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Pipeline diverted around village

Peak Cluster Ltd have published an updated route for their proposed pipeline and there are significant changes for Gawsworth Parish.

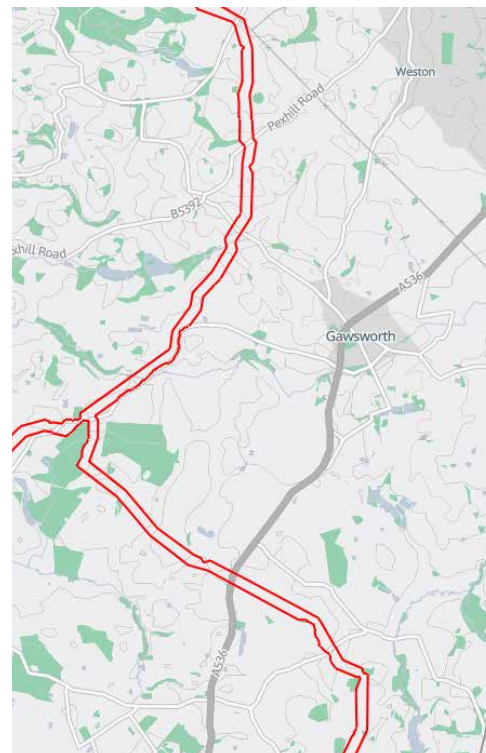
They comment "After passing North Rode, the route now diverts northwest, avoiding land allocated for future development. This change came as a result of stakeholder feedback and technical assessments."

You can examine the new route, which passes through the west and south of Gawsworth, on the Peak Cluster Ltd interactive map on their website. The route no longer tracks close to our village settlement, school and conservation area but rather crosses around 6km of

Gawsworth farmland passing through several farms crucial to Gawsworth life. It is proposed to cross the A536 just south of Shellow Lane and carves through the centre of Trevors Close Farm where Newtons Dairy operates.

The meeting of the northern and southern pipelines, where presumably an above ground installation will be built, is now set to be on Marton Lane, close to Crabtree Moss Farm, in Gawsworth.

In their September newsletter Peak Cluster Ltd insist that community feedback remains central to the project development. There's some confusion over when consultation opens again on



the proposed locations for the project's pipeline infrastructure including above ground installations and block valve stations, temporary construction areas etc. The newsletter has this down for both November 2026 and again for January 2027.

Housing proposed at Penningtons Lane

Richborough Estates / Asteer Planning launched a sudden and short pre-application consultation on a proposed development off Penningtons Lane.

The site forms part of a parcel of land 'safeguarded' in the 2017 Local Plan (LPS19), meaning it was removed from the green

belt and identified for future development beyond the original local plan period.

Cheshire East Council no longer has a five-year housing land supply, this makes resisting development above the local plan more difficult.

This stage is a [continued...]



Tractor Run against pipeline proposal

East Cheshire Action Against CCS has praised the success of a major community Tractor Run held to raise awareness of the proposed Peak Cluster CO2 Pipeline and to show support for the farmers, landowners and rural communities who could be affected.

The event brought together close to 30 tractors at its height, travelling almost 40 miles through villages and towns across East Cheshire. Tractors set off from Dandy Farm in Prestbury and from Adlington, before passing through Bollington, Prestbury, Mottram St Andrew, Alderley Edge and Macclesfield. The convoy stopped at The Harrington Arms for refreshments before continuing through Eaton, Marton, Siddington, Lower Withington and Holmes Chapel, finishing at Bidlea Dairy.

The Tractor Run on 27th September was organised to bring farming and East

communities together while raising awareness of the proposed Peak Cluster pipeline.

If approved, the pipeline would stretch around 200km and pass through ecologically sensitive areas, historic land and rural communities. East Cheshire Action Against CCS says many landowners and farmers could

face serious disruption, with concerns over compulsory purchase orders and the potential loss of homes, land and livelihoods.

