

# Gawsworth Gazette

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## Have your say on parish boundary changes

The Parish Council is distributing leaflets to explain the proposals from Cheshire East Council to move a third of homes out of Gawsworth Parish and into Macclesfield Town.

If proposals go ahead residents in Moss ward, the area around Penningtons Lane will no longer be associated with

## Remembrance Sunday

There will be an open air service around the Village War Memorial on Sunday 14th November starting at 10:40am.

The service will be led by Reverends Sheila Bishop and Colin Wilson.

Gawsworth Parish but the changes also affect village ward residents will be part of a smaller Gawsworth. The planned 300 houses behind the Rising Sun will also be part of Macclesfield, not Gawsworth.

Everyone is urged to express their view, for or against the proposals. The leaflets include a replied paid card to make this as easy as possible. Please take a few minutes to have your say.

The consultation closes on 28th November.

Full information is available at [www.gawsworthlife.co.uk](http://www.gawsworthlife.co.uk) too.

## Nancy's Wood needs you

It's almost time to clear the undergrowth and plant a new hedgerow, native trees and bulbs in Nancy's Wood.

Will you join a volunteer working party to carry out this important work in our well-loved community wood? Refreshments and cake are promised! Sat 13th November is set for clearing and Sat 20th for planting. Please email [clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk) to let us know you are coming along, would like to bake a cake or help in any way and we will let you have more details.

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# Gawsworth WI Report

We had six visitors to the meeting on Tuesday 5th October who were welcomed by the President Lesley Fallon.

This month's raffle was won by Linda Robson and the competition by Sue Davenport. Next month the sales table will have a theme of bring a jar buy a jar. Ladies are asked to bring a full jar of something such as jam, sweets ect and buy a jar in return 10% of the sale cost will go towards WI funds.

We enjoyed a short but enthusiastic talk by Janets Keats from the Village Community Hub

about the aims of the hub and how they helped local people during the recent Covid Lockdown. More volunteers are always needed if anyone would feel like helping out please contact Janet at the Hub.

Ladies will be enjoying a trip to Bents Garden Centre on 25th November and it is hoped that next year we will be able to have a trip to the new Bridgewater RHS Garden at Worsley.

Ladies that lunch will be having lunch at the Swettenham Arms on Tuesday 12th October and the Crafty Ladies

will be meeting on Thursday 21st October at the church meeting room 10am – 3pm all are welcome to join us.

The walking group enjoyed a walk around the village in September with coffee and cake at the Community Hub afterwards and the next walk will be at Astbury Meer on 20th October meeting at 10.15 at the Parish Hall, there will be cars to take those who don't wish to drive. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall, Church Lane, Gawsworth at 7.30pm please feel free to come along and join us you will be made to feel most welcome.

## Gritting or no gritting

This winter Gawsworth Road will no longer be gritted following a review of routes by Cheshire East Council despite challenges from the Parish Council and Ward Councillor.

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We will need to take extra care on these busy routes during icy and snowy weather.

Several parishes including Gawsworth have highlighted apparent mistakes in the road assessments but with no apparent effect.

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Dark Lane remains to be gritted due to the likelihood of traffic lights being installed at the crossroads in the future.

Grit bins are placed around the Parish. If you notice that supplies are running low please contact Cheshire East Council.

## Clerk wins national award

Congratulations to Adam Keppel-Green, who has received the prestigious NALC Clerk of the year award.

He received the honour for his full-time role as Town Clerk for Knutsford but Gawsworth is fortunate that he also finds time in evenings and weekends to guide

Gawsworth Parish Council as our clerk.

“The job of a clerk is hugely rewarding and I was honoured to win this award.” said Adam.

“I really enjoy working in both roles - at Knutsford and Gawsworth, and helping support these communities”

Thank you, Adam and Well Done!



## Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival at St James Church, Gawsworth starts with an opening ceremony on Fri 3rd Dec at 6pm and is then running from Saturday 4th to Sunday 12th Dec 11am to 4.30pm daily.

Admission is free (voluntary donations much appreciated) and all are welcome. There will be refreshments and stalls in the church hall and late night opening on Tues 7th and Thurs 9th Dec from 6.30pm to 8.30pm

## Penningtons Lane Upgrade

The Parish Council is commencing works to enhance the green at Penningtons Lane, starting with removing the overgrown shrub area in the next month.

In due course the Parish Council will be planting a new feature tree and shrubs along with an informal seating area.

The Parish Council welcomes any feedback or suggestions from residents.

## Scarecrows returns



The popular scarecrow trail has made a welcome return to Gawsworth. Friends of Gawsworth School organised the popular event during the last week in October and Gawsworth residents and groups created a wonderfully creative display of scarecrows.

Thanks to everyone who took part and bought maps to raise money for the school.

# Gawsworth Hub News

November is the month you will see Christmas fayre arriving in your shop.

Seasonal chocolates, cakes, drinks, sweets and foods can be found here. We started taking orders for fresh Christmas turkeys from the end of October.

Turkey prices have been kept the same as last year at £3.50/lb courtesy of the Platt family, our local supplier, from their farm in Gawsworth.

There is also a range of gifts and Forest Gins and Whisky to buy for that special person. We have added seasonal greetings cards to our range of cards.

We have been undergoing a rebrand of your community shop and hub. We want to reflect the role we have in the community. We are now rebranded as Gawsworth Hub delivering shop, café, and

meeting place functions.

Our shop is key to delivery of community services as it is the main provider of income, your custom in the shop will help us to do more in the community.

As the nights draw in, why not brighten up your day and arrange to meet a friend or two in our Hub Cafe. You will receive a warm welcome from Janet and her volunteers.

Every day, Janet bakes delicious cakes and scrumptious scones to accompany fresh filled baps made to order and hot savouries from the deli with more to come as we become established and demand builds. Why not drop in for a chat with friends and enjoy a coffee, tea or soft drink with a range of cakes and pastries.

This autumn, the Hub is funding Gawsworth School pupils to join children around the

world to take part in ROAR 2021. The scheme encourages children to create 8 billion ideas to save the planet.

Our entrant in the Friends of Gawsworth Scarecrow Trail, one "Veronica Volunteer" sat outside the cafe and attracted much interest as she promoted volunteering within our community enterprise.

We will mark Remembrance Day with a display in the Cafe.

Our dedicated volunteer team enjoy serving you, sharing news or just idle conversation. We are always looking for more volunteers, not only in the shop and café but there are many ways you can help to support our community.

If you feel that you would like to be part of our team, we would be pleased to talk to you.

Either leave your contact details in the Hub or email [volunteering@gawsworthhub.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@gawsworthhub.co.uk)