

Gawsworth Gazette

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Playground to reopen

Following the latest announcements from Government, the play area and trim trail in Gawsworth Park reopens from 4th July.

It is important that users are aware that coronavirus may survive on play area surfaces for days and as such users should clean equipment before use.

Signage will be installed outlining a number of measures required to increase the safety of users these include:

- Continuing to maintain social distancing
- Limits on number of users on equipment
- Hand sanitiser stations

with users required to sanitise before and after use

- Food and drink is banned from the play areas (you can still use the picnic area)

Unfortunately there is an inherent risk in using the

play equipment at this time, so please proceed with caution and if your household has any symptoms please remain home and do not visit the park for 14 days.

Where in Gawsworth?



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Park Problems

There has been a big increase in littering in Gawsworth Park in recent weeks including a den in the woodland.

Alcohol and glass are not allowed in the park and this rule is being ignored by some people.

We think illegal substances may also have been used. The police

have visited and they will continue to monitor our park over coming weeks.

If anyone suspects any antisocial behaviour in the park or elsewhere in Gawsworth please call the police on 101.

Please help us keep our lovely green spaces safe and pleasant for all users.

Thank you.

Cheshire East objects to Mast

Cheshire East Council has dealt a blow to the hopes of the EE mast being installed on the Congleton Road Playing Fields. EE submitted an planning application (20/2346M) for this location as an alternative to the Penningtons Lane Green.

In their objection, the CEC Assets Department has stated that the mast would prejudice the redevelopment of the site as part of the SMDA. They have also objected that the appearance of the mast would be obtrusive to users of the playing field.

Gawsworth Ghosts Spotted



An old photograph of Gawsworth Cross was posted recently on the Macclesfield Memories Facebook page. Eagle-eyed Tom Aindow took a close look and saw a ghost – or maybe two. Could it be Shakespeare's lover Mary Fitton let out of St James Church for a stroll? Or Maggoty Johnson returned to play a merry tune? More likely that someone is having a bit of fun with Photoshop or splashed their beer on the original. On the other hand – has anyone checked recently that the graves are all intact?

Police Report

In June there were seven police reports; which included antisocial behaviour in the park, sheep on Congleton Road and Cows on Church Lane. Reports also included youths playing football on Longbutts Lane and reports of a party in the woods.

Maggoty's Murmurings

So, now it's strong medical advice that we should keep 2m away from others wherever possible. If it's impossible it's 1m plus but only with precautions.

In Gawsorth 2m is possible in most situations and, from what I've seen, residents and visitors have been very good at keeping their distance. It's the new norm. We've accepted

it and it's OK. This has given the vulnerable in our community the confidence to venture out. For them catching the virus could prove disastrous.

Sadly here, and elsewhere, there is a small minority who seem to think the rules and advice don't apply to them. The play equipment in the park has been closed yet

providing funding for temporary interventions to create an environment that is safer for walking and cycling, while getting traffic off busy roads and 'rat runs'. It is seen as an opportunity to embed walking and cycling as part of new long-term commuting habits. Cheshire East Council will receive £774,000 to aid this and Gawsorth Parish Council have submitted some ideas on how our Parish could benefit. There's plenty to go at.

Currently, few would

almost daily someone has been snapping the cable ties and ripping off the red tape and notices, leaving them blowing around and littering the park. Why?

These are still very risky times. Trusted medical voices fear a second wave of the pandemic. The new normal is not the same as the old normal. Carry on cautiously – very cautiously. Please.

dare to cycle along the A536 and our country lanes are well known rat runs. Driving short distances is understandably preferred to having to cross the busy main road. Surely, time to rethink.

Councillors still wanted

Gawsorth Parish Council is still in need of two new councillors.

Interested in serving the community? Email clerk@gawsorthpc.org.uk to find out more.

Rethink

There's a fascinating BBC initiative asking how the world should change after the coronavirus pandemic.

Jarvis Cocker, Pope Francis and many others say there's an opportunity to rethink our direction for the better and not just return to the same old ways. What would you like to be different right here where you live? One initiative has already kicked off.

The government is

Shop and Hub News

July already, where have the months gone? The lockdown has been difficult for us all but slowly but surely some semblance of normal life is returning.

The shop has fared very well and that is all down to you, our loyal customers. We will be forever thankful to you. We have gained new customers who now prefer us to supermarkets.

Along with the increased safety features that we have put in place we have seen returning volunteers and customers who were isolating. We have also explored new ways to serve the community.

Thanks must go to Janet, our hub manager, for her initiatives. Many of you have expressed how much you enjoy her weekly leaflet with puzzles and quizzes.

Our plant, craft and

puzzle exchange stalls, that Janet set up, are proving popular and have so far raised over £230 for the East Cheshire Hospice.

The 'Wear your hat with flowers' day organized by Alex and Janet on behalf of the Macclesfield and District Lions Club in our hub raised over £150 for Brain Tumour research.

With the lockdown restrictions being eased we are resuming sales of our popular made-to-order sandwiches but only to take out.

To reduce the time other customers have to queue while we make them we ask that orders for 3 or more are phoned through in advance but please avoid ringing before 10:00 am as we are very busy sorting the day's deliveries until then. If there is a queue we will ask you to wait in the hub until your sandwiches are ready to take away.

We are also working on reinstating a limited

amount of seating in the hub, in accordance with the current guidelines so you can use it when the restrictions on indoor seating are lifted.

Talking of the hub we have a limited budget for cleaning it so if you know anyone who is interested do contact us either via the shop or by email to info@gawsworthshop.co.uk.

Stay safe.

Where in Gawsworth:

It could be any one of dozens of footpaths that cross Gawsworth.

Peaceful, quiet and fairly easy to social distance from others.

This shot was taken on the footpath from the church towards the Tarmac site on Congleton Road.

Stunning views and lots of little lambs to say hello to – but please do keep dogs on leads.