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## Churches Together Walk of Witness

On Good Friday - 18 April

Join us at 10.00am as we walk together from  
**All Saints' Church, Sawtry**

Arrive at 10.30am at  
**the Methodist Church, Green End Road**  
for a Good Friday reflective service

*Everyone welcome*

*As we walk, we pause to pray for the village*

*Followed by Fish and Chip lunch for anyone  
who would like to join.*

For more information, please see church  
contacts on page 19



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AT THE OLD SCHOOL HALL & SAWTRY VILLAGE ACADEMY FIELD

THIS YEARS THEME...  
**SAWTRY ON SAFARI**

SAWTRY CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE  
12PM - 5PM



Sawtry & District Royal British Legion

## VE & VJ 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ 7pm

Sawtry Village Academy

featuring

**Wyton & Brampton Military Wives**

**Choir**

and

**HuMS Big Band**

and

**Sawtry Village Academy Choir**



Tickets: £8

Available from [Ticketsource.co.uk/Sawtry-dl-80thanniversary-concert](http://Ticketsource.co.uk/Sawtry-dl-80thanniversary-concert) or Call 0333 666 3366

Alternatively call Stewart on 07780 807182

All funds raised will go to the Sawtry & District Branch, Royal British Legion.

Registered Charity Number: 219279

## SURPRISE PRIZE EASTER



**Sunday 13 April**

**Eyes down at 2pm**

**At the CARESCO Centre**

Behind the Old School Hall

Off Green End Road,

Sawtry, PE28 5UX



**REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE**



**All proceeds to support CARESCO**

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£4

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OUR

FUTURE

# GREEN END DAY CLUB

## QUIZ SUPPER



**CARESCO**  
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Held at the CARESCO Centre, Green End Road,  
Sawtry, PE28 5UX



### Future Dates

6 June

5 September

28 November



Tickets £10 per person  
(to include a hot supper)

Contact 07743 216746 or email:  
[greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk) for  
more details or to book your tickets.

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# Welcome...

Spring is well and truly in the air and its finally  
nice to feel the warmer weather and

enjoy the lighter evenings.

We have details in this issue of the many events and activities which have  
been planned for the next couple of months. Please support your local  
community by joining in as many as you can, most village organisations  
rely on fundraising.

Have you thought about your costume for the Sawtry on  
Safari theme Carnival in June, or have you started  
planning your entries for the Show in September, it's  
never too early to begin!

Have a good one

**Sawtry Eye Team**



## CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

### CHAIRMANS CHATTER

It's been a long winter but finally spring has sprung  
into action and our flower beds at the centre garden  
are beginning to show the results of the planting by  
our Volunteer team in October. The snow drops and daffodils are looking  
beautiful and when the sun is out the garden is being enjoyed by the  
Coffee Shop customers, nothing better than a slice of cake and a coffee  
on our garden furniture in the sunshine.

I had the pleasure of experiencing the Green End Day Club in full flow last  
week and seeing the fantastic team of Volunteers and Staff look after,  
entertain and serve 25 customers with wonderful food. Catering for  
different diets including gluten free and pescatarian amongst others. It  
was a great atmosphere and all credit to the team of volunteers and staff  
for making it a wonderful place to attend. A home from home for a few  
hours.

This is what our Charity is all about, a very much needed service run by  
fantastic staff and wonderful volunteers to help those who need it in the  
community and long may it continue.

There are no updates on the planning progress for a new CARESCO  
Centre.

**Dave Dougherty - Chairman**

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## SCHOOL TERM DATES

### Summer Term 2025

Start of term 22 April  
Half Term - 26 to 30 May  
End of term 23 July



### Autumn Term 2025

Start of term 1 September  
Half Term - 27 to 31 October  
End of term 19 December

### Spring Term 2026

Start of term 5 January  
Half Term - 16 to 20 February  
End of term 27 March

**NB** Academies are responsible for setting their own holiday dates and may not match those set by Cambridgeshire County Council. Schools have a number of training days available to take in addition at their discretion. Please contact your local school for more details.

Information taken from [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education)



## HDC REFUSE COLLECTION

### LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)

(Week Beginning)  
31 March, 14 & 28 April  
12 & 26 May

### GARDEN WASTE (GREEN) & RECYCLING (BLUE/GREEN)

(Week Beginning)  
7 & 21 April  
5 & 19 May

To find out your exact dates or for more information visit <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk>



Every Thursday (term time)

9:00 - 10:30am (doors open 8:30am)

Methodist Church Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

A safe play space to enjoy adventures with 0 - 5 year olds and all those who care for them.

Bible Themed Crafts, Story-time, Refreshments, Singing, Prayer and lots of fun!

If you care for a little one as a parent, grandparent, carer or childminder, come along and join the fun.

For more information please contact Alex Dyball: [littlestssawtry@gmail.com](mailto:littlestssawtry@gmail.com) or call 01487 506217



## SOUNDS GOOD

Come and join us for all things musical and the spoken word

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month, from 1.30 to 3pm  
At the CARESCO Centre

11 & 25 April  
9 & 23 May

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Please contact the CARESCO office on 01487 832105 for information

A suggested donation of £2.00 per session, refreshments included

## JULIE'S SAWTRY/YAXLEY STEPPERS LINE DANCE CLASSES

Old School Hall, 37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

### Mondays

10am - 11am - Beginners/Easy-Going  
11am - 12pm - Improvers/Intermediates  
(can start at 10am, no extra cost)

### Fridays

7pm - 9pm - High Improvers/Intermediate

Royal British Legion Social Club, 210 Broadway, Yaxley, PE7 3NR

### Thursdays

6.30pm - 7.30pm - Beginners  
7.30pm - 9pm - Improvers/Intermediates  
(can start at 6.30pm or 7pm - no extra cost)



Line Dancing

For more information contact:  
Julie Gillmore

[jcgillmore@sky.com](mailto:jcgillmore@sky.com)

or 07939 070 406 or ask to join Julie's Steppers' Facebook group

## CARESCO TUCK SHOP

We are looking to increase the team of Volunteers for our Tuck Shop.

Do you have a few hours to spare occasionally on a Saturday morning?

Do you like the smell of Bacon frying?

Would you like to feed spectators and players of the Sawtry Colts?

We promise you won't be standing out in the cold and rain!

If you think you can help, please contact me, Sharon Dougherty on 01487 208026 or email [sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk)



## CARESCO GARDEN

The Volunteers who help to maintain our garden work extremely hard at improving the outside space we have and are proud of what has been achieved so far.

If you can spare any time at all and are interested in joining our Garden Team, please contact Sharon Dougherty on 01487 208026 or email [sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk)



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**New Weekly  
Location  
in Sawtry**



**Every Wednesday  
8am-12noon  
Old School Hall Car Park**



**Starting 9th April**

For up to date locations visit:  
<https://www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkciic>

# CHATTERBOX

**Drop-in sessions for family carers and people who maybe feeling isolated**

Chat & relax over a cuppa.

Guest speakers once a month



**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
between 2.15 - 4.15pm**

At the CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

**Come and join us**  
No meeting on Bank Holidays

**14 & 28 April  
12 & 26 May**

A suggested donation of £2.00 per session,  
refreshments included

For more information email:  
[office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)  
or call 01487 832105

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**TREASURES FROM THE ATTIC SALE**

Join us for this fun event

Delicious refreshments

Jewellery, ornaments, ceramics, glassware, pictures... plus much more!

**Saturday 12th April 2025**  
from 11.00am until 3.00pm  
Village Hall, Main St, Great Gidding, PE28 5NU

Please note: This will be a Cash Only event.

## BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays:

12 April & 10 May -  
10.00 till 11.30am

The Church is open for everyone to come along and enjoy a cup of coffee and cake and browse our extensive supply of second-hand books

Donations invited in exchange for the above

Proceeds to go to the Church



For more information please contact:  
**Sue Fowler**  
01832 293215



## COFFEE SHOP

**CAN YOU HELP?**

We are looking for some Volunteer bakers to help us with our increasingly popular Coffee Shop. If you enjoy baking and would like to bake for us once every 4 weeks, sweet and savoury, please get in touch.

The expense of ingredients can be covered if required -  
Many Thanks

Sharon Dougherty - 01487 208026  
[sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk](mailto:sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk)

CARESCO is a unique charity providing a range of services to meet needs within our local community - visit [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) for more details.



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## Conington Evensong

Join us at Conington Church  
(All Saints')

on Sunday 11 May  
at 3pm

for a Book of Common Prayer  
(BCP) Evensong.

