

# Gawsworth Gazette

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## Libby's Pumpkin Patch

Gawsworth's new attraction, Libby's Pumpkin Patch, is open for business.

After planting over 18,000 seeds the pumpkins are ready and you can pick your own now. You must book your slot so look for Libby's Pumpkin Patch on Facebook for details. The plan is to keep open until 31st October subject to Covid-19 restrictions, weather conditions and pumpkin stock availability. The venture is proving popular so get in early, pick a good one and it should last until Halloween.

Why "Libby's pumpkin patch"? Libby Thornicroft very sadly



lost her battle with breast cancer 11 years ago and part of the profits from the patch will be donated to East Cheshire Hospice who cared for Libby. The Pumpkin Patch will also raise money for Gawsworth Primary School. A fantastic local venture!



## Emma joins the Parish Council

The Parish Council is now back to its full complement of 9 councillors with the cooption of Emma Clarke at the September meeting. Welcome Emma!

Emma lives on Benbrook Way with husband Neil and children Tilly and Felix.

6-month old Felix has already joined in with a Zoom council meeting. Excellent experience for when he becomes Councillor Felix in about 18 years time!

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# Virtual Parish Meeting

Residents joined in the annual Parish Meeting through Zoom and the Gawsorth Life Facebook page on 16th September.

Parish Council Chairman Rupert Richards stressed how pleased he was that we now had a full complement of Parish Councillors with Councillors Gordon Mitchell and Emma Clarke now part of the team.

Past Chairman Paul Woods recounted some of the main events since the last Parish Meeting.

The local response to supporting residents during the continuing COVID 19 crisis was highlighted with special mentions for the reference information provided by the Parish Council, the help service led by Rector's wife Rachel Wilson and the Gawsorth Heroes initiative led by resident Charlotte Percy.

Paul also mentioned the refusal of planning permission for the Dark Lane development and the commitment to keeping residents informed through the Gazette and the Gawsorth Life website and Facebook page.

Adopting a 10-year plan for Gawsorth Park was a good step forward especially as is proving to be such a well used and valuable asset in these difficult times.

Also, important progress with the Gawsorth Neighbourhood Plan had occurred recently.

Residents asked about the Penningtons Lane EE mast situation. The answer? Planning permission has been granted to place the mast on the Congleton Road playing fields and the Parish Council are monitoring the situation closely.

The mast and Dark Lane development resistance were excellent examples of Gawsorth residents and the Parish Council

working together in the interests of the Parish. An update on the proposed work to improve safety on the A536 was sought.

The response was that it is scheduled for the end of the year into early 2021 and when the Parish Council receives details from Cheshire East Council they will share them with residents.

A proposal to fell some trees from the avenue of limes down Church Lane was highlighted and will be followed up.

The restarting of Girls Brigade at the beginning of October was also mentioned and they were sent best wishes.

Remember that the Parish Council invites residents to join all its meetings and sets time aside at the start for questions and comments from the community.

## MPs visit Danes Moss

Local MPs Esther McVey and David Rutley met with Cheshire Wildlife Trust to learn about peatland restoration at Gawsworth's Dane Moss Reserve.

The Trust has been rewetting the land to promote growth of sphagnum moss and carbon-rich peat soil.

Peatland is increasingly recognised as a way to help combat the climate crisis but few sites like Danes Moss remain.

Good to see Gawsworth



playing a part in fighting climate change and preventing biodiversity loss.

Cheshire Wildlife Trust are urging us to switch to peat-free compost to help protect the peatlands we have left.

## Plea to cut back hedges

A letter submitted to the Gazette this month has pleaded for residents to cut back their hedges to open the full widths of pavements back up.

Overgrown hedges narrow pavements forcing pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs or in wheelchairs, into the road.

Residents are urged to check their boundary hedges and cut them back to the back of the pavement line. In some instances this will be quite a cut - but will really help!

## Where in Gawsworth?



# Gawsworth Hub News

We are now in the eighth month of our new reality created by the pandemic. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this stressful time.

We are sorry that we are unable to deliver many of the planned benefits of our new Community Hub. Please be assured that we will fully open our Hub as soon as it is safe to do so. However, in the meantime, under Janet's stewardship we trust we are contributing to the wellbeing of our Community.

We hope you had fun completing Janet's 25 quizzes and 25 word-searches. We are grateful to Anne Jackson for her help in the printing and circulation of many of these sheets.

Thank you for your support in recent Hub and Community initiatives that include the public recognition



of Gawsworth Heroes; Wear a Hat to increase public awareness and raise funds for Brain Tumour Research; Don a Crown to mark the Queen's 25000 days as our Monarch, Dress Up in 1940's Attire to celebrate VE Day; plus much more.

In September, we hosted our take on the Macmillan Cancer Support World's Biggest Coffee Morning, minus the coffee. The raffle and wonderful array of delicious cakes worthy of British Bake Off helped us to raise in excess of £400. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution.

This month, we will support the Friends of

Gawsworth Primary School's Scarecrow initiative. Details will follow in Janet's newsheet. We will continue to promote your donated crafts for the benefit of the East Cheshire Hospice. We are in touching distance of reaching our £1000 target. Thank you for your generosity.

Janet will be happy for your suggestions for future fun events or anything else we can do to generate interest and or to support our Community.

Stay safe and well.

## Where in Gawsworth

This is Warren Cottage. A picture kindly posted on the 'Macclesfield Memories' Facebook page by Ian Oulton. The lady in the picture is believed to be the mother of Ernie Bailey, a well known and fondly remembered Gawsworth resident.