

# Gawsworth Gazette

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## Hub teams up with DofE

Gawsworth Hub is giving young people an opportunity to build their skill set by teaming up with the Duke of

Edinburgh Award Scheme and has been thanked by Tytherington High School Deputy Head for signing up.



The Hub welcomes volunteers of all ages and abilities, with opportunities for every contribution – from serving customers, IT, administration, repair and maintenance, marketing and fund

raising. Run by over 60 volunteers, the shop is open seven days per week, and is always in need of more help to meet the needs of the local community.

Sam Bardsley (pictured) is one student already supporting the Hub and learning new skills .

## Jester apples coming soon

Gawsworth's Community Orchard in the park has a new addition - a 'Jester' apple tree. How could the village not have this variety growing?

bright red/yellow apple.

Described as 'crisp and juicy with an excellent texture and flavour' it's a

The trees in the orchard have also been given a winter pruning to encourage the correct shape and growth and labels have been added to help you identify which fruits are which!



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# It takes a village

by Charlotte Percy

It's twins! We had a big shock when the sonographer told us that we were expecting identical twins. After a troubling 8 month pregnancy, we were blessed with our girls arriving safely on the 8th April 2022. Despite all our fortune and excitement, those early days were beyond exhausting. As every new mother will vouch, newborn days are no joke. Double trouble was really that, awake 24 hours of the day between them and with their 3 year old big sister also requiring attention, our family really struggled to function.

Yet how lucky were we to live in gorgeous Gawsworth. Not long after Heidi and Eliza



arrived, in stepped a wonderful cohort of caring neighbours to hold us up, and support our family. Neighbours of the village we'd never even met, but who intuitively knew their help would be so appreciated.

We had meals dropped at the door, many neighbours offering to walk the pram, friendly faces popping over and helping with the day to day.

As we now approach their 1st birthday I just wanted to express our enormous gratitude to the wonder that is Gawsworth Village and especially Gawsworth Hub and their volunteers. Who still continue now to help with my sanity, offer some adult conversation and cuddle our little cherubs.

Special thanks in particular to Jill and her daughter Rachel who we will never be able to thank enough, the Dolans who were

always there in those impossible early months, Gawsworth St James Church - a wonderful community, Lorinda and Annick who have been so kind, and of course the heart of our village Janet.

In today's world I don't think many mums can say they had a village that really surrounded them with love and support when it was most needed. Gawsworth is a very special place.

## PC and PCSO Retire

PC Garry Charnock and PCSO Julia Short have been familiar faces in Gawsworth over many years, contributing in a positive way to Gawsworth life and helping us out when there have been problems.

Now they are both retiring and we'd like to say a big 'Thank You!' for their excellent service to us. Gary and Julia, we wish you both a long and happy retirement.

# North Danes Moss Vision

Gawsworth Parish Council have voted to support the alternative vision for North Danes Moss put forward by Cheshire Wildlife Trust and the Save Danes Moss Community Group.

An open meeting, as part of the February Parish Council meeting, heard about possibilities for a nature recovery zone with open spaces, wet woodland and new paths and board walks. Included in the plan is a new footpath linking the

proposed North Danes Moss Nature Recovery Zone with the existing SSSI nature reserve. This would complete a walking route between two parts of Gawsworth Parish, from Penningtons Lane across to the Nature Reserve. Councillors were impressed with the positive effect the proposal could have on the health and well-being of Gawsworth residents as well as the benefits for wildlife and the environment.

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a cake stall for the coronation event in the Village in May. There is a walk to Rode Hall on 25th February to do the snowdrop walk, ladies will be joining the gardening group for this event.

The Cloud Group Spring meeting will be Wednesday 3rd May at the New Life Church Congleton and the speaker will be Colin Anderson a former chef of the Royal Household.

However Cheshire East Council plans are still pushing ahead to develop the land with a link road and over 900 houses which would mean the Nature Recovery Vision may never happen.

## Parish Precept

Gawsworth's share of the council tax (the parish precept) is increasing £1.35 per year to £35.35 (3.97%). The council approved its budget at its January meeting with a total expenditure of £44,558.

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The ladies that lunch went to The Aviator at Woodford on the 14th February and next month they will be going to The Churchill Tree at Alderley Park.

The Crafty Ladies were at the Church meeting room on 16th February for crafting and chatting.

The Gawsworth WI meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall and invite all to feel free to come and join.

## Gawsworth WI

February's meeting saw a packed house and welcomed three visitors. There is a lot going on with the WI over the next few months as well as later in the year to raise funds for the WI.

There will be a fashion show at the end of April, a coffee morning in July and a Pie and Pea supper in October and the WI will be providing

# Gawsworth Hub News

March marks the transition to spring and hopefully we will be tidying up our gardens so at the Hub we have started to bring in some plants and potted bulbs to brighten up your spaces. If you have any spare plants, you can rehome them through the Hub and help raise money for charity too.

Our energy saving measures have been successful; we replaced lighting with low energy tubes, adjusted the drinks chiller temperature and shut down our display freezer. Our ice cream freezer should be re-commissioned when you read this and will hold frozen food as well as ice cream. We sell only a small amount of frozen food but please let us know if there are any items you would like us to stock.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Decades Supper and Quiz evening at the village hall (4th

Feb). It was a great evening with 73 tickets sold – all raising funds for the Hub frontage improvement project. Guests enjoyed a nostalgic meal (starting with pre-dinner cheese and pineapple hedgehogs) followed by an era-spanning quiz of the 60s, 70s and 80s. Space doesn't allow us to thank everyone individually but it was a great community effort making the evening so special.

Join in with World Book Day on Friday 3rd March with our book swap. Why not come and chat about your favourite books, or the ones you don't like whilst relaxing and enjoying some refreshments.

Sunday 19th March is Mothering Sunday, so don't forget we stock cards and presents, maybe a voucher for afternoon tea in the Hub?

On the first day of spring,

Monday 20th March we will mark Happiness Day with fun activities in the morning and we are having a games session with cards, dominoes, backgammon, chess and more in the afternoon.

## March Hub Events

**8th March 1400-1600**  
Knit & Natter

Even if you are not a great knitter you are welcome to attend just for a natter.

**15th March 1400-1600**  
Free Hand Massages

Lisa is giving free massages for anyone who purchases a drink and cake.

**23rd March 1400-1600**  
Easter Crafts

Please bring your own craft materials. Led by Lucinda.

**25th March 1000-1200**  
Gawsworth Gardeners

Monthly meeting and trip to Rode Hall.