Everyone Welcome



**Fairy Trail**  
**At Thurning Feast Spinney**  
**THURNING VILLAGE, NEAR OUNDLE, PE8 5RE**  
**SAT 10<sup>TH</sup>/SUN 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 12-5 PM**  
 Follow The Magical Woodland Trail!  
 See The Fairy Houses Hidden in The Spinney!  
 Fairy Quiz - Mini Fair Rides -Tombola  
 Face- painting, Crafts, Teas & Cakes, Bar, BBQ  
 Children's Magician on Sunday  
**£5 Per Person- Children Under 2yrs Free!**  
 (No Pre-Booking needed - Just Pay At The Gate)  
 Cash Or Card  
**Includes free field car parking & picnic areas**  
 All proceeds to St. James' Church & Thurning Village Hall  
 with a donation to a local charity  
**STRICTLY NO DOGS PLEASE.**  
**RESTRICTED AREAS FOR WHEELCHAIR USERS**  
**ENQUIRIES:**  
 Alison Pilkington- [alisonajp@aol.com](mailto:alisonajp@aol.com)  
 Sandy Capp -[sandra19capp@outlook.com](mailto:sandra19capp@outlook.com)

**SAWTRY COMMUNITY CAFÉ**  
  
 Open on the first Saturday of each month  
**12 - 3pm**  
**\* 5 Apr, 3 May & 7 June \***  
**Open to everyone in the community**  
 at the WI Hall, Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS  
**There is no charge for food**  
 Join us for a warm welcome  
 Free Wi-Fi  
  
**Access to support available**  
 Community Meals provided by  
 volunteers from Sawtry WI and others  
 Funded by local organisations and  
 contributions  
  
**Enquiries and donations**  
**07841 647345**

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**SAWTRY**

**[www.afvbc.world](http://www.afvbc.world)**

Welcome to the Sawtry Armed Forces  
 & Veterans Breakfast Club.  
 We are a group of veterans and serving members of  
 His Majesty's Armed Forces who meet up for breakfast  
 and other events

There are no commitments or subs,  
 just pay for your breakfast.  
 So come to a great place and meet like-minded people  
 for support, chat and banter.

Our Breakfast Club meets  
**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month**  
**from 09.45**  
**at The Greystones Public House, Sawtry**

Interested then get in touch via Facebook, email or via  
 the web *Sawtry Armed Forces & Veterans Breakfast Club*  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/afvbc.sawtry>  
[sawtry.AFVBC@gmail.com](mailto:sawtry.AFVBC@gmail.com)  
<https://www.afvbc.world>

   **ROYAL AIR FORCE**

**VOLUNTEERING**   
 Helping CARESCO to support  
 our local community

**TRUSTEES REQUIRED**

CARESCO is looking to increase our team of  
 trustees who oversee and manage our Charity.

As well as having a passion for supporting local people,  
 successful candidates will:

- Be willing to go through the relevant training
- Be willing to work as part of a team with staff & volunteers
- Have time, availability and willingness to get involved
- Bring their own unique set of skills, knowledge & experience

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If you would like to know more, please contact the CARESCO Office on 01487 832105 or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)



### What is Coffee Ark?.....

Coffee Ark is a mobile coffee shop in the form of a converted Land Rover Defender and community interest company, with a particular heart for reaching those who find themselves separated or isolated whether through loneliness, location, challenges around mental health or other social circumstances.

Coffee Ark exists to build community, resource positive mental health, offer radical hospitality and serve great coffee. We use income from sales, donations, public and private events, fundraising, sponsorship and grants to help fund our community action and enable us to be where we need to be.

**'Transforming lives one cuppa at a time'**

Resourcing Mental Health first Aid training

Barista and Well-being workshops in school

Ethical trading and sustainable sourcing

Proactive presence in rural communities

Great Coffee and so much more...



To find our more and to book us for your event...

Website: [www.coffeeark.org](http://www.coffeeark.org)  
Email: [coffeearkci@gmail.com](mailto:coffeearkci@gmail.com)  
Social Media: [www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkci](http://www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkci)

# QUIZ NIGHT



## Friday 11th April at Sawtry Social Club

Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS

Starts at 7.30pm

Teams of 2 - 6 players

£2 per person to enter

No advanced booking required, just turn up on the night!

All proceeds to be shared between Buttons & Bows Playgroup and CARESCO

Contact Jacqui Hedington on 07940 304045 for more information



# EASTER HUNT



## Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Join in our free hunt around Sawtry

To be part of the fun:

1. Download the free trail sheet from our website [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk) or pick up a copy from the CARESCO Centre or Charity Shop
2. Follow the trail around Sawtry
3. Find all the letter clues
4. Unscramble the word
5. Write them on the trail sheet
6. Add your details
7. Claim your prize!



There will be a sweet treat for every child who enters

To claim your prize, bring your sheet to the CARESCO Centre **Saturday 19 April** between 2.30 and 3.30pm and collect your sweet treat



**CARESCO**  
CENTRE

The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs, UK PE28 5UX  
office@caresco.org.uk 01487 832105 www.caresco.org.uk  
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Spiritual but not religious?

Into God but not into Church?

Seeking community?

Looking for a place to *BE*?



After a hard day, you deserve some **rest**...

**RELAX • EAT • SHARE • THINK**

**Relax** in an informal space where you can **eat** a tasty meal, **share** in worship with friends and find time to **think**

7:30pm, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (venue TBA) & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Sawtry Social Club

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you **rest**." ~ Jesus (Matthew 11:28)

[www.r-e-s-t.org.uk](http://www.r-e-s-t.org.uk)

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YEAR 6 PUPILS WELCOME DURING THE SUMMER TERM- JOIN US FROM APRIL 27TH

# Youth SPACE

EVERY SUNDAY IN TERM TIME  
(YEAR 7 AND UPWARDS)  
6.00PM - 7.30PM  
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SAWTRY

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** SAWTRY & DISTRICT  
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

## EASTER PRIZE BINGO & RAFFLE



AT SAWTRY CLUB, GIDDING ROAD  
THURSDAY 10 APRIL  
EYES DOWN AT 7.30, ALL WELCOME

Profits to the Sawtry & District Branch Royal British Legion. Registered Charity No: 219279

# Join us for Afternoon Praise

**St. Nicholas, Glatton**  
4-5pm

**1st Sunday of the month**  
6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 6th July

A service for all ages, blending tradition hymns, new worship, Bible stories and prayer.

Fen Edge Churches

## Open Garden & Art Fair

### Ferrar House, Little Gidding

25 May 2025 10.30 - 4pm

Adult: £5, Child: free

- Local artists
- Beautiful gardens
  - Plant stall
- Games on the lawn
- Homemade cakes
  - Cake raffle
- Gift shop open



**HIDDEN HEROINES**

SAWTRY WOMEN'S HUB

Thank you!

Thank you for joining us! We would love to hear your feedback to improve for next time.

Follow us on Facebook for details of our next event and initiatives for the community.

SCAN ME

Come Play....

# SOFTBALL

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

Thursdays at 6pm  
Starting April 2025

PLAY BALL!!!

at Great Gidding Park

For more details please e-mail - s.Kearey@live.co.uk

## HOLME YOUTH CLUB

We continue to welcome new members and have an average of 25 members attending each week.

Unfortunately, the copy date for this edition is the date of our visit to Planet Ice in Peterborough so I can't report on what happened and give some feedback from the members attending until next month's edition. We have 28 skaters going along to enjoy the Sub-Zero Disco with volunteer parents providing transport to get them there, so we use as few cars as possible.

With the Easter holidays being from 11 April our final session for this term will be on 4 April and we will return again on Friday 25 April by which time we should be able to go down to the school field and have some fun in the sun (weather permitting of course). We are very fortunate that the school will allow us to use their field during the summer term and thank them whole heartedly for this concession.

The Village Hall open day gave us a great opportunity to promote Youth Club and the equipment we put on display was hugely appreciated by the young people who attended, and I am sure in future years they will become enthusiastic members.

Membership of Holme Youth Club is open to school years 5-10 who live in Holme or attend or have attended Holme (CofE) Primary Academy. We meet on term time Fridays from 6.30-8.30 in the village hall. Admission is £2 and we have a cost price tuck shop for drinks and snacks.

If you would like to know more contact us on Facebook, our website [HolmeYouthClub.co.uk](http://HolmeYouthClub.co.uk) or email [holmeyouthclub@outlook.com](mailto:holmeyouthclub@outlook.com)



## CARESCO

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## Volunteer Chaperones

Based at the CARESCO Centre  
Off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

We are looking for Chaperones to accompany and assist our minibus drivers whilst they collect our day club members from their homes to bring them into our Centre in the mornings and to take them home again

Mondays to Thursdays

08.45 to 10.00 and/or 13.30 to 15.00

Come and be part of our volunteer team

For more information call Vicki on 07743 216746 or email [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk)

[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)



## SAWTRY WOODCRAFT FOLK

Every Thursday (term time)

Methodist Church, Green End Road,  
Sawtry, PE28 5UX

Elfins: age 6\* to 9 - 5.45 - 7.00pm

Pioneers +: age 10 plus - 7.15 - 8.30pm

\*Note if you have a 5-year-old you are welcome to bring them, but you will need to stay.

#spanning the world with fun and friendship  
#Everybody welcome

£35 a term for first child in family  
£25 for subsequent children

No child should miss out from attending due to costs, please contact us for a confidential discussion on how we can help.

