

Gawsworth Gazette

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Scarecrow Success

Huge thanks to Friends of Gawsworth who organised a scarecrow trail around the village.

Scarecrows made by the children, local businesses, groups and residents brightened up the rather wet half-term weather. It was so nice to see the children eagerly following the

scarecrow map to complete the puzzle. Gawsworth WI entered into the spirit with some impressive specimens including the scarecrow food bank on the Pleasance (pictured).

WI aren't currently running their 1st Tuesday in the month meetings at the Village Hall but their creative efforts have prompted new membership enquiries.



Where in Gawsworth?



Our Lovely Trees

Trees contribute so much to what makes Gawsworth such a lovely place and they help combat climate change.

Which are your favourites? Is there an area which is just crying out for trees to

be planted? Please take a photo and email it to the clerk or post on the GawsworthLife Facebook page.

It will help the Parish Council as it continues to consider the best way to help Gawsworth be just as lovely in years to come.

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Toddler Yoga

Some of our local mums have been enjoying classes that Gawsworth Village Hall have started to host this autumn.

Pictured are Allegra and Beatrice aged 18 months enjoying toddler yoga with their mums.

This class, held each Thursday at 10am, includes relaxing yoga and stretching for the mums whilst introducing toddlers to yoga and calming breath work.

There's toddler massage, stories, sensory play



and plenty of time for chatting and creating new friendships with other mums.

If you are interested in joining please contact Katie on info@babyandyoussleep.com or

07540378428.

If you would like to see any other baby or toddler activity please send your thoughts through to the Parish Council - clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk

Chaos in the Lanes

The A536 was closed during the daytime for carriageway patching over several days in October.

Residents and visitors had to endure large increases in traffic volume through Gawsworth Village, confused motorists and

HGVs ignoring weight limit restrictions causing chaos and verge damage in our narrow lanes.

Residents have posted angrily on social media blaming the logjams on inadequate signage of the official diversions. It's important that lessons are learned before the major 'safer roads fund' work scheduled for this winter

begins.

Also, on October 21st there was a serious collision in the area of the Gawsworth lay-bys between an HGV and a car.

The road was closed for several hours and one person sustained serious injuries. The promised safety work on the A536 can't come soon enough.

Gawsworth Shop News

Several of you have asked if we could stay open longer on Saturdays. This is something we have wanted to do ever since we had to reduce opening hours when the March lock-down meant two-thirds of our volunteers needed to self-isolate. Following our appeal for help, we are now in a position to reinstate a second shift on Saturdays so starting 7th November we will be staying open until 12:30pm on Saturdays.

With the weather deteriorating as winter approaches we have decided to reverse the

Remembrance Sunday

The traditional gathering at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday (8th November) won't take place because of COVID safety. We are invited to stand on our doorsteps at 11am for the 2-minute silence

one-way system starting 1st November. We are doing this so that instead of queuing in the cold and wet outside up to three of you can queue inside in the hub, socially distanced 6 feet apart.

While waiting why not browse our cards or craft display?

Three years ago we decided to be more proactive in fighting climate change. Having replaced the most inefficient refrigeration units which substantially reduced our energy consumption, the next step was to switch to a supplier of genuine renewable energy. We chose Good Energy for this and completed the

while a small group at the memorial will lay wreaths, say prayers and a bugler will play the last post. Worldwide there were up to 25 million military deaths and over 50 million civilian deaths because of World War II.

A sobering thought.

switch last month so all the energy the hub and shop use for heating, lighting and refrigeration now comes from 100% renewable sources.

Stop Press

We have just placed a large order for a fantastic new range of chocolates which you'll struggle to find elsewhere. The samples we received were so popular with our team they never made it onto the shelves so we expect them to sell out fast.

Delivery is expected within the next few weeks so watch out for an announcement that they are on sale.

Food Bank Collections

Rachel Wilson is operating a Food Bank collection point at the vicarage. The lack of free school meals over half term was well covered with Rachel offering to cook and Cheshire East Council providing food vouchers.

Gawsworth Hub News

On Saturday 24th October just before the end of British Summer-time, we hit our East Cheshire Hospice Appeal target of £1000. We are very grateful to everyone who made this possible. Before the clocks go forward again we will try to raise a similar amount for the Macclesfield Christie Appeal. Let's hope we can get off to a flying start.

Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, many of our residents are unable to shop in town. It will be great if you can donate Christmas crafts, etc., to us, that others can buy to give to family or friends; or simply to enjoy themselves. All the proceeds will go to Macclesfield Christie Appeal.

Due to the new restrictions, if you have problems getting out and need medications or items from our Community Shop please

let Janet know and she will make arrangements to help you. You can contact Janet on 07946 199117 or you can phone us on 01625 425428.

It is unfortunate that most of us will not be allowed to attend Remembrance Day events due to social distancing restrictions. However, we are keen to give you the opportunity to mark this special day by posting messages on our Remembrance Board in the Hub. Please bring your messages to the Hub or contact Janet and she will be happy to post them on the board for you.

We were pleased to support the Friends of Gawsworth Primary School by selling Scarecrow Trail maps. Visitors to the Hub were very complementary about the exhibits. However, we made sure we kept them on the move!

CEC Corporate Plan

Cheshire East Council has drafted a new draft Corporate Plan for 2020 to 2024 and they would like to hear your views.

Included is an aspiration to 'Listen, learn and respond to our residents. Promoting opportunities for a two-way conversation' so have a read and let them know your thoughts and suggestions.

You can read the plan on the CEC website.

Where in Gawsworth

Gawsworth Park. Three narrow leaved ash trees (*Fraxinus rotundifolia*) in front of some silver birch, just turning to their wonderful autumn colours and shown off by the evening sun. They are susceptible to ash die back, a fungal disease which spreading widely. Let's hope our many ashes in the Parish manage to survive.