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'Speed Squad' enters Knight Frank Schools Triathlon

On Sunday 28th June, four Year 5 students from Gawsworth Primary School will be trading their Sunday rest for a test of endurance.

Amelie, Alannah, Lottie, and Fearne—collectively known as 'The Speed Squad'—are heading to Cheadle Hulme School to compete in the Knight Frank Schools Triathlon.

The event is part of the UK's largest sporting fundraiser for children, and for the Speed Squad, the motivation is local. They will be swimming, cycling, and running as a team to raise money for two organisations - Restless Development, a

youth-led charity empowering young people to improve their communities globally, and Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), Gawsworth Primary's nominated charity for 2026.

The school is fundraising for CRY this year in memory of Mia Jennings, a former Gawsworth pupil and Macclesfield swimming instructor who tragically passed away at just 19 following a sudden cardiac event.

By taking on this triathlon, the girls are helping to "carry the torch" for Mia and support the charity's mission to prevent young sudden cardiac deaths.

The Speed Squad has already raised £371 toward their £600 goal, and they need a final push from the Gawsworth community to get across the finish line.

As they prepare to join 750 other young athletes in June, let's show them the full support of the village. Whether it's a small donation or a cheer of encouragement, every bit helps these "fabulous girls" make a meaningful difference.

You can support them by visiting [justgiving.com/fundraising/the-speed-squad](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-speed-squad)



Gawsworth WI Celebrates 95th Birthday

Gawsworth WI celebrated their 95th Birthday at their meeting in March with Cake & Fun.

They were entertained by Cheshire Accapella group, all 26 of them, who sang a very varied range of songs and finished with Happy Birthday. The village Hall was decorated with white hearts that had the names of every member past and present for the 95 years - that was a lot of names!

Janet Jones said "The ladies had a great night and now we have to look forward to 5 years time - what will we do then?"

The WI holds meetings on the first Tuesday of every month



starting 7-30pm in the village hall, why not come along and find out more.

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be on Church Lane from 3:45 to 4:10 on 9th and 30th April.

Parish Meeting

The Gawsworth Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 22nd April at 7:30pm in Gawsworth Village Hall.

The Parish Meeting is an annual gathering of the community, it's an open meeting where you set the agenda and can raise topics for discussion with fellow residents and councillors.

It will also be the launch of a new community survey which will help inform the work of the parish council.

Wildfire at Danes Moss

Cheshire Wildlife Trust report that on Tuesday 10th March, a wildfire spanning roughly 2500 square metres broke out at their Danes Moss Nature Reserve in Gawsworth.

Thanks to a call from a member of the public the fire brigade arrived quickly at around 5pm and remained on site until after 7pm, dampening down any hot spots.

The fire burned through the surface vegetation including grasses, heather and bramble, but fortunately didn't penetrate down into the peat. A small section of the boardwalk was also affected.

The fire appears to have been

caused by carelessness and incidents like this are a stark reminder of just how vulnerable these habitats are and how vital it is that we all play a part in protecting them.

Ben Patterson, Reserves and Land Manager at Cheshire Wildlife Trust said "Danes Moss is the largest lowland raised bog in Cheshire. It's one of the scarcest and most threatened habitats in the UK and a Site of Special



Scientific Interest (SSSI)."

"We're so grateful to the member of the public who alerted the fire service so quickly, preventing the fire from being a lot worse and doing more damage."

Parish Council's Peak Cluster Strategy

The March meeting of the Parish Council reviewed progress with its strategy and agreed new actions relevant on the proposed CO2 pipeline and above Ground Installation which Peak Cluster Ltd are proposing for Gawsworth.

The meeting heard that the Parish Council's formal objection had been submitted to Peak Cluster ahead of the consultation deadline. The objection has been published on the GawsworthLife website and a summary was included in the March Gazette.

On next moves, Councillors agreed efforts towards obtaining alignment of nearby Parish Councils, Cheshire East Council and our local MP to challenge

the project and the currently proposed route through Gawsworth. A coordinated approach has worked well with the resistance to the Adlington New Town development and is a model to aspire to for Peak Cluster. Your Parish Council hopes to work with nearby affected Parishes over coming months. The formation of a residents' group, which operates separately from the Parish Council, was welcomed by Councillors.

There was disappointment that the Parish Council's Environmental Information Request (similar to a Freedom of Information Request) to Cheshire East Council, aimed at understanding their input to the

project so far, came back with significant information apparently missing. The Parish Council has requested a review of their response and that is due in mid-April.

Gawsworth Parish Council felt that it is important that Cheshire East Council are clear and transparent about their position on the Peak Cluster Ltd project and the current preferred route through the borough. Letters to the Leader and Deputy Leader of CEC have been sent to this effect and also we have requested action from the ward councillors to ensure that the subject is openly and properly debated, just like it has been in Wirral and Derbyshire Councils.