£15 joining fee for Elfin and Pioneer. This will not be payable until Easter and will cover a Sawtry t-shirt and badge book.

Woodcraft Folk will be 100 this year. We will be working with East of England and Cambridge groups and joining them in camps throughout the year.

*Woodcraft Folk: a place to grow in confidence, learn about and value our world!*

*Woodcraft Folk: we support children to take the lead through weekly group activities, trips and camping trips.*

We are working with lots of other Sawtry community groups and businesses. We have a fruit and vegetable patch to grow and take care of items and once a month we plan to have an outside session with night walks, activities and gardening.

You can enrol on the woodcraft website,  
search for Sawtry:

<https://woodcraft.org.uk/find-a-group/>

Follow us on Facebook and join our launch group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SawtryWoodcraftFolk>

Email: [sawtry@woodcraft.org.uk](mailto:sawtry@woodcraft.org.uk)

## hccn

Hunts Community  
Cancer Network  
Living your best life despite cancer

### SAWTRY MONTHLY DROP-IN MORNING

#### Who We Are

At Hunts Community Cancer Network (HCCN), we believe that a cancer diagnosis is just one chapter of your story. Our mission is to help individuals 18+ and their families in the Huntingdonshire area navigate life with and beyond cancer. Whether you're recovering, living with the ongoing impact, or supporting a loved one, we offer a community of care designed around you.

We provide a variety of free, personalised activities, resources, and support groups to help build strength, resilience, and connection. Here, you're more than your diagnosis—you're part of a compassionate network where your well-being is at the heart of everything we do.

#### Date & Time

10am - 1pm, 1st Monday of each month

The Old School House,  
37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

Upcoming Dates 2025:  
3rd March 2nd June  
7th April 7th July  
5th May 4th August

#### What To Expect

- A Warm Welcome**  
Join us for a cuppa and a chat in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.
- Bring Your Arts & Crafts**  
Feel free to bring your projects and enjoy some creative time.
- Find Support & Connection**  
Discover how HCCN can support you and how you can support HCCN in return.

Whether you're seeking advice, company, or just a relaxing break, we're here for you. There's no need to book - just turn up and enjoy a warm welcome. It'll be great to see you!

#### Can't Make it? We're Still Here for You!

If you can't attend, HCCN offers a range of support services, from online groups to one-to-one befriending service by phone. Email us at [info@hccnthecharity.org](mailto:info@hccnthecharity.org) to explore support tailored to you.

Alternatively—view our website to learn more: [www.hccnthecharity.org](http://www.hccnthecharity.org)

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CHARITY NUMBER: 1163051

Supported by:



## CARESCO CAN YOU HELP US?

We are reaching out to businesses, big or small, to ask if you are able to make a financial contribution of any size to CARESCO to help us continue to support the community. Your help is very needed and would be greatly appreciated.

For more details, please contact us on **01487 832105** or email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk).

### HOLME VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Open Day on 8 March was a great success with many members of the public coming along to both view our facilities and partake in an excellent cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate from the Coffee Ark.

Although our super new kitchen is not quite completed, we were proud to display the wonderful facilities available to those who want to book the hall.

Sam Carlin, our MP, managed to get there on time despite the fact he thought the bus would be perfect because it arrived at 2pm only to realise it was a Saturday and the bus only runs on Wednesdays. Sam spent two hours circulating and chatting to everyone present and was quite impressed with our facilities and offered to address several concerns brought to his attention by those he chatted to.

Full details of hiring the hall can be found on our website [holmecambsvillagehall.org.uk](http://holmecambsvillagehall.org.uk) or email [bookings@holmecambsvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@holmecambsvillagehall.org.uk)



### SAWTRY FOODBANK

Did you know...

- Our Foodbank emergency parcels contain about 3 days' worth of food in them.
- Where available we include basic toiletries and even pet food.
- We offer a warm, welcoming, non-judgmental service to anyone in the community who is struggling to feed themselves or their families.

There's no shame in asking for help. If you know someone who may need us, please encourage them to call: **07743 593683** or email: [foodbank@caresco.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@caresco.org.uk)

We're so very grateful for all your generous donations. Currently, we have an abundance of baked beans and pasta! However, we're always looking for more family cereals, long-life milk, tinned fruit, custard, biscuits, and basic toiletries. Please remember to check the dates and that we can't take fresh, frozen, chilled or homemade foods.

Donation baskets can be found at: CARESCO Centre, CARESCO Charity Shop, Sawtry Co-op, Local Schools and Churches.

**IMPORTANT:** We can only accept larger donations by prior arrangement. If your donation is more than a couple of shopping bags, then please contact us on **07743 593683** or email: [foodbank@caresco.org.uk](mailto:foodbank@caresco.org.uk) to make an appointment.



## VOLUNTEER DRIVERS



### REQUIRED

**CARESCO is looking to increase our team of volunteer drivers who are willing to drive with our Car Scheme and help local people**

*Successful candidates will:*

- Be 25 years and over (for insurance)
- Be required to complete a clear DBS check
- Hold a clean driving licence
- Have use of a suitable car with valid MOT & insurance
- Have some weekday availability
- Be reliable and flexible
- Expenses will be reimbursed



**If you would like to know more, please contact the Car Scheme Co-ordinator on 07810 476979 or email [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)**

**CARESCO**

The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs, UK PE28 5UX  
office@caresco.org.uk 01487 832105 www.caresco.org.uk

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## SAWTRY SHOW

**Saturday 13 September**

**At Sawtry Village Academy**

### HOLME VILLAGE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Recent statistic revealed that 5 people are killed every day as a result of speeding vehicles. Fortunately, none of them are from Holme and we feel our efforts at speedwatch are helping to keep our community safe.

Recent sessions have experienced a Mazda at 53 mph and a Nissan at 41 mph within 5 minutes of each other plus several at 47, 43, 42 and 40 mph and that is when we are doing a session fully visible with Hi-Viz jackets and warning signs so what are they doing when we are not there. Non-the-less we feel we are achieving something as the percentage of speeders during our sessions has gone from 50% to 10% so we will keep working hard to educate drivers and hopefully get the percentage to 0.

Holme Community Speedwatch is a voluntary group of hardy souls, supported by Cambridgeshire police, who hold sessions approximately once a week, weather dependant, throughout the year. If you feel you can spare an hour or so once a month and would like to join our happy band email: [csw.holme@btinternet.com](mailto:csw.holme@btinternet.com) and we will sort out your training so you too can help to educate drivers to abide by the speed limit.

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN THROUGH OUR VILLAGES**



## Your Ink Cartridges Could Help Us Raise Funds!



*Recycle Yours Here!*

Please drop your old or unused ink jets off at our Charity Shop or the CARESCO Centre.

They will be recycled which is good for the environment and you will also be helping us to raise much needed funds.

Charity Shop, 7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR  
CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

## Situation Vacant Minibus Driver

Based at the CARESCO Centre,  
off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

The position is for 8 hours per week  
On Mondays and Tuesdays  
Cover may be required for Wednesdays and Thursdays  
for holidays and sickness

5.6 weeks paid holiday (pro rata)

We are looking for a driver for our minibus who will collect our day club members from their homes and bring them into our Centre in the morning and take them home again mid-afternoon.

- Do you have a clean driving licence?
- Are you patient and reliable?
- Do you have a good knowledge of health & safety and safeguarding?

**Come and be part of our team!**

For more information, call 07743 216746  
To apply email your CV to [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk)  
Or deliver your CV to the CARESCO Centre,  
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

[www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

## SIMON BYWATER DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLOR

### A Message to the Sawtry Community

As we approach the **County Council elections on Thursday, 1 May**, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for the privilege of serving as your **County Councillor for the past 12 years**. It has been an honour to work alongside so many dedicated individuals, community groups, and volunteers to support our villages and tackle the challenges we've faced together.

**You, the electorate, have the power to choose the strong local voice that will represent you on the council.** With major changes ahead - including **devolution and local government reorganisation** - it has never been more important to have someone who will stand up for our communities and fight for the issues that truly matter to us.

The **Local Government Reform and Devolution White Paper** sets out plans that could significantly reshape local councils. Key proposals include:

- ✓ **Devolution Deals:** More powers transferred from Westminster to local leaders, including combined authorities or directly elected mayors.
- ✓ **Unitary Authorities:** A possible move from the current two-tier system (county and district councils) to a **single-tier authority**, fundamentally changing how local services are delivered.
- ✓ **Funding & Accountability:** Greater local control over budgets, but with new financial responsibilities that could impact funding for key services.

### What Could This Mean for Cambridgeshire?

Our county could see some significant changes, including:

- ✓ The potential **creation of a unitary authority**, meaning county and district councils could merge into one organisation.
- ✓ **Increased power for the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority**, giving the mayor more control over transport, housing, and economic growth.
- ✓ **Changes to local services**, with efficiency pressures but also concerns over democratic accountability and local representation.

These reforms could **fundamentally alter how decisions are made across Cambridgeshire**, making this a crucial issue for residents to consider in the upcoming elections.

