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Surviving the roadworks

You can wait for years for work to be done, then it all comes along at once!

As the safety work begins at Gawsworth Crossroads installing traffic signals, including a pedestrian crossing, and resurfacing the road it has emerged that the canal bridge at the Fools Nook is to be removed for repairs, closing Woodhouse End Road with no date confirmed for its reinstatement. Then it was also announced that Dark Lane will be closed at the junction with Pexhill Road to investigate the stream of water across the junction which reappeared several weeks ago.

This is proving quite a challenge for Cheshire East Highways organising road closures and diversions. Our Cheshire East ward councillor and Gawsworth Parish Council have been highlighting the issues with the Highways Department and will continue to pass on information we receive.

Keep tuned in to our social media – Gawsworth Life Facebook page and the membership groups 'Whats Going on in Gawsworth' (Facebook) and NextDoor Gawsworth to share news. Cheshire East have set up a page on their website which they have promised to keep up to date. Search for "A536 Gawsworth

crossroads improvements". On that page you can also link to one.network which maps out the road closure and diversion notices.

We are also promised that site personnel will be on hand to provide help and advice to us for the duration of the scheme. Lighting wasn't identified in the Safer Roads Grant application so it appears to be unbudgeted extra expenditure. It wasn't included in the draft plans which Cheshire East Highways consulted with residents on.

In a further development we were surprised to find out that the final plans for the crossroads, shared just a few days before work started, included street lighting in

the crossroads area.

Cheshire East Highways explained "The need for the street lighting is as a consequence of the pedestrian crossing being added into the proposals, hence why street lighting was not part of the original proposals in the 2017 bid.

The addition of street lighting occurred late in the design process, so was not shown on earlier plans we brought to the Parish Council meetings. The reason for the late addition was following a review towards the end of the design. This raised concern that during inclement weather or during the hours of darkness, visibility to the crossing may be reduced, potentially

Play Area Upgrade

Great news - we've heard that our application to Tarmac for funding towards the play area upgrade was successful!

The John Upton Charity has already approved a grant and put with the budgeted funds from the Parish Council it looks like the badly needed refurbishment can go ahead. However we are still awaiting news of our application to the National Lottery.

A crowd funding appeal has also

been launched so residents who wish to can contribute towards creating the best possible play experience for our children.

Details of the schemes, a survey to share your views and a link to the crowdfunding platform are at www.gawsworthlife.co.uk/park-consultation

One aim is to get the best possible multi-play unit so any contributions will help us achieve that!

Christmas Crackers

Volunteers from our groups and organisations are planning a fun-filled festive period for us. Have some community fun and save the dates in your diary.

The WI are kicking the celebrations off with a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November.

Get in the mood with a Christmas Silk Painting workshop at the Hub on November 25th.

The charity extravaganza of local talent 'Christmas Crackers'

show is back on Saturday 7th December. Not to be missed!

The wonderful Christmas Tree Festival runs from 7th - 15th December.

Then on 30th November we have the children's Christmas Party run by Scouts and the big light arch switch on. And yes, there will be a New Years Eve party in the Village Hall. Loads going on in Gawsworth this Christmas. Look out for details on the notice boards and on our social media.



Christmas Tree Festival

St James the Great Church will be holding the annual Christmas Tree Festival from Saturday 7th to Sunday 15th December.

All are welcome to visit and admission is free although any donations are very welcome.

There will be an Opening Service in the Church on Friday 6th December at 6pm. Then from Saturday 7th the church is open daily from 11am to 4.30pm until the end of the Festival. There are

also 2 evenings when the church is open from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th which always have a lovely atmosphere with the trees lighting up the dark December night.

After visiting the Church there will be tea and coffee with hot and cold snacks available in the church meeting room together with a market stall selling handmade Christmas goodies and a giant bottle tombola.

Boundary Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission wants to hear what residents and local organisations think about the proposals for new warding arrangements at Cheshire East.

A ten-week consultation on the proposals will run until 9 December 2024.

The Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing Cheshire East Council to make

sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

The Commission has published proposals for changes to Cheshire East. It is proposing that there should be 82 councillors representing 50 wards. Most wards will change.

The majority of Gawsworth Parish continues to be part of

Scouts Christmas Party

Gawsworth Scouts Christmas Party takes place on Saturday 30th November between 2pm and 5pm

You'll be entertained by the Magical Nick Barnes and following this is the Village Christmas Light Switch On at 5:30pm.

The invite to the party extended free of charge to any child in the village as long as they have an adult with them. Tickets can be obtained by emailing gawsworthscoutsd2d@hotmail.com stating address & DOB for each child.

Gawsworth CE ward though the boundaries of this ward are being amended. Gawsworth Moss residents will continue to be part of Macclesfield South CE ward with the boundary being amended to include the LPS15 development site.

