

# Gawsworth Gazette

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## Can you help the Village Hall?

Gawsworth Village Hall is run entirely by volunteers. Would you like to contribute some of your energy and skill and join us?

Some of the things on our list: Manage the accounts, pay the bills. hire the hall out, manage the diary,

look after safety and security, undertake or commission maintenance and improvements, apply for grants, provide secretarial support.

Big projects coming up – refurbishing the Ladies’ loos and cladding the exterior.

IF SO: please contact Tom Aindow (Chairman) 01625 427932 email: [tomaindow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tomaindow@hotmail.co.uk) or Andrew Bennett (Booking Secretary) 01625 619449 email: [andrew-bennett@sky.com](mailto:andrew-bennett@sky.com)

## In Vogue

Jillian Longson has been doing a magnificent job of making masks. When the last batch are finished she’ll have made a total of 150 priced at £2.50 each. All proceeds go to the East Cheshire Hospice. You can buy a mask at the community shop but be quick as they are going fast. Be socially responsible AND look good. Thank you Jill!

## Where in Gawsworth?



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## Hub News

We really appreciate your very positive and constructive feedback from our Hub questionnaire and we were touched by your generous and kind comments.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our campaign to raise funds for the East Cheshire Hospice. To date, your donations exceed £500.

Please remember to wear your face mask or

other face covering to cover the mouth and nose whenever you visit the Shop/Hub, this is now a legal requirement and will help protect our community. Importantly, it will help to protect our volunteers who give their time to serve us.

On Saturday 18th July the Queen celebrated 25,000 days as our Monarch and to mark the day Janet organised "Wear a crown day" with a display in the Hub and villagers donning their own creations.

## Neighbourhood Plan advances

The Gawsworth Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Cheshire East Council and is now out for its final public consultation. Comments will go directly to an independent planning examiner who will determine any changes required for it to progress to approval at referendum.

To view the draft plan and respond to the consultation visit the Hub, Macclesfield Library or visit [www.gawsworthlife.co.uk](http://www.gawsworthlife.co.uk)

## Harrington's novel greenhouses



The Harrington Arms pub is gaining praise from locals and got a nice mention in the Manchester Evening news for their reopening efforts. They are accommodating customers in greenhouses with different themes as well as providing a tented area and some indoor tables. COVID 19 safety is being achieved but in novel, pleasant surroundings. 01260 223325 is the number for more information.

## Time for a Trim

It is time to trim back our hedges and it is particularly important this year to keep the pavements as clear as possible for social distancing.

There is a legal requirement to ensure that the highway next to our property is not obstructed by vegetation.

## Help a Hedgehog

Are hedgehogs making a welcome comeback? Rupert Richards has spotted a couple down at the hall, others crossing Church Lane and Lesley Smetham is providing a luxury supper for a hedgehog in her garden. It seems they are partial to non-fishy wet cat food.

Lesley Fallon is also providing a pop up restaurant for the Lowes Lane hedgehog. Not that long ago, hedgehogs

## The New Normal

The playgrounds are now re-opened and it's been wonderful to see so many people enjoying the park. One 3-year-old girl even took the trouble to send a card to the Parish Council to thank them. Please take a moment to read the COVID 19 notices, keep your distance from other households and use the hand sanitiser.

The Village Hall is making

were a regular sight in Gawsworth, however they have been in decline over the last few years which is a great pity.

Hedgehogs have no road sense at all so please do watch out for them when driving at night. If you'd like to give them a helping hand you could buy or make them a home, put out a shallow dish of water and food and leave gaps in boundary fences.

Visit [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk)

plans to reopen in a COVID 19-safe way – there's a lot to think about!

WI are working out how they can resume meetings in a reduced capacity Hall and members are being consulted.

St James has taken the first tentative steps to conduct services with social distancing and you can reserve your seat by contacting the churchwardens.

## EE Mast Update

The proposal to install a telecoms mast at the Congleton Road playing fields has received overwhelming support gawsworth residents, the parish council, MP David Rutley and Cllrs Jeuda and Puddicombe.

There are fears that if this site is rejected EE might revert to the green on the corner of Penningtons Lane. The planning department's decision is awaited.

## Community Speed Watch

Concerned about speeding? Want to make a difference? Well you can, by volunteering for your local Community Speed Watch Group.

Training is provided by the Police and there are no minimum hours.

Contact PCSO Julia Short [macclesfield.lpu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:macclesfield.lpu@cheshire.pnn.police.uk) for more information.

## Shop News

Thanks to your support our sales during lockdown have been the best three months we have ever had and far exceeded all expectations.

We really hope you will continue to support us so that we can continue to support you in return.

Last month a number of our volunteers who had been self-isolating

courageously returned to help run the shop and really appreciated by everyone in the team that has kept the shop open and stocked during lock-down. It also means we can start a gradual transition back to some sort of normality.

Last month we resumed making sandwiches to order. This month we are reintroducing toasties and hot pies, both of which will now be cheaper than before due to the recently

announced reduction in VAT for such items.

We are also planning to provide outdoor seating in the front forecourt of the hub, some limited seating inside and, by popular demand, extending Saturday opening hours.

If you have any thoughts about what we should do next do let one of the team know or email me via [info@gawsworthshop.co.uk](mailto:info@gawsworthshop.co.uk).

## New Parish Councillor

Welcome to Cllr Gordon Mitchell who has been co-opted to join the Parish Council.

Gordon moved to

Gawsworth just as the lockdown commenced but is thoroughly enjoying life here. He is keen to contribute to the community and it is already clear that he will be a great asset for the Council.

There is still one vacancy so if you are wondering about joining why not have a chat with one of the team. Contact details for councillors are on [www.GawsworthLife.com](http://www.GawsworthLife.com) and you can follow live or replay council meetings on the GawsworthLife Facebook page.



## Where in Gawsworth

Returning by bus from Macclesfield one of our readers was bowled over by how beautiful these wildflowers at the bus stop on the road were!