Throughout my time as your councillor, I have worked tirelessly to **protect and support our communities**, and I hope my record of dedication and delivery will earn your support once again. Do take a look at my Facebook page. But whatever happens, it has been an **absolute privilege to serve you**, and I sincerely thank you for your trust over the past 12 years.

As a **former Royal Marine who has lost friends in service to this country**, I know the true value of democracy. I would kindly ask each and every one of you to **go out and cast your vote** - whoever you support, make your voice heard.

Best Wishes

**Cllr Simon Bywater** - Sawtry and Stilton Division, Cambridgeshire County Council - 07984 637553

## AN EYE ON NATURE

Citizen Science is a, somewhat, fancy term for the public getting involved in recording the wildlife events around them. The most famous project is the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch which has been running for 45 years. Over half a million people spend one hour during the last weekend each January recording the birds in their garden (or local park). It is now, arguably, the longest running Citizen Science survey in the world. The data gathered is invaluable as trends can be seen as species decline or (hopefully) make a recovery. One lasting impression I have is that there are 16% fewer birds in the UK now than in 1970. A worrying trend, indeed, the survey requires no special skills as the RSPB provide identification sheets and ways to send them your data, either online or good old-fashioned post. Just phone or contact them online. Another very important survey, especially now in our current climate change crisis is the Big Butterfly Count. This is run by Butterfly Conservation. Step out into your garden on a sunny day between 18 July and 10 August this summer and write down all the butterflies you see over 15 minutes. Send off the results to Butterfly Conservation either online or by post.

This survey has demonstrated the disturbing downward trend in our butterfly population. The data collected is vital to reverse the decline of our iconic garden butterflies. I am old enough to remember my buddleia being covered in butterflies only 40 years ago.

If you get inspired enough to help 12 months a year another very successful monitoring project grew up around one mans curiosity whilst working at CEH Monks Wood. Tim Sparks started a study to determine the change in our climate by studying the cyclic and seasonal phenomena of natural events such as flowering of a wild plant or first and last appearance of birds such as House Martins, this study is own as Phenology. I began recording in my local patch way back in Spring 1999. Since 2001, Tim stopped collating the results this was continued by the Woodland Trust. Initially I recorded on paper but recording now takes place online. I find recording very straight forward and the site is set up well. I apologise to anyone not online, so far anyone who wanted to take part contact the Woodland Trust about alternative ways of recording.

It will come as no surprise that the results so far have shown how dramatically our climate is changing from what effects it's having on our wildlife. This is good hard data as so many individuals are taking part spread over the whole UK. I hope you are inspired to get involved and want to know more. Listed at the end are all the contact numbers needed.

I can certainly vouch for how enjoyable recording is and it takes up so little time, but the impacts are huge.

So go and give it a go!

Woodland Trust (for nature's calendar) - 0330 333 3300

Butterfly Conservation - 01929 400 209

RSPB - 01767 693333

The Wildlife Trust BCN (for general enquiries) - 01954 713500

STOP THE PRESS

Puzzled about the cordoned off area on St. Judith's Field? It's for the orchids to grow and flower for us all to enjoy this summer, rather than being mown before the plants have a chance to flower.

More details in the June /July 2025 Sawtry Eye.

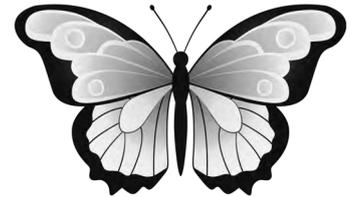
**Martin Baker**

The views expressed in this article are solely those of the author.

**For more information, contact the Wildlife Trust:**

**Phone 01954 713543, or**

**visit [www.wildlifebcn.org](http://www.wildlifebcn.org)**



### CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

### CARESCO GRANTS NEWS

Spring has arrived at last and the daffodils outside the CARESCO Centre are looking lovely ☺. We continue to have a mixture of grant successes and failures. We were declined for a substantial Comic Relief grant which was disappointing to the team as we are trying hard to reduce our financial deficit. We have also had declines both from The Fore towards our potential new building and the Charles Heyward Foundation for lunch trips out for the Green End Day Club.

On a more positive note, we have been awarded a small grant from the Arnold Clark Community Fund which we can put towards running costs. We also had a part grant awarded for some new chairs for the Day Club from D & J Lloyd via the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation. The current chairs are old, stained and too low and we have been able to replace 15 of these with ones that are higher and much easier to clean.

After grants have been awarded, there is often post grant work to do which can include progress reports, accounting information, photos or case studies. We have recently been awarded a grant from the Redrow Community Fund, and they have requested our presence at their Huntingdon site for some photos for local media. The Customer Service Manager and I will be visiting them in April.

As ever, thank you to everyone who continues to support us both financially and practically. You can follow CARESCO on Facebook for updates or see our website at [www.caresco.org.uk](http://www.caresco.org.uk)

**Denise Pike**

**Grants Officer, CARESCO**

**[grants@caresco.org.uk](mailto:grants@caresco.org.uk)**



## SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Archive is now open on the Saturday following our Thursday meeting, in the Community Centre access is via the library, from 10:00am to 12:00pm. All are welcome, search census records & view old documents relating to our area.

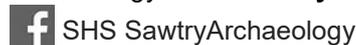
January **CROCODILE POO & BEAR FAT** Roman Health & Beauty Presentation By Chris Carr MA Historian & re-enactor. A riveting walk through "Boots the chemist" in Rome covering all the pills & potions used, in the main by wealthier Romans. The Crocodile Poo sounds odd but this reptile swallows its prey whole so the excrement contains everything you need to exfoliate! As always Chris's numerous props created much interest as did the Roman bathing practices.

February **THE BLACK DEATH The Great Mortality** Presentation By Don Chiswell Local Historian, Re-enactor & Tour Guide. Delivered by Don in his entertaining fashion covering the loss of population, the symptoms, attempts at cures & containment. The impact on our country was devastating The most immediate consequence was a halt to the campaigns of the 100 years War. In the long term, the decrease in population caused a shortage of labour, with subsequent rise in wages, resisted by the landowners, which caused deep resentment among the lower classes. A common misconception that lots of villages disappeared due to the deaths was exploded, as most had been abandoned in a previous pandemic, Norfolk & Suffolk were worst affected as most foreign ships landed in East Anglia.

'Sawtry Archaeology' is a group within Sawtry History Society that is committed to investigating the archaeological record of Sawtry and neighbouring communities, and presenting interpreted findings in the public domain in order to enrich the communal heritage. Details of projects, publications of interest and useful links can be found on the Sawtry Archaeology website (below). Follow Sawtry Archaeology on Facebook (below) where details of fieldwork, other activity and updates to the website will be posted.

Sawtry Archaeology website: <https://sawtryarchaeology.wixsite.com/my-site>

Sawtry Archaeology email: [sawtry.archaeology@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sawtry.archaeology@yahoo.co.uk)



Don't forget our sister website the details being [www.sawtryhistory.co.uk](http://www.sawtryhistory.co.uk) [sawtryhistory@gmail.com](mailto:sawtryhistory@gmail.com)

**The History Society meets on the third Thursday of the month  
in the Methodist Church, 9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX at 7.30pm**

**For info call Chris Merton 01487 831441**

	<b>SATURDAY 14 JUNE</b> <b>12 NOON - 5PM</b>	<b>SAWTRY ON SAFARI</b>
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### THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH

The Royal British Legion supports our Armed Forces community, including serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

Are you a serving member of the Armed Forces?

Are you a Veteran?

Are you neither, but would like to help?

Then please consider becoming a member of the Royal British Legion.

We need, new active members to join the Sawtry & District Branch.

**Interested, then please contact us by email: [sawtry.secretary@rbl.community](mailto:sawtry.secretary@rbl.community), via our Facebook page: Sawtry RBL or you can visit <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership-to-join>.**

#### Events

Monday 7 April – Branch meeting 7:30pm Sawtry Social Club.

Thursday 10 April – Easter Bingo 7:30pm Sawtry Social Club.

VE & VJ 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

Saturday 26 April 2025 @ 7:00pm

Sawtry Village Academy

Featuring: Wyton & Brampton Military Wives Choir, HuMS Big Band and Sawtry Village Academy Choir.

**Poppy Appeal** – The 2024 Poppy Appeal started in October leading up to Remembrance, with all your donations we have already raised £9,807.50 which is fantastic. Thank you for all your support and to our volunteers.

Thank you for all your support and to our volunteers.

**Billy  
Chairman**





## SAWTRY CHORALE

On Valentine's Day a group of Sawtry Chorale members headed north to take part in Manchester's UK Choir Festival, our first 'on tour' event for many years.

Saturday morning meant a very early start as we headed for Manchester High School for Girls, the chosen venue for the Festival.

The UK Choir Festival was launched in 2016 to support, train and bring together choirs from all over the UK. Although not every member of Sawtry Chorale could make the trip, happily we had representatives from every section of the choir, Bass, Tenor, Alto and Soprano. With seven different choirs, represented by 140 singers, together we made quite a sound!

