children now for several weeks during the 'lockdown' but what you may not know is that we have remained open throughout this period, including the Easter holidays for the children of key workers. The teachers and teaching assistants have been working on a rota, so that each day we have staff in school to look after the children and help them with their work.

The rest of the children have been learning from

home with work that is set and guided by their teachers – much of it is online work so that the children can keep their skills high in English and Mathematics.

The older children have also been able to submit their work to their teachers through Microsoft Teams, which the teachers have then been marking and feeding back to the children.

We have all been required to live and work in very different ways than is normally the case but I think that when things return to normal, we will appreciate all that we have previously taken for granted.

Thumbs up for your postie

With Royal Mail encouraging the nation to give their postie a 'thumbs up', Lyndsey Keppel-Green, designer of the Gawsworth crest and wife of Gawsworth Parish Clerk and, has produced a downloadable thank you window poster. To download it just follow this link: bit.ly/2VQCusi



Gawsworth Shop News

We hope everyone is coping okay and keeping well. The shop is still open and proving to be a most welcome resource with many new customers finding us and being impressed by what we have to offer.

We are doing our best to remain well stocked and are extending our range of products to meet demand. Please be aware though that our suppliers are also struggling to get supplies of some products so we may have some gaps but we do now have toilet rolls in stock.

Last month we made contact with a local supplier of fruit and veg and are now getting a main delivery on Monday with a top up delivery on Thursdays ready for the weekend. Coming direct from a local supplier means they are particularly fresh. The resulting quality is being well received by our customers. We are also working on being

able to provide a weekly ordering service.

If you find cooking for yourself difficult or you want a break from it we have a range of frozen organic meals from Pegoty Hedge.

We have also had deliveries of bedding plants. At the moment the range is limited to Sweet Peas, Pansies and Violets, but it all depends on what stock is available. At least our gardens should cheer us up as well as looking good.

If the lock down is getting you down why not visit the shop and pick up a bottle of wine, the range on offer has now been extended. Don't forget that when you visit the shop we are strictly enforcing Social Distancing for your safety and that of our volunteers and staff.

We have had to close the Hub for seating but you can still go in to select

cards and gifts. Our Hub Manager, Janet Keates, is looking into the logistics of offering food deliveries to those in need. You can ring her on 074444 848996 to discuss your needs and she will see what she can do for you.

Janet is also producing a weekly quiz and hand delivering them to as many houses in the village as she can. If you don't get a copy there are spares in the shop. We hope you enjoy them, some of the puzzles can be quite challenging but it's good to exercise the brain.

Stay safe.

Where in Gawsworth

The beautiful flower is Wood Anemone spotted in Nancy's Wood. We haven't seen it elsewhere in Gawsworth. Left alone it may thrive to form a white carpet of flowers each spring. We'll post other wildflower sightings from our daily exercise on the Gawsworth Life Facebook page.