In other initiatives, your Parish Council will be contacting Cheshire Wildlife Trust to offer help on the identification of particularly sensitive sites in Gawsworth.

Resident Group formed to Fight Peak Cluster

A Gawsworth Residents Group has been formed to fight peak cluster and represent community interests.

Elected by local residents, the Gawsworth Residents Group is working to protect our environment, support our people and preserve the heritage that defines Gawsworth.

The group has held two information sessions at the village hall to spread the word of the Peak Cluster Project and to ensure residents are part of the decisions it makes now and in the future.

The Residents Group's concerns about the proposed CO2 pipeline

and above ground installation include:

1. health and safety concerns that it runs through the village and close to the school
2. harm to the setting of key historic buildings and the wider area
3. location within the greenbelt and without due consideration of interference with natural springs feeding ancient fish ponds
4. unconsidered health and safety risk, with HSE reviewing the potential of CO2 to have major hazard potential in its high pressure transported state.

Gawsworth Residents Group have

submitted formal requests to key stakeholders to engage in the legal process to facilitate the best outcomes for our community and the wider network. The group is engaging directly with local authorities, Macclesfield MP Tim Roca, and other key stakeholders to garner support. Ongoing awareness campaign with leaflets, signage and banners all about to land in key locations throughout our community.

You can find out more about the group, its work and updates at: www.noco2gawsworth.co.uk



The latest from Gawsworth Hub

Gawsworth Hub is far more than just a café and shop; it is a vibrant cornerstone of village life where neighbours become friends and every cup of tea comes with a story.

At its heart, the Hub runs on goodwill and warm smiles, offering a flexible and rewarding environment for anyone looking to get involved. Whether you have a few hours to spare on a weekday or a free morning over the weekend, the Hub accommodates busy lives with both regular weekly shifts and ad hoc holiday cover. Volunteers can choose their own pace, from helping behind the counter in the shop and deli to waiting on tables or mastering the art of coffee-making in the café. For those who prefer the comforts of home, joining the cake rota offers a chance to share homemade treats with the community, while the events team provides a creative outlet for those who love to organise and fundraise.

The Hub is open throughout the week, starting at 8am daily and running until 1:30pm Monday through Wednesday, 4pm on Thursdays and Fridays, 1pm on Saturdays, and a crisp 10:30am on Sundays. No matter when you choose to lend a hand, you are never alone. Sara, the volunteer coordinator, ensures everyone feels welcomed and supported from day one, fostering a team spirit that extends far beyond the shift itself.

This sense of belonging is a common thread among the people who make the Hub possible. For some, it is a vital way to stay occupied and feel useful; for others, it is a gateway to the village, turning a walk down the

street into a series of friendly waves and familiar faces. As one volunteer aptly put it, if you want to be part of this wonderful community, this is the way to do it.

That spirit of connection was recently celebrated during the Hub's 15th birthday festivities. The celebration was a poignant reminder of how far the shop has come. The highlight of the celebration saw Edith Bullock reprise her opening day monologue, dressed in her original jester outfit. Fortified by prosecco, Edith had everyone crying with laughter, weaving together a history of the Hub's achievements with plenty of cheeky innuendos and "in" jokes that the founding volunteers delighted in explaining to more recent joiners. It was a perfect reflection of the Hub's culture: hard work balanced by a great deal of fun.

The sense of community also thrives through shared social activities and special events. Currently, excitement is building for the famous Village Night Out with Cybil and Maud. Tickets are selling fast for what promises to be an evening of amazing prizes and laughter, with all proceeds supporting the Hub Frontage project. Meanwhile, the shop continues to evolve, now proudly stocking a delicious range of Cheshire Cheese Company products alongside the award-winning selection from Reaseheath College.

Gawsworth Hub offers a unique sense of purpose. It is a place to laugh over shared tasks, catch up with neighbours, and contribute to the collective wellbeing of the community. To join the team,

Shop 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 – 13:00
Sunday	08:00 – 10:30

simply reach out to Sara at shop@gawsworthhub.co.uk or pop in to say hello. One shift is often all it takes to see why this local gem is so cherished—you might just walk away with a full heart.



Planning Applications

Here are the latest applications in Gawsworth:

26/0962/HOUS

Mill Field, Mill Lane.

Rear infill extension and new porch with internal alterations and render to front.

26/1011/CLPUD

Railway Cottage Cowbrook Lane.

Certificate of proposed lawful development for the erection of single storey side extension.

You can view plans and decision notices on the Cheshire East Council website.