Paul Smith Chair for East Cheshire Action Against CCS said "The turnout showed just how strongly people care about our countryside, our farming communities and the future of East Cheshire. This event was about bringing people together, raising awareness and making sure residents know that support is out there."



Hub frontage officially opened

It was a brilliant afternoon on Thursday 3rd September, when Gawsworth Hub welcomed Lorraine, Debs and Penny, representing the John Upton Charity to officially open the newly completed outdoor space.

The occasion began with the unveiling of a plaque as a lasting thank you to the John Upton Charity for their generous support of our project.

Cllr Penny Shepherd then had the honour of cutting the ribbon at the entrance to our new frontage

area, complete with lovely tables and chairs.

Lorraine Wood, clerk to the charity, gave a speech, expressing how delighted the charity was to help fund our project. The John Upton Charity is committed to supporting groups and projects within Gawsworth, helping make a positive difference to the community.

After the official opening, we enjoyed cake and fizz inside the Hub, making it a truly memorable occasion.



Community survey follow up continues

The Parish Council is working through residents' responses to the recent community survey.

At the August meeting feedback on road safety was considered. It was resolved to support 20mph limits around the school, which is advisory, but not support 20mph limits around the rest of the village due to it being excessively urbanising under CEC's current policy. It was also agreed to look at the 'crash map' and explore whether additional signage might be helpful in specific areas to improve safety.

The council resolved to explore accessibility of pavements, review speed limits across the parish,

explore signage at Penningtons Lane advising against using the BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) section and explore tackling areas of overgrowth on pavements.

At the September meeting councillors worked through a list of 34 maintenance items and 32 general comments and suggestions all raised by residents in the survey, discussing each and deciding on next steps when appropriate. Topics ranged from parking issues to dog poo, replacing fallen trees to overgrown hedges, accessibility around the village to events at our halls and much more besides. All your feedback

Mobile Library

The mobile library will be on Church Lane from 3:45 to 4:10 on 15th October

was noted and discussed.

Councillors were delighted to learn that there were a number of comments thanking the council for the survey and the work councillors do for the community – examples: "Just to say thank you to the members of the Parish Council for looking after our parish so well, I think you do a great job".

Thank You everyone for taking part in the community survey! Of course not all the points raised can be followed through but your thoughts will definitely help guide the Parish Council in setting its priorities over coming months and years.

Housing proposed at Penningtons Lane

[continued from cover] pre-application consultation – it is a stage where the developer can adjust the proposal before submitting a planning application. The next stage would be an outline application which would seek approval for the principle of development. As part of this application, the developer would provide more detail on the proposals. This will include a statement of community consultation outlining what was raised in the pre-application consultation and how they have responded to it.

The Parish Council met with Richborough and Asteer in September to relay concerns raised by residents.

The major issues raised included the impact of increased traffic

on Penningtons Lane and surrounding roads as well as concerns about flooding and drainage.

In the discussion the promoters confirmed a wildlife buffer would be created to the rear of current houses to support nature and protect privacy. It was stated that the development would connect to a future link road.

On a number of points Asteer undertook to respond to the parish council with more information, which is currently awaited.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the proposals and share information when the formal outline application comes forward.

Events at Gawsworth Hub

Seated and Dual Training Class - 5th October

A new seated and dual training class to the Hub. Places will be limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. Cost: £10 per person Come along and give it a try! 2pm–3pm.

Bingo Night - 16th October

There will be lots of fantastic prizes, as usual, and it's always a great opportunity to enjoy an evening of fun and community spirit. Tickets on sale at the Hub

Wood Whittling - 12th October and 30th November

2-5pm £35, please book at www.annabarkercraft.co.uk to make a mushroom pendant or key ring.