The day was split into four workshops each led by an experienced and talented lead, followed by a final joint workshop.

The workshops looked at a number of choir-related issues, including one focusing on a series of practical exercises designed to improve the sound of a choir, another exploring how we engage and communicate with our audience and one that explored a range of musical blending and layering techniques. Then there was the Reggae workshop which explored the background to Reggae and encouraged us to explore the rhythm and words of the music.

The sessions concentrating on vocal warm-up were invigorating and exciting – and thanks to our amazing and enthusiastic Musical Director, Ollie, we already knew most of the warm-up activities!

The day ended with the opportunity for every choir to sing for the others.....a great end to a splendid day.

The experience of meeting other choirs gave us all fresh pride in Sawtry Chorale. We all love singing and we also love to welcome new members. No auditions, no need to read music; just come along on termtime Wednesday evenings when we rehearse – with a great deal of laughter – from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the Methodist Church Hall in Sawtry



**If you'd like more information, contact our Chairperson, Tracy, on 07796 972580, find us on Facebook. Email: [sawtrychorale@gmail.com](mailto:sawtrychorale@gmail.com) or visit [www.sawtrychorale.co.uk](http://www.sawtrychorale.co.uk)**



### CARESCO CAR SCHEME

*Providing transport for local people*

Run by volunteers using their own cars, journeys (to medical appointments only) can be booked via the Co-ordinator 9am - 5pm, Mondays to Fridays only (subject to availability)

on **07810 476979**

Please leave a message, your name & phone number and the team will get back to you as soon as they can

Contact CARESCO on 01487 832105  
Email: [office@caresco.org.uk](mailto:office@caresco.org.uk)



### CARESCO CAVE

We are a 'Warm Space', open Monday and Thursday 9,00am to 1.00pm and Tuesday 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Please come along for a coffee and chat. See the projects and repairs we are working on at present. Do you have a project you want some help with?

Everybody is welcome, male or female. We are a happy crew and welcome new members. We replace watch batteries and carry out PAT testing at a fee of £3 each.

**Contact us by calling 07851 803482 and leaving a message, emailing us at: [thecave@caresco.org.uk](mailto:thecave@caresco.org.uk) or pop in during one of our sessions, you can find us at the rear of Sawtry Community Centre off Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX.**



### GREEN END DAY CLUB

Our membership at the club continues to steadily rise. We have been entertained by KJ and the Catt who perform songs from the 1920s onwards, we also had Lucy Lewis (first British female bomb disposal expert) come in and give us a talk and had a lovely lunch out at The Apple Cart in Peterborough. We have plenty more trips and entertainment booked over the course of the year for our members to enjoy.

We had our bus trip to Serpentine Green, Peterborough in February and have our next one booked to Eye Garden Centre on 4 April. These trips are open to all members and volunteers of CARESCO.

Our Quiz Supper on 7 March was a huge success as always and we thank everyone who came to help raise funds for our club. We are always so grateful. Our next Quiz Supper is 6 June. Please reserve tickets if you would like to come as it is a very popular night! Details on page 2.

Our club is here for anyone who wants to come along for a delicious freshly cooked 2 course meal, meet new people and have a really good time. We are full on a Thursday but have limited availability on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Pop along and see us or contact us at the club if you, or anyone you might know are interested.

**Vicki, Suzanne and Helen**

**07743 216746 or  
email: [greenend@caresco.org.uk](mailto:greenend@caresco.org.uk)**



## SAWTRY FEAST SUPPER CLUB

The Feast will soon be upon us and we can't wait to see as many of you there as possible.

Our Feast is on **Tuesday 3 June 2025** at the Sawtry Academy.

Our invites should be reaching you all by the end of April. If you've not received one and would like to attend, please contact Maddy on 07368 210882.

Please can you call after 5pm due to working commitments.



## WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS

### Covid Spring Booster Vaccinations

We expect to be involved in the delivery of covid spring booster vaccinations for those patients who are eligible. As before, vaccinations will be provided in a dedicated clinic on a Saturday. We will share details as soon as they are confirmed.

If you have not done so already, please follow our Facebook page to keep up to date on our latest news.



### Changes to The Way We Communicate

In line with other practices locally, we want to try to reduce our use of paper post now that we have secure digital options available. This will enable us to communicate with you in a quicker and more secure way.

As of 1 May, all correspondence to patients under the age of 75 will be sent digitally where we have either a mobile number or email address on file for the patient.

It is going to be crucial that the mobile numbers and email addresses that we have on file for you are correct. To this end, during your contact with the practice – be that telephone or face to face, you may be asked to confirm the details we have on file are still correct. Going forward, please ensure that you update us if you change your number or email address.

### GP Team

We are very pleased to have welcomed Dr Nadya Khersonskaya to our GP Team on 24 February 2025.

Our team of GPs are available for consultations on the following days:

Dr Richard Smith	Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday
Dr Lino Pasco	Monday/Tuesday/Thursday
Dr Daniel Darko	Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday
Dr Nadya Khersonskaya	Monday/Thursday
Dr Vanessa Pearson	Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday
Dr Tanya Roy	Wednesday/Friday

### Patient Partner

Patient Partner is now up and running and allows patients to complete certain actions via an automated process as opposed to having to wait to speak to a member of the reception team. Patient Partner can be accessed via our main telephone system menu or, to save time, call direct on 01487 800270.

At this initial stage the service can be used to complete the following tasks:

- Check and/or cancel an appointment
- Book a blood test
- Book a physiotherapy appointment

### Easter Opening Hours

Thursday 17 April	Open As Usual
Friday 18 April – Good Friday	Closed
Saturday 19 April	Closed
Sunday 20 April	Closed
Monday 21 April – Easter Monday	Closed

Please remember that requests for repeat medication take 3 working days to process so please submit your requests in plenty of time to allow for this.

**Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager**

**Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - Tel: 01487 830340**

The February members meeting saw four inspiring women Parish Councillors which included one of our own WI members. The games and social we had in March after the Annual Meeting voting of committee and president were very well received by members. Our membership year begins in April, and we are currently accepting new members.

Members are looking forward to a talk by the Suffolk and Cambridge Blood Runners on 3 April. They will be talking about their work collecting and delivering emergency supplies to health sites where they are acutely needed. 'Up The Garden Bath' will be speaking on 1 May about their work recycling baths and sinks for use as planters in community spaces and we are expecting the 'Tally Ho' Project to talk to us on 5 June.

Visitors are always welcome to our members meetings and if you would like to come to one or two meetings to see if you would like to join us, there will be no charge. Members meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at our WI Hall on Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS, starting at 7pm with a speaker or activity followed by lovely refreshments, business, raffle and competition. As well as our varied programme for members meetings we also enjoy outings, social groups and an annual Spring Party.

Our programme for members meetings for the period April 2025 to March 2026 has a variety of speakers and activities on topics such as gardening, driving, health, AI, history, craft and charity work abroad. Let us know if you would like a copy.

Sawtry Community Café is run by Sawtry WI members together with wonderful volunteers from our community. The Café is open on the first Saturday of each month held at Sawtry WI Hall. Food is served from 12 noon to 2.45pm and there is no cost, it is all free. This is a great community space where residents of all ages come together in friendship. We average about forty visitors at each Café. The first shift 12-1.30 is always the busiest so if you prefer a quieter space do come after 1.30pm. The Café is open to everyone in Sawtry.

**Jacqui Svensson, President - 07841 647345**

**sawtrywi@gmail.com**

**Instagram: Sawtry\_WI**

**Sawtry WI | Facebook**

**NEWS FROM SAWTRY LIBRARY**

Sawtry library is a friendly, welcoming library based in Sawtry Community Centre. We offer a range of services such as children's activities, free pc and internet access and of course fiction, non-fiction books and audio books. We also provide help to get Bus Passes, and we have a selection of local information leaflets.



**Easter Crafts - Wednesday 16 April 10.30am - 12.00pm**

Come and make your own easter bunny pom-poms and baskets. This craft event is suitable for children aged 4+ years. £2 per child. Booking is advised as places are limited. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Hearing Dog Talk - Wednesday 28 May 10.30am - 12.00pm**

Learn about special Hearing Dogs and get to meet one! Suitable for children aged 6+ years. Free drop in event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Reading Group**

If you love reading and talking about books, then why not join a Reading Group? It is a great opportunity to meet new people and read a variety of books to discuss with others. If you are interested in joining, please ask at Sawtry library or email us at: [huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:huntingdon.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

**Rhymetime - Wednesdays 10.30 - 11.00am**

Sing nursery rhymes and play musical instruments at our weekly rhyme time sessions. Drop in. No booking needed. For children under 5



**Lego Club - Saturdays 10.00am - 12.00pm**

Get creative and constructive at our Lego Club every Saturday morning. Drop in anytime throughout the session. Suitable for children aged 4+ 50p donation appreciated.

**Social Media**

Please look at our social media pages for information, updates and events. You can find us on Facebook by searching for 'Cambridgeshire Libraries' and on Twitter we are @cambslib.

