

# Gawsworth Gazette

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## COVID19 - Community Support

A sizable group of residents have volunteered to help people in the community who are self-isolating due to the Coronavirus. The volunteer team will pick up shopping, collect prescriptions, walk dogs and more.

It is good to see the community shop being well supported during these times and we should all, including volunteers, read the latest NHS advice and stay as safe as we can.

You will notice there is no events section in this month's edition - this is in accordance with the social distancing advice.

All Cheshire Rural Touring Arts shows have been cancelled for the season and the Parish Council is suspending its meetings until the government advice is lifted.

To utilise the community support, contact Rachel Wilson:

07595 430 022  
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## Work on plan continues

Volunteers working on the Neighbourhood Plan have now received the feedback from our Regulation 14 Consultation.

We are making a number of amendments following the comments and are aiming to submit the plan to Cheshire East Council in April for examination by an independent Planning Inspector.

Later in the year it will be put back to you for formal approval at a parish wide referendum.

## Where in Gawsworth?

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# Community Shop News

We are delighted to introduce Janet Keates who has just joined our team as our Hub Manager. Janet has experience of running several hubs in Cheshire and is most approachable. She will initially be splitting her time between establishing connections with village organisations, helping to set up a support and delivery service for those having to isolate themselves and getting to know our customers by doing shifts in the shop.

When restrictions on social interaction are lifted Janet's focus will switch to arranging all sorts of interesting events and activities in our hub just as she has done for other community hubs.

As you'd expect the Coronavirus outbreak is having a major impact on our shop. Many of our volunteers are over 70 or have had to isolate

themselves for medical reasons or because they have had close contact with infected individuals. We are determined to continue opening the shop and hub every day throughout this crisis, however maintaining normal opening hours with a severely reduced team is just not sustainable over an extended period.

For this reason we have reduced the number of shifts from three to two on weekdays and to one at weekends. We will continue to open at 8:00 am every day so you can collect your papers, but will be closing at 10:30 am at weekends, and after lunch (1:30 pm) on weekdays. This will allow you time to buy lunch or groceries for yourself or friends who have had to isolate themselves. The Hub will be open for the same hours as the shop.

We do ask that if you are at all unwell that you don't visit the shop but arrange for someone else

to shop for you. If you visit the shop and shortly afterward succumb to the virus you MUST let us know as we will have to close the shop and hub to undertake a comprehensive deep clean to protect other customers and ourselves from infection.

We are experiencing a substantial increase in trade, which is good news as it shows how valuable an asset we have in order to serve the community in these trying times. We do two warehouse runs every week so if we do run out, it shouldn't be long before we're restocked unless the warehouses are also out of stock. We also have more frequent or daily deliveries from several local suppliers for bread, pies, milk, and meat and who are very happy to accept larger orders to meet demand.

The more you use the shop and the hub the more worthwhile it is putting in the effort to run them!

## Police Advice on Dogs

Cheshire Police have issued a message to dog owners after two dogs killed and worried sheep in North Rode. It seems in all cases owners say 'My dog has never done anything like this before'. Worrying livestock could end with the dog being shot.

You can walk a dog along footpaths but it must be under control when out and about. This means you shouldn't be throwing a ball off across the field.

Ensure your dogs are secure and on a lead

when around livestock

Keep your dog close so that you can clean up after it. Please don't leave poo bags around the countryside.

Keep to the footpaths. There is no 'right to roam' land in Gawsworth. Wandering across fields is trespassing.

The police say they are working with the NFU to ensure the strongest penalties for those that don't take their responsibilities seriously.

## Where in Gawsworth?

It's the bus shelter on the A 536 near the Dark Lane crossroads. Approaching its 60th birthday and looking in need of some attention.

Don't forget there are now 2 buses an hour to Macclesfield and Congleton during much of the day.

## Parish Council Meetings

In line with government advice, the Parish Council will not be holding meetings until social distancing restrictions are lifted.

The Parish Council will still be working for you, and you can raise any issues requiring attention by contacting the Clerk.

## Overgrown Hedges

There are some hedges around the Parish that have spread onto pavements and are already causing problems for wheelchair users and anyone pushing children around.

Please make arrangements to have spreading hedges cut right back before the spring growth and before the birds start nesting.

## A536 Funding

Cheshire East Council has banked the £2.3m from the government to improve safety on the A536 and have chosen a contractor. We hope to see the plans soon.

## Chronicling the Gazette

Two stories from our last edition featured in the Congleton Chronicle. The A536 safety works promised for the end of this year and our park plan both featured.

# The Gawsworth Neighbourhood Outreach

## Free Community Help



**If you are self-isolating  
because of COVID-19  
we can help**



**Picking up shopping**



**Posting mail**



**Collecting prescriptions**

**Call us on: 07595 430 022  
or email: [razzacantab@icloud.com](mailto:razzacantab@icloud.com)**

**We also have a group on the next-door app if you wish to keep updated:  
<https://nextdoor.co.uk/g/ni2nczh3b/>**

Please note this is an informal arrangement to help neighbours. Help is offered and must be taken at your own discretion and at your own risk. We cannot guarantee that all volunteers will be free from COVID-19 and as such, we are only offering the above assistance. This means shopping will be left on doorsteps with minimum/zero contact, once orders are received over the phone. Every safety and hygiene effort will be made by volunteers.