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Lights and pedestrian crossing to be installed at crossroads

A decades-long campaign by Gawsworth residents to improve safety at crossroads has reached a significant stage. Cheshire East Council Highways has informed the Parish Council and Ward Councillor Lesley Smetham that they have placed the order for the traffic lights equipment, including a pedestrian crossing at the junction. Their provisional programme is to deliver the junction improvements this summer but the plan could be subject to supply delays.

The latest phase began when research by the Road Safety Foundation identified the A536

between Macclesfield and Congleton as one of the country's 50 most dangerous roads.

In 2017 the Department for Transport invited the councils responsible for these roads to specify what safety work was needed and how much it would cost. In June the

following year CEC heard they had been awarded the money they needed to undertake specified works on the A536 including signalisation of the A536/ Dark Lane crossroads.

Most of the work [cont...]

Where in Gawsworth?



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New Council Strategic Plan

After consultation with residents Gawsworth Parish Council has adopted a new strategic plan that sets out the vision, core aims and delivery objectives that will guide their activities in coming 4 years. Read it on the Gawsworth Life website.

Each strategic aim identifies key priorities which will be reviewed regularly. For example, the Strategic Aim GPC1 on enhancing our environment is supported by commitments to completing the review

of the conservation area, pressing for valued heritage assets to be added to the Cheshire East Local list, developing a 'Green Gawsworth Strategy', continuing to deliver on the park and woodland management plans and developing a business case to develop a new public open space on the former depot on Maggoty Lane.

A common theme through the document is the need to develop strong links and to work with community organisations recognising

that by working together our community can achieve more. Strong independent community organisations are crucial and the Parish Council wants to ensure that they have the support they need to be successful.

A mid-point review of the Gawsworth Neighbourhood Plan, an important official planning document, is on the cards within the next 4 years and the strategic plan also recognises the importance of the Parish Council seeking to influence planning matters, even though decision making rests with the Local Planning Authority at Cheshire East Council.

Rose Queen Fete

The Gawsworth Rose Queen Summer Fete and Procession is taking place on Saturday 24 June.

Like previous years, the day will start with a procession, leaving the village hall at 1pm through the village ending at the school where the fete will be formally opened by the

crowned Rose Queen. All are welcome.

The following road junctions will be closed from 12:30 – 13:30 on the day of the event:

Congleton Road/Church Lane, Church Lane/Woodhouse Lane, Woodhouse Lane/Wardle Crescent and Wardle Crescent/Church Lane.

Getting the basic maintenance jobs done around the Parish has become more difficult. Cheshire East Council is responsible for much of the work such as footpath and verge maintenance, but their resources have steadily eroded in recent years. Watch this space for some improvement!

Crossroads [cont..]

on the A536 has now been completed except for the Gawsworth crossroads.

Cllr Lesley Smetham, reflecting representations made to her by local residents said, "Safety should be our uppermost concern and priority".

Parish Council chair, Cllr Penny Shepherd explained that "the Parish Council has

insisted the scheme design should be evidence led and we produced a dossier of written and video evidence to help Highways create the best possible design. A major concern was safe access for pedestrians to the Methodist Church and Community Hall and to the bus stop."

Meanwhile Gawsworth Methodist Church

Council spoke of their meeting last year with Macclesfield MP David Rutley "We stressed the importance of a safe crossing and sought his support to make it a reality"

The Parish Council has again contacted CEC requesting plan details so these can be shared with residents. We can then offer Highways the benefit of local knowledge as the details are finalised in the hope that any potential downsides to the scheme might be minimised. competition will be a war time photograph.

The walking group enjoyed a walk around Finlow Hill at Alderley Edge on 17th May whilst the Ladies that lunch enjoyed lunch at The Plough at Eaton on the 9th May.

Please feel free to come along to one of our meetings you will be made to feel most welcome. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall.

Gawsworth Women's Institute

May's meeting was a social event a quiz accompanied by scones, cakes and fizz. The quiz was all about royalty testing our knowledge.

The Fashion show on Saturday 29th April was well attended and a great success. Many ladies spent their money and £520 was raised for WI funds. These funds enable us to continue to run the WI and also enable us to subsidise some of the outings that we put on.

The competition for the evening was Flowers in a Jar and was won by Joyce Venables. In June we are having a talk by Miss Pitchy Patchy and the

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Gawsworth Footpath 9 between Gawsworth Hall and Woodhouse End Road. The hedgerow here is predominantly Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) and if you're quick, there's also a horse chestnut in full flower.

Gawsworth Hub News

Thanks to all for the donations towards refreshments in the village hall at the Coronation celebration and those who visited our stall in the park and bought drinks and confectionery. We raised £144 towards the hub frontage improvement fund.

The Hub is holding its Open Meeting and Annual General Meeting in the village hall on Sunday 11th June at 2pm. Your support for the Hub is very important, so even if you are not a shareholder please come along and hear about our plans and what we have been doing. Complimentary teas, coffees and cake will be available.

There will be a French Language and culture Cafe in the Hub on Tuesday 13th June from 2-4 pm, this will be £3 per person including a drink and cake. Please sign up for this so we know numbers.

Father's Day is 18th June, we have a selection of cards in the Hub and for gifts there are Winkle Beer packs, Forest gin and lots of nice bars of chocolates and biscuits.

On Tuesday 20th June we will be holding a baby and toddler clothes exchange afternoon from 2-4 pm. Entry fee is £2.50 which includes a drink and biscuit. Bring along nearly new/new unwanted items to exchange.

We will have a stall at the school for the Rose Queen event on 24th June, come along and say hello. Also the Hub will be open all day for drinks, sandwiches, snacks and anything else you may need.

The tickets for the next Village Night Out will be going on sale soon, the date is Friday 30th June for a Midsummer Quiz and Supper Night.

Hold the date for Sunday 10th September, plans

are in the pipeline for a village produce show. Please contact us if you'd like to be involved.

On the 16th of May, 36 volunteers enjoyed the annual Volunteer barbecue at the Harrington Arms. This event is only possible thanks to the generosity of our customers who donate their loose change to our volunteers' social fund. Thank you. Your donations, which enable us on your behalf, help to recognise the efforts of our amazing Volunteer team who ensure the local community has access to the Hub seven days a week. Thanks also to Andy, Becky, Claire and the team at the Harrington Arms.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to enable us to develop Hub services. To find out more pop into the Hub and have a chat with Kathryn or Janet. Alternatively email volunteering@gawsworthhub.co.uk.