**Opening Times**

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	3.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 5.00pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday	9.30am - 12.30pm

**Paul Smith,  
District Library Assistant,  
Huntingdon, Yaxley and  
Sawtry Libraries**





Wildlife Trust for  
**Beds, Cambs  
& Northants**

## Huntingdonshire Local Group

### Spring Walks

The Huntingdonshire Local Group of the Wildlife Trust is pleased to welcome you to guided walks at Portholme Meadow and Brampton Wood in April. Please note that both walks are likely to be wet and muddy so wear appropriate footwear.

#### Portholme Meadow - Wednesday 16 April at 5.00pm

Pat Doody will lead the first walk. As many of you will know, Pat is an expert on the fauna, flora and history of the meadow. Pat will focus on the snakeshead fritillaries, but we may also see spring birds such as corn bunting and skylark. There will be a charge of £5.00 payable by cash or card. Please meet at Godmanchester Lock, TL24107042. Nearest postcode PE29 2HB. What3words: regular.interests.dries.

#### Brampton Wood - Sunday 27 April at 10.30am

This walk will be led by our Chairman, Tim Fryer (and others depending on numbers). As usual we will focus on the bluebells, but we should also see a rich variety of flora and fauna. There is a small car park on site. GR TL18446981. What3Words: plates.plodding.photocopy. The charge is £5.00 - cash only.

**Please note that these walks could be subject to cancellation if we have a wet spring.  
Please check the website ([wildlifebcn.org](http://wildlifebcn.org)) nearer the time.**

**For more information please contact Tim - 07941 261346 or [timpfryer@googlemail.com](mailto:timpfryer@googlemail.com)**

**Part of the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire**

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### COFFEE ARK

Coffee Ark is serving up delicious refreshments regularly in our local villages.

Check out [www.coffeeark.org](http://www.coffeeark.org) or [www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkCic](https://www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkCic) for our latest hatch opening times.

Regular spots now include; Old School Hall, Sawtry, Sawtry Village Academy, Glatton Village Hall and new locations added all the time.

See you there. ☕ ☺

### ENGAGED? THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED?



Did you know that you can get married in your local parish church - All Saints', Sawtry, St. Giles, Holme and St. Nicholas, Glatton.

We love 💍 a wedding and would love to discuss how we can play a part in your special day.

Please look at our website [www.fenedgechurches.org](http://www.fenedgechurches.org), be in touch Reverend Canon Becky Dyball.

**Email: [fenedgechurches@gmail.com](mailto:fenedgechurches@gmail.com)**  
**Phone: 07444 574039 / 01487 506217**





REMEMBRANCE

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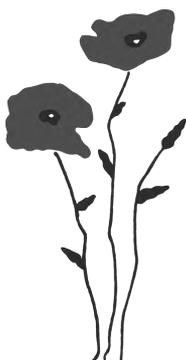
The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion  
remember the fallen throughout the year



REMEMBRANCE

APRIL		
Private Bertram David HAYNES	19 April 1917	Sawtry
Private James STAPLETON	19 April 1917	Sawtry
Private Reuben GRAY	23 April 1917	Wood Walton
Private James REID	6 April 1918	Great Gidding
Private George Henry COLBERT	12 April 1918	Holme
Private Frank WILLIS	24 April 1918	Holme
Trooper Reginald ELSOM	23 April 1943	Sawtry

MAY		
Private William WRIGHT	3 May 1917	Sawtry
Private Arthur YEOMANS	3 May 1917	Great Gidding
Private Archie ROWELL	13 May 1917	Sawtry
Private Charles William BODGER	5 May 1918	Old Weston
Private Leslie Charles REDHEAD	20 May 1940	Great Gidding
Private George Joseph William GINNS	28 May 1943	Sawtry
Lance Sergeant Robert KETTERINGHAM	29 May 1944	Sawtry



*When you go home tell them of us and say  
For your tomorrow we gave our today.*



# SAWTRY METHODIST CHURCH

9 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX



*All Are Welcome!*

## COFFEE MORNINGS

*Open Saturdays  
in the church hall  
from 9.30am to 11am*

*Drop in for light refreshments,  
a chat with friends  
all proceeds to the church*



*We would love to see you!*

## SAWTRY MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

*Every Monday 2.00 - 3.15pm  
in the Church Hall*

*This is an informal fellowship group, sharing  
experiences, memories and plenty of laughter!  
Quantities of coffee, tea and cake available  
(of course!). All are welcome*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

*There is a service either in the building, online,  
(using Zoom), or both every week*

### SPECIAL SERVICES

**REST - Venue TBA - watch our Facebook page**  
Thursday 3 April at 7.30pm

**Good Friday Walk Of Witness**  
Friday 18 April

*Walk starts at 10.00am from All Saints' Church,  
joint service at the Methodist Church at 10.30am.  
Followed by Fish and Chip lunch*

**Holy Communion**  
Sunday 20 April at 10.30am

**REST at Sawtry Social Club**  
Thursday 8 May at 7.30pm

**Holy Communion**  
Sunday 25 May at 10.30am

*For details of other services, how to login  
via Zoom, and for other services  
please check our website, or call 01487 830345*

*Come and join us, all are welcome*

## Board Games Club

*First and third Fridays of the month  
at 7.30pm*

*Come with friends or on your own - all are welcome.*

## Tea and Cream Scones

*Every Monday 2.00 - 4.00pm  
in the Church Hall  
(Starting from 12 May)*



*For more information, please contact Rev James Bamber on 01480 453857*

*Email: [jjamesbamber@gmail.com](mailto:jjamesbamber@gmail.com), or via [www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk](http://www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk)*

*Find us on Facebook - SawtryMethodistChurch*

## THE GIFT OF EASTER

The story is told of a young boy, Jack receiving a beautifully wrapped gift for Easter from his grandfather on one occasion. Excitedly he tore off the paper, expecting a toy or something edible. But inside was a simple wooden cross – Jack was puzzled, and just a little disappointed. “Grandad, where’s the real present?” he asked. His grandfather smiled. “Jack, this simple cross represents the greatest gift of all because it reminds us of Jesus. He gave His life for us, for the whole of creation. But the story doesn’t end there. On Easter morning, Jesus rose again, bringing hope, love, and new life to all who trust in Him.” Jack held the cross carefully and thought for a moment.

“So, Easter isn’t just about chocolate eggs and other treats?”

“No,” his grandfather chuckled. “Those treats are fun, but Easter is really about the love of God made visible. Jesus’ resurrection shows us that even in life’s hardest moments, hope is never lost, not least because we are never alone.”

May we discover anew, as Jack did, that Easter is God’s greatest gift to us. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, we are all offered forgiveness, hope, and the promise of life beyond our imagining. Sometimes the most precious gifts don’t come enfolded in beautiful wrapping but in the form of love, sacrifice, and grace.

The Bible says: “*Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!*” (2 Corinthians 9:15). This Easter, whatever it involves for you - hot cross buns, egg hunts, holidays, and treats let’s pause to remember with thanks the true gift - God’s love, given freely to us through Jesus. May you each experience the hope, joy, and peace of Easter always.

*James* (Minister, Sawtry Methodist Church)



## ALL SAINTS', SAWTRY, ST NICHOLAS', GLATTON & ST GILES', HOLME WITH CONINGTON PARISH CHURCHES



### BENEFICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For the latest service information and online service links please visit [www.fenedgechurches.org](http://www.fenedgechurches.org)

Date	All Saints', Sawtry	St Nicholas, Glatton	St Giles, Holme
Sunday 6 April	10.30am - Holy Communion	4.00pm - Afternoon Praise	9.00am - BCP Holy Communion
Saturday 12 April	--	--	2.00pm - 5.00pm Coffee & Cake @ <i>Holme Village Hall</i> 4.30pm - BCP Evening Prayer in church
<b>Palm Sunday</b> 13 April	10.30am - Holy Communion with Cheeky Pandas	9.00am - Holy Communion	<i>Service In Glatton</i>
Monday 14 April	9.00pm - Compline	--	--
Tuesday 15 April	9.00pm - Compline	--	--
Wednesday 16 April	9.00pm - Compline	--	--
Thursday 17 April	--	7.30pm - Maundy Thursday Service	--
Friday 18 April	10.00am Walk of Witness starting from All Saints' Church. Sawtry <b>10.30am Service at Sawtry Methodist Church</b>	--	--
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 20 April	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Holy Communion	<i>Service In Glatton</i>
Sunday 27 April	10.30am - Morning Prayer	<i>Service In Holme</i>	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 4 May	10.30am - Holy Communion	4.00pm - Afternoon Praise	9.00am - Holy Communion
Saturday 10 May	--	--	2.00pm - 5.00pm Coffee & Cake @ <i>Holme Village Hall</i> 4.30pm - BCP Evening Prayer in church
Sunday 11 May	10:30am Service of the Word	9.00am - Holy Communion	<b>3.00pm CONINGTON</b> All Saints. - BCP Evening Prayer
Sunday 18 May	10.30am - Holy Communion	<i>Service In Holme</i>	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 25 May	10.30am - Morning Prayer	9.00am - Holy Communion	<i>Service In Glatton</i>

\*BCP A much loved traditional service using the 1662 prayer book



Hello Everyone,

Spring is a season of renewal with the sun peeking through and bulbs blooming into life, and in the Church, we have the journey through Easter. It is the ultimate celebration of new life and hope. As we rejoice in Christ's resurrection, we are reminded of the love, welcome, and hospitality that the church offers to all. **Church isn't for the perfect, far from it - it's for all of us who are figuring things out, carrying joys and struggles, doubts and faith.**

This season, we're excited to introduce a brand-new service: **Afternoon Praise at St. Nicholas, Glatton**, running from **4-5pm on the first Sunday of every month**. This will be a service for all ages, blending much-loved traditional hymns with newer worship, Bible stories and prayer. Whether you come **on your own or as a family**, you'll find a warm and welcoming space to worship and explore faith together. Whether you've been part of church life for years or are simply curious, you're invited to come and see what it's all about!

