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## ‘Unprecedented damage to the environment’

Detailed plans are in for the development of the area north of the Congleton Road Playing Fields for housing, a school and commercial use. This site was approved for development as part of the Cheshire East strategic local plan so it seems likely the development will go ahead although now is the time to attempt to influence the details.

The area will be developed in 10 phases and each phase has a separate planning application. Three of the phases in particular will have a major impact on Gawsworth residents. Phase 1 (planning

reference 19/1796M) includes the small part of the scheme that actually lies within Gawsworth Parish and proposes realigning Congleton Road to link to a new roundabout junction. The Parish Council has already objected to these proposals.

Two phases are adjacent to Congleton Road; Phase 2 (planning reference 22/0030M) covers a retail area while Phase 3 (planning reference 22/0054M) covers plans for 120 dwellings. You can view these plans on the Cheshire East Planning Portal. You can also view plans for the other phases by searching for the address

Land East of Congleton Road, Macclesfield. Lots of reading there!

The fundamental wisdom of this major development nevertheless continues to be questioned by several commentators.

Cheshire Wildlife Trust are leading environmental concerns saying it represents “one of the most environmentally damaging schemes ever proposed in Cheshire East and the likely destruction of natural capital (biodiversity and stored carbon) at this scale is unprecedented in recent decades within

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## Gawsworth Fair

This wonderful postcard scene was recently posted on social media by David Moore.

We're not sure of the date. Carousels in Victorian times would have been steam driven and this one seems to have a chimney in

## Hiring the Hall FAQs

Most people know they can hire the village hall for community, commercial and private events, but here are the answers to some frequently asked

the middle. The trees on Church Lane look magnificent and, as ever, the Harrington Arms looks inviting.

Events continued on the 'south part of Near Church Field', as it was known in the 19th century, well into living memory.

A programme for the

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questions.

The easiest way to hire the hall is to email Hannah on [gawsworthvh@gmail.com](mailto:gawsworthvh@gmail.com) A three hour hire is just £60 or £90 for a half day.

1963 Macclesfield Round Table 'Donkey Derby and Tug of War' was recently donated to the Parish Council archives. Patron of the day was the Right Honourable The Earl of Rocksavage M.C. (Hugh Cholmondeley, 6th Marquess of Cholmondeley) and the honorary veterinary surgeon was our own David Morton.

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The kitchen has a domestic cooker, microwave and fridge with a range of crockery and cutlery but no glasses.

The ceiling is not high enough for a bouncy castle. There is no WiFi.

## SMDA proposals (cont)

the Cheshire region.”

CWT argue that since the outline approval in 2017 significant government policy documents have been published, highlighting the importance of preserving peat landscapes and biodiversity. Other concerns highlighted by commentators include the proposed road scheme and traffic flow.

The land to be built on is popular with Gawsworth dog walkers and ramblers

## Gawsworth WI Report

It was lovely to see so many of the ladies at this our first meeting of 2022. The annual New Year meal will be going ahead on Monday 17th Jan at the Plough at Eaton, I feel sure that everyone will enjoy themselves.

There will be a trip to Liverpool in June for ladies to either attend

and maintaining pleasant and green routes from Penningtons Lane to the canal will be important to them.

An action group ‘Save Danes Moss’ has been formed on Facebook and has attracted Gawsworth members.

## Third Defibrillator Planned

Gawsworth Scouts have obtained an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and the Parish Council has agreed to fund its housing and installation on the wall of the Scout Hall adjacent

the WI AGM, go shopping or visit the museums and later in the year in November a trip to Blist Hill Victorian Museum with an overnight stay in Leamington Spa and a visit to Ludlow the following day.

We had a very interesting talk by Lisa Collis from ANSA, who empty our bins as well as carry out many other jobs in Cheshire East. Who knew that rubbish could

## Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th February at 7:30pm in the Scout Hall. Time is set aside at every meeting for public comment, so join us in the hall or online.

to the Park.

There are two existing defibrillators in Gawsworth village, one at the Methodist church and one by the Hub and shop.

be so interesting and it was pleasing to hear that none of the waste collected in Cheshire East goes to landfill. It is either recycled, composted or incinerated and then put towards gas/electricity use.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month 7.30pm at the Parish Hall, please feel free to come and join us, you will be made to feel most welcome.

# Gawsworth Hub News

The shop at Gawsworth Hub has started the new year with a resolution to offer an increased range of product to satisfy your local shopping needs and to increase footfall to your Hub. Give us a try, we stock something for everyone and if you do not find what you need then let us know. Look out for more choice in cold and hot food from the deli. In February we have a seasonal promotion of prosecco and chocolates to share.

Do you want to treat someone to a lunch in the Gawsworth Hub Café or looking to give someone a gift voucher to spend in the Gawsworth Hub Shop? You can purchase a voucher in the Shop at your chosen value and no additional cost. You will be supporting your community shop.

In January, we began to use our Hub meeting place to host afternoon events. Sue Bailey's Knit

& Natter session was a very sociable event that she will repeat each second Wednesday on the month. Please let Janet know if you wish to join the ladies who already attend.

The Carers & those Cared-for afternoon provided an opportunity to meet and to enjoy refreshments and convivial conversation in a safe space. The sessions will run each fourth Monday of the month.

Lisa of Dandelion's January free hand massage afternoon was a great success. We are grateful to Lisa for agreeing to repeat the event in March. Details will be posted on our Facebook page on our website and in the Hub.

## **Valentine's Day Special**

On Monday 14th February, 2pm – 4pm, Janet our Community Activities Manager

will host a Valentine Afternoon Tea.

At £12.50 per head, the event is amazing value for money.

The tea will include homemade dainty sandwiches, scones with clotted cream and Mrs Darlington's jam, and a delicious selection of Janet's cakes and Ray's tiffin. Please contact Janet on 07946 199117 or email [janet@gawsworthhub.co.uk](mailto:janet@gawsworthhub.co.uk) to book your table.

More events are scheduled to start before Easter. All future events will be promoted on our website [www.gawsworthhub.co.uk](http://www.gawsworthhub.co.uk) and in the Hub.

If you would like to suggest an activity and/or to volunteer to champion, Janet would love to hear from you. We are also welcoming volunteers to assist in the café / meeting place, to find out more please speak to Janet or email [volunteering@gawsworthhub.co.uk](mailto:volunteering@gawsworthhub.co.uk)