

Creating a Village Hub in Gawsworth

What, Where, How & Benefits

Village Hub in Gawsworth

What could a hub provide?

- Café, coffee shop, lunch club
- Local shop for every day essentials
- Outlet for local arts, crafts and businesses
- Drop-in centre for residents
- Pop-up services, surgeries and clinics
- Wi-fi hotspot/internet access point
- Local interest/organisation exhibitions
- Book, CD, DVD exchange
- Parcel drop-off point

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What about existing facilities?

Our village hub would

- Focus on providing new facilities
- Support not duplicate existing facilities

Benefits

- Local amenity open & staffed Mon-Sat
- Casual meeting place for local residents
- Central location for new community services
- Extend facilities for Gawsworth area
- Central point for village information
 - local organisations, events and activities

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Where – by integrating Our Community Shop with the ground floor flat next door



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Raising the Funds

- Share purchases 20% (using shop scheme)
- Loans 20%
- Grants/donations 10%
- Our Community Shop 50%

Is it affordable? With your help, Yes

- Share purchases/pledges received for 15%
- Loans funding already pledged
- Potential sources for grants identified
- Shop trading surplus to date covers 50%

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How would it be managed?

By Our Community Shop which already has

- Required legal framework
- Governance (Board of Directors)
- Management Structure
- Financial Accounting System
- Experienced core of volunteers

What extra resources would be needed?

- Hub activities manager
- Suitably qualified and experienced cook
- More volunteers to share the workload

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What about Timescale?

The stages involved are

1. Obtain planning permission (not guaranteed)
2. Complete purchase of adjacent flat
3. Refurbish and refit both premises
4. Open café and refurbished shop (by Sept 2019)
5. Provide additional services and facilities: these
 - need local input, planning and managing
 - may involve other organisations

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How can I help?

Volunteer to do a shop shift or support role

Buy more locally made products from the shop

- local honey, Ollies Orchard apple juices
- Chatwins bread & cakes, Spearings pies
- Homemade tray-bakes, Reeseheath cheeses,

Buy one or more shares & become society member
of Gawsworth Community Shop Ltd

Suggest new products or services we could provide
that you think would be popular

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Volunteer Opportunities

Vacant Shop Shifts (must be age 14 or over)

07:30 – 10:00 Tues

10:00 – 13:30 Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

13:30 – 14:00 Mon, Wed, Fri

Support Roles: deputy treasurer

admin support (signs and notices)

driver for weekly warehouse shop

communications secretary

experienced cook for café meals

Director Roles: hub manager

accountant (reviews & advice)

legal, marketing & business expertise