For our young people, we're also delighted to invite those in **Year 6 to Youth Space at All Saints', Sawtry**, every **Sunday from 6-7:30pm** during term time from the 27 April. This **FREE** relaxed, inclusive space is usually open to just secondary school age but this addition is designed to support their transition to secondary school, offering a mix of **board games, laughter, chat, and, of course, tuck!**

As we celebrate the joy of **Easter Sunday**, let's hold onto the truth that **hope is found in Jesus**, and that His love is for everyone. **No one has to have it all together to come to church—we are all welcomed as we are.** If you haven't been to church for a while (or ever!), why not come and experience the warmth of a community where all are truly welcome?

With Easter blessings,

**Becky**

*Rector, Fen Edge Churches*





## SAWTRY COLTS

It's not been the worst winter for football postponements with just a few weeks where waterlogged or frozen pitches have been the order of the day. The new 3G pitch at Sawtry VA has been well used by some of the older teams, and a few of the younger ones, and it has been excellent to train on over the winter months especially in comparison to the old astro pitch which used to get solid very quickly in winter. Here's a look as to how some of the older teams have fared to see if that consistency in playing has helped them over the last few months.

The oldest team, the U17s, have had a bit of a stop start season and actually played their first match for a month in early March. The lack of match fitness was evident as they lost 4-2 to Thurlow in deepest Suffolk. The delay was frustrating as their previous match in early February was an excellent one managing a 0-0 draw against second placed Ely. The U16s started 2025 with a comfortable win against St Neots but have since lost to Huntingdon, Kennett and Sawston (twice). They still have 10 matches still to play with their season currently scheduled to go on to mid-May so plenty of football left for them to play.

The U15s have had a tough time of it in the top league this season. They have yet to register a win but have come close on many an occasion! They exited the cup losing 3-1 to March and have 5 matches left to claim that elusive first win.

The U14s currently sit top of the league with a near 100% record out of 13 matches, their only blemish so far being a 1-1 draw against Brampton. They have a cup semi-final to look forward to against Papworth before their final, possible winner takes all match, against 2nd place Godmanchester in their quest for the league.

The U13 Yellows also sit atop the league with 12 wins and 2 losses to their name to date. They have 4 matches left, the most crucial being against current 2nd place Buckden, whom they have already beaten 4-1. A win in that match, as well as the others, would give them a great chance of winning the league. They were knocked out of the cup, in the cruellest fashion, losing 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out.

The U13 Blues results have dipped after their good start to the season. They sit mid table with a record of 5 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses, their most recent matches being draws against Brampton and Priory.

The U13 girls' team (the Sawtry Falcons) are currently 2nd in the league with 7 wins, one draw and 3 losses. Recent losses to league leaders Histon and Eynesbury would suggest 2nd will be the best they can finish. They also lost in the cup to a strong Thorpe Wood side.

The U12 Blues who are competing in the top division have only played 8 matches, winning 2, drawing two and tasting defeat in four. It is a competitive league with many close matches as exemplified when the Blues recently defeated previously unbeaten Hemingford 1-0.

The U12 Yellows who play in the competitive Peterborough league, have 5 wins and 7 losses in their 14 matches. Recent losses to FC Peterborough Town and Crowland as well as a rare 0-0 draw away to Oundle have dropped them down the league with 4 matches remaining for them. They had a good run in the County Cup before being knocked out in the quarter finals.

Hopefully with the recent spell of warmer weather the pitches will be good for the rest of the season as there is plenty of football still to play. A reminder as well that the annual Sawtry Colts tournament takes place over the weekend of 28/29 June - get yourself over there if you want to see some good football and lots of kids having great fun playing the beautiful game.

**As usual, a reminder of the Sawtry Colts website, available at [sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk](http://sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk), where details of all the teams can be found as well as managers' contact details should any aspiring players wish to find a team.**

**Brian Craig**



## SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

After the festive period the weather relented just enough for us to resume play again after a few cancelled dates . January saw the rescheduled game at a new course Barkway GC with 1<sup>st</sup> place honours going to Tony Manly (Morely) ahead of John Lindsey in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, in 3<sup>rd</sup> was Nigel Keaveney.

Next up was a wet and cold Colmworth GC, Februarys weather may have slowed the greens but it didn't seem to effect the scoring too much and it certainly didn't dampen players spirits with new member Robert Brooks taking 1<sup>st</sup> Place with Neil Farrington in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Richard Sapsford completing the placing in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Captain V Chairman match play saw March madness continue, this is always an exciting game with bragging rights for the rest of the season at stake.... 2025 game saw our Captain Tony Littlefair snatch victory from Chairman John Lindsey by a margin of 2 (8-6) the standout news of the day though was our very own Ian Simpson holing out in 1 on the 16<sup>th</sup> - Par 4 a tremendous and extremely rare feat, a tradition a round of drinks for everyone was bought for in the bar by Ian.

Next 4 games ..... With Neil Farrington taking a narrow league lead into the last few games of the season its everything to play for with the 3 Club Challenge at Orton which was on 15 March, Stuart Elliot Memorial at Thorpe Wood then the Grand National at Sawtry Social Club (Everyone is welcome both members and non members) on 5 April, Captains Day on 17 May – Elton Furze GC, Season finale Mowsbury GC on 7 June where our Season Champion Golfer will emerge, all results will be in the next edition.



**Sawtry Golf Society accommodates local golfers from scratch to 54 handicaps, we welcome all comers who enjoy a round of golf, if you are interested, please contact us on our Facebook page or ring our secretary David Gadsby (07834 386632) our membership is £30 for the season which includes insurance.**

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

**Help keep your home and family fire safe – complete our online home safety check**

You can carry out your own home fire safety check online by visiting the Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service website.

The online home safety check helps you carry out your own fire risk assessment and is a simple way to help reduce risks and keep your home safe from fire. It takes you through some simple questions about you and your home, then provides an action plan that you can download and print. You can fill it in for yourself or a member of your family that might need help.

Visit [https://bit.ly/Home\\_Safety\\_Check](https://bit.ly/Home_Safety_Check) to find out more and start your online home safety check.

For more information log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500



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### SAWTRY WALK TO RUN

SAWTRY  
WALK TO RUN

As Vice Chairman of Sawtry Walk to Run, I'm here to pass on congratulations, reminders, and a little wit (questionable), all wrapped up in this edition of Sawtry Eye. Ready? Let's dive in.

First, a huge well done to our members who braved the *Oundle 10k* on 5 January.

It was a chilly start to the year, but these runners pushed through with grit and determination. Nice work, team!

Then came the *Folksworth 15* on 19 January, where 7 runners and 12 volunteers faced off against cold winds and bitter temperatures. It was a race that had us all questioning our life choices, but everyone made it through with their spirits intact. Big kudos!

On 26 January, a brave crew took on the *Hereward Relay*, proving once again that teamwork makes the dream work. This race is all about the team effort, and ours was flawless.

In February, a couple of the hardier runners raced the *Stamford 30km*. If you've never run 30km, just imagine walking to the moon, but with worse road surfaces. Despite the challenges, our runners showed their usual determination and perseverance.

Last weekend, a special mention goes to those who tackled the *Oundle 20 Mile* and *Burghley 7 Mile* races. Windy? Check. Tiring? You bet. But we made it through, as always.

Looking ahead, we're excited to launch our *None to Run* course on *Tuesday 6 May*. If you've ever thought about running but weren't sure where to start, this course is for you. Join us!

And don't forget – the *Sawtry 10* road race is on *Sunday 7 September*. We're looking for marshals and additional sponsors to enrich our already amazing race delivery team, so please get in touch if you'd like to help.

Finally, a quick reminder that our club sessions are *Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm* and *Sundays at 8:15am* at Academy Leisure. Whether you're new or experienced, we'd love to see you there!

Simply type 'Sawtry Walk to Run' into a search engine of your choice for full club contact details.

