

# Gawsworth Gazette

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## Christmas Cards of Kindness

Our wonderful school children at the Primary School together with the Gawsworth Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Girls Brigade are all handmaking Christmas cards this month for their elderly neighbours in Gawsworth.

Isolation and loneliness has sadly been one of the main themes running through this pandemic, and it is often felt most during the festive period.

The Christmas Cards of Kindness made by little hands with love are hoped to bring a smile to our lovely elder generation.

Gawsworth Hub, St James Church, the

Women's Institute and the Methodist Church will ensure the handmade cards are spread far and wide. Helen Jepson, Heather Newton, Carolyn Boden, Lesley Fallon and Janet Keates are the honourary elves!

If you would like to post a card to one of our elderly neighbours, then please address it to "Dear Neighbour" and pop it

in the special post box in the community hub.

For any more information or if you would like to nominate a neighbour to receive one please contact [charlotte.a.percy@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.a.percy@gmail.com)



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# COVID 19 Vaccine

Gawsworth residents include several current and retired AstraZeneca employees who must be very proud that 'their company' has, in conjunction with the University of Oxford, developed an effective and well tolerated vaccine for COVID 19.

AZ people know very well that it takes thousands of dedicated doctors, pharmacists, scientists and support staff to bring new medicines to patients, and some of them are your Gawsworth neighbours.

At least three vaccines are on their way, but the virus is still with us and the risk will be serious for

several months to come. If we relax our caution now the inevitable result is that people will die and become seriously ill. We have to continue to keep our distance, wear masks and wash or sanitise our hands. "Be Jolly Careful."

## Gawsworth Hub News

Thanks to your generous donations we have a wide selection of items on our craft table that will make great Christmas presents. The Macclesfield Christies Appeal will be the main beneficiary from items sold on the table.

For most of us Christmas is a wonderful time but it can be painful for those who have lost a loved one, or those in financial need. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic local charities are unable to undertake their fundraising activities.

This Christmas, with your support we will help the Lions with its Christmas

## Here on Holiday



Sheep from near Biggin in the Peak District are staying in Gawsworth this winter. You may have spotted them as you walk the footpath from the hall to Lowes Lane. They look very content with their holiday accommodation, and it seems the grub is particularly good. Their field has been planted with plantain, a broad leaved, mineral rich plant which is drought tolerant, improves the soil and provides excellent nutrition for grazing animals. As always, please keep your dogs on a lead when walking through fields and keep to public footpaths. Thank you!

**Food Parcel Appeal.**  
In the Hub there is a container where you can leave food items or make a cash donation.

Children at our Primary School are making Christmas cards to personalise the gifted food parcels.

## Gawsworth Shop News

December already, but no need to feel down, just pop into the Hub to see the colourful decorations or the shop to see our exciting new ranges.

Make breakfast special with some Bucks Fizz Marmalade. Not your cup of tea? Try the Tippy Lemon Curd made with gin. Want to make a meal special? Collect some of our low fat Venison or Wild Boar meats, both are available as steaks, sausages, burgers or diced. Don't forget to pick up a bottle of wine.

Round off the meal with the amazing chocolates

The Rotary has its Toy Box Appeal to brighten Christmas morning for needy children. You will find a bin in the Hub to collect any donated toy or child's gift. All proceeds from our Christmas Raffle will go to the East Cheshire Hospice.

from Whitakers. We have quite a range of them and they are selling like hot cakes with many repeat purchases.

We now have a range of cards, including boxed sets. We also now have some 'fill you own hampers' to give as gifts. Buy a hamper basket for £6, select items to fill it from the wide range of delights available in the shop – jams, chocolate, sweets, pickles, wine, beer, groceries, to give that personal touch to your gift.

The kit includes everything you need to give your hamper a festive look.

Christmas bags are also

## Shop Christmas Opening Times

**Christmas Eve 24th**  
8:00 am to 1:30 pm

**Christmas Day 25th**  
Closed

**Boxing Day 26th**  
Closed

**27th to 31st Dec**  
8:00 am to 10:30 am

**New Years Day**  
Closed

**2nd Jan onwards**  
Open as usual

on sale for £1.50 if you want to create a smaller gift or put together a gift for a child.

## Where in Gawsworth?



## A Gawsworth Christmas

The Parish Council will be lighting up the Christmas Arch and getting a tree erected on the Pleasance but of course there'll be no lighting up gathering with a brass band and stalls.

Also, no Festive Fun evening and no Christmas Tree Festival which means local good causes could miss out on the generous Gawsworth

support this year.

Councillor Emma Clarke is working with other Parish Councillors, the hub, school, church and local residents to bring some extra cheer to this Christmas season.

Perhaps you'd like to be involved?

Emma says: "Gawsworth will be hosting a Christmas Trail from 12th-27th Dec, raising charitable funds and bringing some well-

needed festive cheer!

I am looking for volunteers to make a garden or window display, to be a part of the trail."

If you would like to be involved please email [emma.clarke@gawsworthpc.org.uk](mailto:emma.clarke@gawsworthpc.org.uk)

Look out for more details of the trail on GawsworthLife Facebook page.

## Did you see the White Rainbow?



Spotted by Deb Warren while walking through the fields behind Gawsworth Hall one foggy morning in October. It is called a fogbow or white rainbow and is quite a rare sight.

The colour is lost in formation due to the droplets of water being so tiny in the fog in comparison to the large water droplets in rain which result in a coloured rainbow... a very simplified explanation.

## Where in Gawsworth

Halfway between Macclesfield and Congleton on the A536. Rather hidden away in the verge nowadays with a piece of modern rubbish at its foot. Cheshire County Council had been established in 1889 as part of sweeping government reform (5 years later Gawsworth Parish Council was created too). Cheshire County Council was replaced by Cheshire East Council in 2009.