Repair Cafe: making a difference by mending

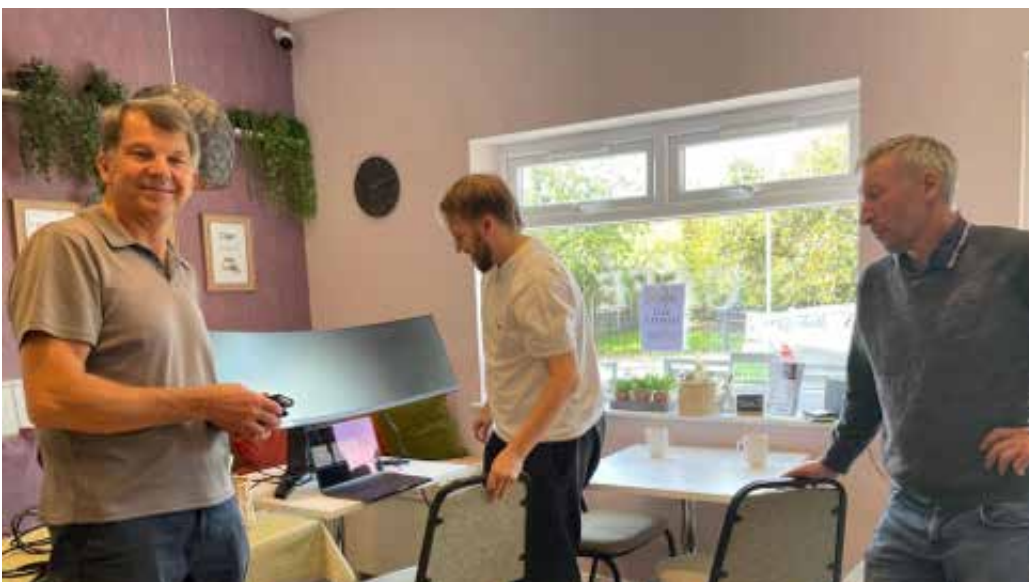
The Repair Café, held on the first Saturday of every month, continues to be incredibly popular.

The Hub is fortunate to have a wonderful team of skilled and enthusiastic volunteers who love nothing more than giving broken items a new lease of life.

Each month brings a different selection of challenges. Recently, our volunteers worked on a computer screen compatibility issue, jewellery repairs, a wildlife camera and a wooden carving.

These examples give you an idea of the wide variety of items brought along.

Cheshire East Councillor for Gawsworth, Lesley Smetham said "Another amazing day mending stuff at the Hub. I loved watching the chaps working, so clever, imaginative, dexterous, with all kinds of equipment to get things working again in most cases. Even if they can't immediately fix something, they usually know where to find what's needed for the job."



Scout Christmas Party

The Gawsworth Scouts Christmas Party will take place on Saturday 5th December.

All Gawsworth children are invited to attend the party with the scouts.

Entertainment will be provided with Nick Barnes from 3pm to 4pm, followed by party food and drinks.

This is a free party open to any one under 10 year old living in Gawsworth, provided they are

accompanied by an adult. The scouts cannot accommodate friends or cousins outside the parish. Although the event is free, bookig is required by emailing gawsworthscoutsd2d@hotmail.com with names, addresses and ages.

Following the party, at 5pm, the Gawsworth village Christmas lights will be switched on. Gawsworth school choir are performing songs at the village hall followed by a sing-along with the Bear Town ukulele band.

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

Movie Night Entertains

On Friday, 18th September, the Hub organised a fantastic fundraising movie night at the village hall, featuring The Choral.

Set during the First World War, the film tells the story of a community coming together through music and the joy of singing. It was a lovely reminder of how shared experiences can bring people together, even during challenging times.

The evening included popcorn, a bar and our popular golden ticket, with Liz being the lucky winner! Everyone appeared to enjoy the film, and there was already plenty of enthusiasm for our next movie night.

A special thank you to Resonate Events, who provided the cinema experience. They were incredibly helpful and professional, and we would highly recommend them to anyone considering hosting a similar event. They offer a fantastic service for community groups and other organisations.