Wishing you all a fit, active and healthy spring,

**Matt Spinks, Club Vice Chair**

**More info at [www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk](http://www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk) or our Facebook page: Sawtry Walk to Run**



*Running - it's much more fun than you might think!*



## SAWTRY CRICKET CLUB

The new season is almost upon us and work has commenced on our ground at Alconbury Weald where a very busy season is planned.

This year we have teams entered in the midweek Peterborough Bash T20 League Division 1, Hunts County League Divisions 2 and 4 and Rutland League Division 4 west, as well as junior leagues across Under 9's to Under 15's.

We are a thriving club with a proud history of providing opportunities for players of all ages to enjoy cricket, but we are also a club built on volunteers; and as we grow, we need people willing to support more than ever. We are in real need of coaches, team managers and parent helpers across our junior sections. We can provide funding for coaching courses as well as a team of experienced coaches at the club to help anyone who may be interested. Outside of this, the club also needs help with pitch preparation, fundraising as well as new committee members.

The stark reality is that the number of volunteers we have is not keeping pace with our growth as a club and if we can't add to our current junior coaching team, we may not be able to offer youth cricket at all levels in the long term – therefore we would encourage anyone with an interest to reach out and get involved!

The club plan to hold a registration evening in April at the Alconbury Weald ground (date to be confirmed), where all existing and new junior or adult players can register for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in coaching, sponsorship or committee opportunities or just to find out more about the club are very welcome to attend. Committee members and Coaches will be on hand to answer any questions you may have, and refreshments will be available.

Socially, we have a Race Night planned for 9 May to be held at Sawtry Social Club. Races and horses are available for sponsorship, and all are welcome to attend what is usually a very fun evening!

The Club has some excellent Sponsorship opportunities available for the 2025 Season. Please contact us through our Facebook page or email [sawtrycc@yahoo.com](mailto:sawtrycc@yahoo.com) for more information.

**Louise Gregory**  
**Club Secretary**

## SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB



### Club News

Sawtry Table Tennis Club will be back open again after the Easter break. Our club meets on Monday evenings (term times only).

As of our reopening on Monday the 28 of April, our Club Nights will be open from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The club will be only running its 'Open Play Adult Session', this session is for adult players of all abilities, where they can play some fun and leisurely table tennis or some competitive table tennis. There will be 3 to 4 tables setup for members to play either singles or doubles games.

**Booking is not needed.**

Our Junior Development Sessions are now closed until September.

Our club prides itself on having a fun and leisurely atmosphere, being friendly and open to anyone interested in participating in this great intergenerational sport, regardless of who they are.

Within the club, we have a range of different players, players who are just starting their table tennis journey, players who are wanting to play socially, players wanting to restart, to players who play for fun but have a hint of competitiveness within them.

So, if this has inspired you to come back or to give this great sport ago, then why not pop along on a Monday evening, to check out the club for yourself.

To keep up to date with what is happening at the club, you can check out our Facebook page or website (see below for details).

### League News

As this article is being written, our first team is still sitting in second place, so keep your fingers crossed they can stay there. Our second team has done a great job within the Handicap Cup Competition, they have got through to the Semi-Finals.

### General information on the club

The club is a not-for-profit community-based table tennis club, where members can play some leisurely or competitive table tennis. The club is open to anyone over the age of 7 and all abilities are welcome. The club is open on Monday evenings, during term time.

There are **No Membership Fees**, only Club Night fees: Adults - £3, Junior (under 18's) - £2 per session, per night. Fees are payable on the night and can be paid by cash or card.

**All Under 16's will need to be always accompanied by a responsible adult while at the club.**

**The club meets at the club's venue:** - Sawtry Junior Academy, Middlefield Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. PE28 5SH.

**Times of Session:** - Open Play Adult Session - 6:30pm.

**To keep up to date with club news, or to get more information about the club:**

**E:** - [welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](mailto:welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk)

**W:** - [www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk](http://www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk)

**F:** - [@SawtryTableTennisClub](https://www.facebook.com/SawtryTableTennisClub)

**T:** - 01487 804040

# SAWTRY ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY



**Accessibility** means the ability to move around Sawtry Parish, obtain information, enter buildings and other areas without facing hazards, obstructions or other difficulties (such as steps, gates, doors, barriers, trees, branches...). Unrestricted access should apply to pedestrians, cyclists, mobility scooter riders and wheelchair users; it should be enjoyed by everybody, young and old.

**Significant progress** has already been made with more dropped kerbs, automatic doors, defibrillator installations, a pedestrian crossing, and the village open day in July 2024; but much more needs to be done by attacking the most important tasks.

**Please help** by answering the following two general questions and the detailed points: (All answers are voluntary; you may respond as one household, or by submitting individual forms for each adult and each under-18 year old.)

What accessibility problems, if any, do you experience in Sawtry?
(Continue overleaf if necessary)

What changes would you suggest to improve accessibility in Sawtry?
(Continue overleaf if necessary)

Please give a detailed location where you would like to see any of the following actions:

Kerb dropped:
Automatic door installed:
Defibrillator installed:
Disabled parking bay installed (or repainted):
Dog waste bin installed:
Alleyway changes:
Overhanging branches trimmed:
Any other suggestion:

If you wish to discuss any points with us, please provide some contact details:

Name		Telephone
Address		
Email address		

Please indicate your age: Under 18  18-65  66-75  Over 75

### Privacy Notice: how we shall use your data

If you are willing to supply 'personal data' such as your name, address, telephone number, or email address, the information will be used as follows:

- We shall store the data securely and not disclose it to other parties
- We shall only retain the data until the Survey has been finalised
- You may request us to delete or amend your personal data at any time

**Please return this Survey to one of the following locations by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025:**

**CARESCO** (Shop or Office), **Co-op** Glatton Road, **John Green**, Newsagent, Green End Road, **Sawtry Junior Academy**, **Sawtry Village Academy**

**Or** deliver it to the Parish Council Office, 37 Green End Road

This questionnaire can be accessed online through the Parish Council website or by using the QR code shown on the right. For help or more copies of this form contact [Clerk@sawtry-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@sawtry-pc.gov.uk) (tel: 01487 831771).





# USEFUL CONTACTS

## Doctors / Pharmacy

Wellside Surgery, Sawtry - 830340

Lakeside Healthcare at Yaxley - 01733 240478

Sawtry Pharmacy - 832558 (Boots)

## Children's Groups

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts - 01480 581072 or  
gsl@1stsawtryscoutgroup.org

Girlguiding, Sawtry (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides,  
Rangers & Y.L.) - torthilldistrict@gmail.com

Sawtry Woodcraft Folk - sawtry@woodcraft.org.uk

## Village Groups

Sawtry Chorale - 07796 972580

Sawtry History Society - 831441

Sawtry Women's Institute - 07841 647345

## Sport Clubs

Ki Kong Tang Soo Do - 07585 950923

Merton Kenpo Academy | MKA - 07753 228439

Sawtry & District Bowling Club - 07989 503740

Sawtry Colts - www.sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk

Sawtry Cricket Club - 07943 526379

Sawtry Football Club - 831403

Sawtry Golf Society - (Secretary) - 07834 386632

Sawtry Greenfields Fishing Lake - 07426 334079

Sawtry Junior Cricket Club - 07943 526379

Sawtry Badminton Club - 07976 054613

Sawtry Table Tennis Club - 804040

Sawtry Tang Soo Do - 07864 260338

Sawtry Walking Group - 830167

Sawtry Walk To Run - 07703 174937

## Churches

All Saints' Church, Sawtry (Rectory) - 506217

St Benedict's Catholic Community Sawtry - 830680

St Luke's Catholic Church Peterborough -  
01733 230464

Sawtry Methodist Church - 830345

## Pre-Schools / Schools

Buttons & Bows Pre-School -  
833010 / 07483 942826

Sawtry Infant School - 830678

Sawtry Junior Academy - 830204

Sawtry Village Academy - 830701

## Emergency Numbers

Electricity 24hr Helpline &  
Emergencies - 0800 7 838 838

Gas 24hr Helpline & Emergencies -  
0800 111 999

Police (Non-Emergency) - 101

Samaritans Day/Night - 01733 312727

## Other Services

Alcoholic Anonymous - 01603 621128

Cambs Bobby Scheme - 01480 413311

Cambs Libraries Contact Centre -  
0345 045 5225

Citizens Advice Bureau, Huntingdon -  
0344 245 1292

HACT (Community Transport) - 01480 411114

Huntingdon Delivery Office - 03457 740 740

Sawtry Social Club - 830462

Sawtry Old School Hall / Parish Council - 831771

Sawtry Post Office - 208460

Sawtry Sports & Leisure Association - 831797

Sawtry Youth & Community Centre - 831542

www.safelocaltrades.com - 0800 014 1832

## CARESCO

Car Scheme - 07810 476979

CARESCO Centre - 832105

Charity Shop - 208026

Community Support - 07873 187843

Green End Day Club - 07743 216746

Sawtry Foodbank - 07743 593863

The Cave - 07851 803482

If you would like to add a new number  
to the list or you have spotted a  
wrong number then let the  
CARESCO team know on 832105

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