

Gawsworth Gazette

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Parish Boundary Changes Proposed by Cheshire East

Cheshire East Council is consulting on proposals under which the historic civil parish of Gawsworth, which has been unchanged for well over a hundred years, will shrink.

About a third of Gawsworth residents from the north of the parish together with a large area of development land and Green Belt will transferred from Gawsworth to Macclesfield if the council proposals go through.

This is despite a Moss Ward community survey in which 89 per cent of respondents said they

would oppose any part of Gawsworth being moved into Macclesfield Town Council.

Parish Councillors met with David Rutley MP and Cheshire East Gawsworth Ward Councillor Lesley Smetham to discuss the proposals. Other nearby parishes are also affected by the proposals and

David and Lesley are actively campaigning on behalf of rural parishes.

Cllr Lesley Smetham told the Gazette "I am shocked by proposals to destroy ancient parishes and transfer residents and land into neighbouring towns".

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Gawsworth Hub News

Visitors to the Hub will have noticed that we have a new till in the shop. The till and Epos system will be of great benefit to us, specifically in identifying stock levels and for reporting purposes. As with all new projects there were a couple of teething problems, and we thank you all for your patience during the implementation process. Special thanks to the volunteer project team who worked behind the scenes and who provided support to our shop volunteers during the early days of the new implementation.

Hub activities continue to expand. Thank you to all who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning held at the Hub on Friday afternoon 24th September! Supporters enjoyed delicious homemade cakes and convivial company whilst raising much needed funds for a great cause.

On the 11th October, the Hub will start serving a selection of ground coffees in cafetieres; breakfast tea, Earl Grey, fruit infusions, and herbal teas in china cups and saucers; plus hot chocolate! There will be a choice of homemade cakes, scones, tea cakes and 'Ray's Tiffin', as well as other fayre available from the shop deli-counter. We look forward to welcoming you!

As always, we welcome new volunteers to help us extend our services to the local community. With the growth of Hub activities and our exciting plans for the future, there are many different ways in which you can get involved in addition to helping with shop shifts. Could you spare 2 – 4 hours per month to give back to your community? For more details, email volunteering@gawsworthshop.co.uk or call Daryl Williams on 07967 408865

Dracula in Space

Bowjangles is an irreverent, anarchic group of genre spanners, bringing music, theatre and comedy together in a way you've never seen before.

In this brand new show the intrepid foursome are blasting off into outer space to meet a mysterious benefactor whose proposition seems a little too good to be true. But what happens when their lead violinist starts to act a little strangely? The award winning quartet proudly present their new sci-fi horror musical comedy "Dracula in Space"

The show takes place in Gawsworth Village Hall on Saturday 13th November (7:30pm). Tickets are £10 and available online www.ticketsource.co.uk (Find Event: 'Gawsworth' will bring up the show)

Café style. Bring your own wine.

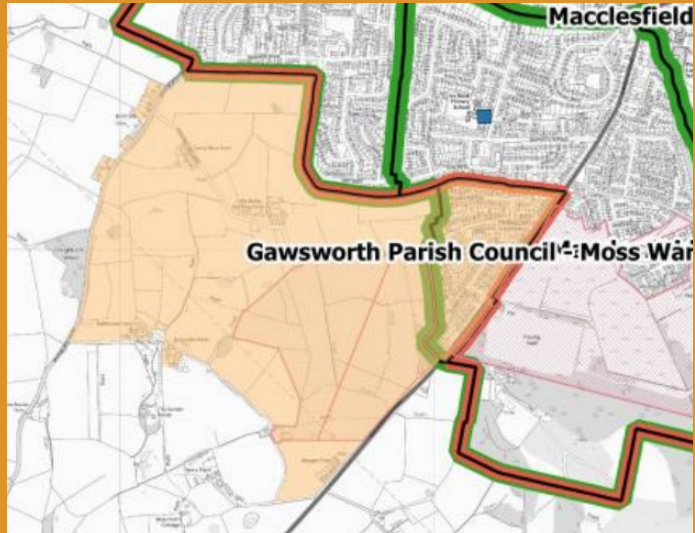
Anti-social Behaviour

There have been a number of unexplained and antisocial incidents over recent months in the park and Village Hall area. Sections of Village Hall guttering disappeared and there was damage to the new roof causing a leak into the kitchen. There have also been beer cans and other rubbish left by parking spaces in the car park.

The children's climbing frame will need expensive repairs after damage including missing bolts and loose or missing panels. Puerile rude graffiti has also recently been scratched onto panels. Not nice for our children.

The Police have been notified and asked to keep an eye on the area during their patrols. If you see anything suspicious please call 101 - or 999 if a crime is in progress or property is in danger of being damaged.

Boundary Changes Proposed by Cheshire East (cont)



Above: Plan showing the area proposed to be transferred from Gawsworth to Macclesfield - including the Moss Ward around Penningtons Lane.

An information leaflet explaining the significance to all Gawsworth and how you can express your view is being prepared by the Parish Council. Cllr Penny Shepherd is spearheading Gawsworth's efforts.

It is vital that all residents express their views to the proposed changes to Gawsworth through this consultation as Cheshire East Council has made clear that it will treat silence as agreement to the proposals.

The consultation closes on **28th November 2021** and any changes agreed will take effect from May 2023.

The proposals can be viewed online at www.gawsworthlife.co.uk/cgr.

Second Councillor Vacancy

The longest serving member of Gawsworth Parish Council has stepped down to make space for 'new blood'.

Cllr Peter Briercliffe, who has served as a councillor for 22 years, decided that with a number of people expressing interest in the vacancy created by Lisa Tyrrells' resignation, now was the right time to step

down.

Peter said "It has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to work alongside so many of our parishioners who have made up the Gawsworth Parish Council over time. Gawsworth has a great deal to offer the community and we should do our best to preserve this."

Chairman of the council, Cllr Rupert Richards said "I can only congratulate Peter on his incredible stint on the council and all the work he has done over many years. Whilst we will very much miss him, we do wish him well for the future."

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk

Gawsworth WI Report

There were four visitors to the meeting on the 7th September Jenny Lancaster, Margaret Jennings, Liz O'Neil and Jane Barker who were welcomed by The

President followed by the singing of Jerusalem.

The speaker for the evening was Eddie Tarry with a talk entitled Living in Styal. Eddie gave us an interesting and informative talk about Styal Women's Prison where he works. He spoke about the work of the inmates and of The Clink the on site restaurant that is open to the public. The vote of thanks was given by Linda Robson. Our Ladies who Lunch will be attending the

Churchill Tree restaurant on the Alderley Park site on the 14th September for lunch and I'm sure they will enjoy themselves. The next meeting of The Crafty Ladies is Thursday 23 September. A trip to Bents Garden Centre is arranged for 25th November and other trips are being planned for next year.

Please feel free to come along too any of our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month starting at 7.30 at the Parish Hall on Church Lane.

Christmas Tree Festival

Its back! Advance notice that the ever popular Christmas Tree Festival at St James Church Gawsworth will be held this year from Dec 3rd to Dec 12th – so dates for you diary with more details nearer the time.