You can see more and comment on proposals at: www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/cheshire-east

Devilled Eggs

B&B owners Roman and Prudence offer you 'devilled eggs' tales gathered from their world of small town hospitality and the souls who passed over their threshold.

This evening of entertainment includes songs, stories, poetry and audience participation - plus a competition in the interval for good measure.

Black Liver (the company name for Blackpool's Ruth and Liverpool's Keith) formed in 2019 and have toured across the

country. One reviewer from Blackpool said "I saw this in Blackpool last month and it's one of the best things I've ever seen - I laughed out loud from start to finish".

You can catch this performance in Gawsworth Village Hall on Sunday 1st December at 7:30pm .

Tickets are £13 and available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheshireruraltouringarts/t-xmqrjvm

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be on Church Lane from 3:45 to 4:10 on Thursday 21st.

No New Councillor

Gawsworth Parish Council has a vacancy and no-one has come forward to fill it.

The vacancy arose with Gordon Mitchell stepping down due to other commitments. Applications for co-option were invited by 31st October, but none were received.

Residents are encouraged to consider coming forward to serve as a councillor and help direct the work of the council.

If you are interested in helping your community as a councillor, email clerk@gawsworthpc.org.uk

Parish Council News

Gawsworth Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month (exc. December).

The October Parish Council meeting had the normal business agenda and also considered several additional subjects. Councillors agreed to take over responsibility for funding of the maintenance of the defibrillator outside the hub. They also voted

to fund the reinstallation of the handrail and further steps for the ginnel from Benbrook Way to Woodhouse Lane.

Christmas arrangements were also discussed with particular attention to decoration of the Pennington Lane Green behind the Parish Council noticeboard.

On the agenda for November is

the Local Government Boundary Commission review of Cheshire East, a government consultation on virtual meetings, the play area project and a first look at the council's budget for 2025/26.

Gawsworth WI Report

The Police were called to the October WI meeting. But don't worry, it was all planned!

The ladies had an interesting and informative talk by Andy Kevan of Cheshire Police, about cyberfraud and how to stay safe online.

Many of us were surprised at how vulnerable some of us could be and how easy it is with a little bit of input by ourselves to keep yourself safe.

The grip to Rudyard Lake was a huge success and those who

went had a lovely lunch and a nice boat ride on the lake.

Early in November some of the members will be off to the Chatsworth Christmas Market, with a tour of the house as well.

The walking group has hung up its boots temporarily until next year now due the colder weather and will commence again in the Spring.

Once again we will be holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23 November at the Scout Hall, more details will be available nearer the time. There will be Santas Grotto, gift stalls, tombola and a cake stall as well as others.

Crime Free Gawsworth

PCSO Amy Mair has shared the latest policing news with the Parish Council.

The report shows no crime reports in Gawsworth in October, which is always positive news. We hope to continue receiving the monthly reports.

PCSO Mair is also speaking with Gawsworth Hub to arrange surgeries and PC O'Connor aims to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

News from the Hub

For one night only on Saturday 7th December we will be hosting an evening of entertainment with local talent and one or two special guests.

There will be song and laughter and some community singing for the audience. Tickets will be priced at £10 for adults and £5 for children and will include a glass of mulled wine or soft drink and a minced pie. Proceeds will be for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal and Gawsworth Hub.

We are hosting a Silk Painting Christmas Card workshop on Monday 25th November 1.30 - 4.30. The cost is £20 per person payable at the time of booking and includes a drink and cake.

We a Christmas products are now appearing in the Shop and

we are looking forward to some Christmas flavours in the café. As is the custom we will be taking Turkey and Spearing Pie orders for delivery before Christmas.

There will be seasonal beers in the shop and why not consider treating someone to a bottle of Forest Gin or whisky - we will be selling these at a special price. Christmas wreaths and table decorations will also be available, if you would like to reserve one let us know. We will also be gathering prizes for our Christmas raffle in aid of our Volunteer social fund.

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Hub Opening Hours

Monday	08:00 - 13:30
Tuesday	08:00 - 13:30
Wednesday	08:00 - 13:30
Thursday	08:00 - 16:00
Friday	08:00 - 16:00
Saturday	08:00 - 16:00
Sunday	08:00 - 10:30

Calling all beginner bridge players, we are short on numbers, please let us know if you'd like to join the group. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 1.45pm for a couple of hours. Contact accounts@gawsworthhub.co.uk

Gawsworth Hub is an established not for profit community venture. Last year our turnover increased to nearly £180K. We are now looking for a Coordinator to help support and motivate our great team of volunteers. The team provides valued products and services from our Hub which comprises a shop, café and meeting place.



WE ARE HIRING

- Coordinator

15 hrs per week
(flexible, by arrangement)

Open Position :

£12.50 per hour

We are now looking for a Coordinator to help support and motivate our great team of volunteers.

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