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Crossroads Traffic Light Proposals

At a packed October Parish Council meeting, a representative of Cheshire East Highways presented the draft plans for new traffic signals at the Dark Lane crossroads. Road safety at the crossroads has been a decades long concern in the community and in 2017 Cheshire East Council applied under the Department for Transport Safer Roads Fund to improve safety on the A536. This application included the installation of traffic signals at the crossroads.

The proposed scheme would install 'smart' traffic lights at the crossroads, incorporate stop boxes for cyclists, a pedestrian controlled

crossing north of the crossroads and kerb realignment outside the Old Post Office. The signals would operate on a 90 second cycle with early release for cyclists. We were advised that the equipment has been ordered and works should commence in early 2024.

Views both for and against traffic lights were expressed from councillors and residents. Several residents raised concerns that they had only recently become aware that traffic

lights were included in the Safer Roads Fund application and that there had been no consultation or discussion of alternatives before the plans were presented at the meeting.

Concerns were raised that the proposed scheme does not provide adequate safe access across Dark Lane to the Methodist Church while clarity was sought on the safe access/egress [cont...]



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from properties near the junction which may be affected by queuing traffic. Fears were expressed that queues would be long, as they had been with temporary roadworks traffic lights, and that some motorists might be tempted to divert down Lowes Lane although others said this was very unlikely with 'smart' lights.

Other residents stressed the current dangers and poor safety record at the crossroads, highlighting the various discussions over many years. A summary of the discussion at the meeting

has been published on the Gawsworth Life website.

Cheshire East Highways is currently revising its proposals following feedback at the meeting - this includes providing information on predicted queue lengths and how many cars would make it through each light cycle, assessing pedestrian access to the Methodist Church.

Feedback can be submitted to CEC Highways via saferroadsfund@cheshireeasthighways.org and they will be

providing the Parish Council with a set of revised draft plans in advance of its next meeting on 14th November. The Parish Council will formally be discussing the proposals at this meeting where a decision will be taken on their position to feed back to Cheshire East Highways.

As always you can write to clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk or speak to any Parish Councillor to let them know your views.

Gawsworth Corkscrew

I have now lived at this address for over 50 years. But my first memory of Gawsworth derives from when in my first job in the 1950s my boss asked me to deliver an item to Gawsworth Corkscrew, I still know it as that perhaps others do?

Peter Hulme

Answer: It's the winding lane from Fool's Nook up the hill.

Sarah McQuaid in Concert

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts are hosting Sarah McQuaid in concert on Sunday 12th November (7:30pm) at Gawsworth Village Hall.

Sarah McQuaid's lush, chocolatey voice combines with her engaging personality, "subtle mastery onstage"

(Huffington Post) and "brilliant musicianship" (Roots) on acoustic and electric guitars, piano and (occasionally) drum to create a truly immersive experience. Bring your own wine to enjoy at your table.

Tickets available from www.ticketsource.co.uk

October WI Report

Our October meeting was well attended with well over 40 of our members enjoying a fish and chip supper! There was a lot of chatter and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Next month is our AGM when we round up the WI year, The President and Secretary give a round up of the year and the Treasurer presents the financial report.

The ladies that lunch went to The Bull at Mottram on Tuesday 10th and our craft group met at the Church meeting room on Thursday 19th when we will help to make items for our Christmas Fayre.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Parish Hall at 7.30 pm. Please come along and give it a try, you will be made to feel very welcome.

From Ben and Isla

[Continued from the last edition, our letter from the Head Boy and Girl at Gawsworth School]

Our school values are Respect, Aspiration, Pride, Innovation and Equality. These values can be seen in our work that is displayed around the school and we also celebrate these values in a weekly assembly- which we all enjoy!

FOG (friends of Gawsworth) are a supportive group of people who help our school and organise lots of fun events like the Rose Queen, The Frost Fair, Santas Grotto and Bingo Nights! They are always supportive and help to fund our trips, school resources and our special treats we are so lucky to have them!

Now onto a very important part of the day-break time. At break times, we are fortunate to have snacks that you pay for such as teacakes,

WI Christmas Fayre

On November 18th Gawsworth WI are holding a Christmas Fayre at the Scout Hall 11-2 pm. There will be gift stalls, a cake stall, tombola, raffle, Santas Grotto and pre loved jewellery. Admission is £1 for adults and children are free.

Keep an eye out for the posters around the village and do come along!



toast and bagels and on a Tuesday, you can have a snack pizza or on a Thursday you can have a bacon bap! The school meals are nutritious, there are two options every day there's a meat and vegetarian option and you can also have salad and bread on the side.

At Gawsworth, we have termly trips that we go on and also lots of residential visits.
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Gawsworth Hub News

Please order your Christmas Turkey from The Hub, supplied from a local farm. We now have our Christmas season offerings appearing in the shop and the café will be serving a seasonal menu!

Thanks to Brenda Hughes, the village diary is now up and running and displayed on the noticeboard at The Hub. Keep sending us your events so that they may be included as we update it on a rolling basis. You can now see at a glance what's on in the village. A busy November approaches with a variety of activities at The Hub.

The **repair café** kicks off the activities on Saturday 4th. It is planned to be held on the first Saturday of the month from 2-4pm. So, make a note in your diaries. A group of volunteer fixers are giving up their time to repair your items!

Knit and natter - Wed 8th.

Stitch and Relax -

Wed 15th 2-4pm. Our very own textile artist volunteer will take a workshop and show us how to create a beautiful sampler for future work using different embroidery techniques. Please bring along your own threads, needles, and frame. Pre-booking is required. Email accounts@gawsworthHub.co.uk (or speak to Janet in The Hub)

How to Take a Better Photograph - Sat 18th 2-4pm

With Christmas approaching it will be nice to get tips on photography to capture those special moments on film. This will cover all types of camera and all types of photography.

Body Shop Christmas

Shopping at The Hub. Tues 21st Nov. Paula Dolan will run a pop-up stall during Hub Opening Hours and may stay a little longer too to

give you the opportunity of some Christmas shopping.

Christmas Wreath Making Friday 24th 4-6pm Bring your own foliage and enjoy making a Christmas Wreath for your door. £15 (This is currently fully booked but please email to go on the waiting list)

Parent & Child Christmas Crafts Sat 25th 2-4pm Enjoy an afternoon of craft with your primary school child making a Christmas Card, Gift Bag, Tag and a little something to put inside it. £5 for each couple, all materials provided. Please book.

Silk Painting Christmas Cards workshop Wed 29th 2-4pm The silk painting workshops are very popular, so Hazel Browne is returning to do a Christmas themed session. You will make 4 beautiful Christmas cards in this session. As usual all mats are included. £18 Please book as places go very quickly.