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Concern over Accidents on A536

Residents are concerned after three serious accidents on the A536 through Gawsworth in less than three months.

On Christmas Eve the road was closed for much of the day just south of the Harrington Arms.

At the end of November there was a vehicle through the hedge near to the Dark Lane crossroads with police and ambulance in attendance.

On 21st October a serious collision between a truck and a van south of the village closed the road for most of the day with one person sustaining serious

injuries.

Further back on Christmas Day 2019 a serious accident also closed the road south of the Village and there was a tragic double fatality nearby in October 2018.

This stretch of the A536 has been designated as one of the 50 most dangerous roads in England.

Parish Councillor Gordon Mitchell commented "In less than 10 months of living near the crossroads there have been at least 3 accidents along with numerous 'near misses', one of which was very lucky that it wasn't a very serious accident."

Cheshire East Council have received a £2.3m grant to put safety

improvements in place including a better road surface, average speed cameras and traffic lights and a pedestrian crossing at the Dark Lane crossroads.

The work was scheduled to be taking place now but has been delayed due to COVID priorities.

The Parish Council received an update in December confirming that the detailed design work is underway and consultation with the Parish Council will be undertaken "shortly".

We'll keep you posted.

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Neighbourhood Plan Progresses

The development of the Gawsworth Neighbourhood Plan has taken a penultimate step forward as Cheshire East Council approved it progressing to a referendum.

This follows the plan undergoing examination by a planning inspector which approved the plan moving forward subject to some modifications. The majority of the

Gawsworth's Winter Birds

Gawsworth bird watcher Martin Bliss reveals how keeping our eyes open on local walks can make them even more enjoyable.

As I walk around the village it's nice to see such a variety of birds at this time of year. The star is a Kingfisher that regularly fishes on the ponds in front of the Hall and New Hall. Recently there have also been

modifications were minor or technical changes and included variations to water down the design guidance in Policy G2 and its application to the whole parish; the deletion of design guidance solely for the Gawsworth Moss. The examiner also required the deletion of Policy L1 (requiring allotments and new footpaths at the strategic site at Gawsworth Moss) and watering down of the strength of Policy L2. The examiner also removed the designation of the

Goosanders - really attractive birds. The male has a white body and dark green head, the female with their grey bodies and chestnut-coloured heads. You can see them diving to catch small fish and they tend to shy away from the more common Mallards and tufted Ducks.

On the fields near the path to Dane's Moss I often see flocks of Redwings and Fieldfares. These are winter visitors from Scandinavia. I had a

green at Penningtons Lane as a Local Green Space as they considered it did not meet the national requirements.

The Parish Council is pleased the examination was overall positive and a sound plan is moving forward to referendum.

The referendum on the adoption of the plan will be undertaken once a national moratorium due to the coronavirus on referenda and elections is lifted.

great view the other day as they fed on the apples in a tree on church lane near the Harrington Arms.

I also often see tiny Goldcrests on the pine trees on Church Lane. These are quite confiding birds so if you keep quiet and stay still you can get a really good view.

There are many other birds, of course, but the few I have mentioned here are quite special.

Are you connected?

Throughout the pandemic we're seeing the value of keeping in touch electronically. Who'd even heard of Zoom 12 months ago? Got a smart phone, tablet or computer? Are you fully connected in Gawsworth? Here's how you can be.

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NextDoor

Join over 460 members of Gawsworth Nextdoor who find this a useful group for local information, items for sale or free and general Gawsworth chat. Includes a Neighbourhood Outreach Group to find help with shopping, prescriptions etc during the pandemic.

Gawsworth residents in the Gawsworth Moss area are members of Nextdoor Ivy Farm group but can see and post to the Gawsworth group.

Facebook Groups / Pages

No need to 'post' anything yourself but you can plug into local gossip and information. Search for...

Gawsworth Life for regular news from the Parish Council about all things Gawsworth.

What's Going on in Gawsworth a group set up by the communications group to feature local events and more.

Gawsworth Shop and Hub for news and information from our wonderful facility.

Gawsworth St. James the Great Church to watch the Rector's sermons and news from St James Church. You can get the sermon's emailed to you by emailing razzacantab@icloud.com

Gawsworth Methodist Church for the latest news from this church.

Other pages to 'like' and groups to join are: Gawsworth and Chelford Police, Gawsworth Hall, GASS (Gawsworth Arts and Social Society), Gawsworth Girls Brigade, Gawsworth Scouts, Friends of Gawsworth School, Newtons Dairy, Harrington Arms and The Rising Sun.

Gawsworth Hub News

What had been a separate toilet and shower room have now been made into one room large enough to be converted into an accessible toilet for wheelchair users and for anyone using the shop or Hub.

The upgrading of the kitchen for commercial use is also under way - it is small but will allow us to extend our range of snacks once we are allowed to provide indoor seating. We're aiming to finish by Easter.

Shop News

Last year was a very challenging one for us but we are pleased that we managed to stay open for you throughout it despite our volunteer numbers being halved due to shielding or vulnerability to the virus within their households. Unfortunately this meant we had no choice but to reduce opening hours. The scarcity of some products didn't help either so we must

thank our supervisors for their efforts in sourcing hard to find stock for you. During the year we also welcomed many new customers from surrounding areas, many of them keen to avoid the supermarkets and amazed at how much we are able to offer in such a small space which is most gratifying.

Your continued support and kind words have meant a lot to us, it not only provides the impetus for us to keep

going but also the confidence to continue developing the business. Your support last year has resulted in our best year ever with nearly every month setting a new sales record and means we can continue improving our premises and extending the range of benefits we offer. We will also continue to seek new lines as well as expand the popular ones.

Also coming up this year is our 10th anniversary of relaunching the shop as our very own Community Shop. We don't expect to be able to celebrate this landmark on the day, i.e. 10th March, except for a select gathering outside to toast the occasion, but we are planning to hold festivities in the summer or as soon as Covid restrictions permit. We will also use the event to formally open our Hub. Achieving these milestones has only been possible because of your support without which we wouldn't have a shop or a hub so a big thank you to all our customers.

Little Gawsworth



We hope you saw the fantastic models of Gawsworth historic buildings in miniature which were on display in the Church Meeting Room in the run up to Christmas. Such amazing skill by Tom Tuke. Gawsworth Hall, the Old Rectory, the church and the Harrington Arms all in such exquisite detail. Wonderful!