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**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
SAWTRY & DISTRICT BRANCH**



CHRISTMAS

BINGO



& RAFFLE



Prize for best Christmas top

Thursday 4 December

Eyes Down at 7.30pm

Sawtry Social Club,

Gidding Road, Sawtry, PE28 5TS



All proceeds to Royal British Legion, Sawtry & District Branch - Working Fund



**COMMUNITY
CAROL SINGING**

Monday 15 December

Starting at 6.00pm

Kindly hosted by
Greystones Public House,
(opposite The Green, Sawtry,
PE28 5ST)



Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and a Warm Welcome
Any money donated on the night will be for
Sawtry Foodbank

For information call 01487 831771



Sawtry Parish Council

Serving the people of Sawtry

Sawtry Chorale presents
**A Christmas
Celebration**

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, LAUGHTER
& JOY!

Friday, 12th December 2025, 7:30pm

Great Gidding Village Hall
Main Street, Great Gidding, PE28 5NU

Tickets: £10 Adults | Children under 12 free

Booking available online at:



Mulled Wine & Mince Pies available
(for a donation)

Luxury Hamper Raffle

More details at www.sawtrychorale.co.uk



**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
EVENT**



Friday 5th December

From 3.00pm - 8.00pm
at the CARESCO Centre
Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX

All items on sale will be brand new / never been used.

We will be offering to make up hampers using the items
for a small fee

*Card and Cash payments accepted



Tombola & Refreshments

All proceeds to CARESCO

Come and enjoy some Christmas Shopping!

CARESCO

The CARESCO Centre, Green End Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambs, UK PE28 5UX
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WISHING ALL OUR READERS & ADVERTISERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR 2026



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SAWTRY FOODBANK

SERVING SAWTRY AND THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES FOR 10 YEARS

YOUR FOODBANK

HAVE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW STRUGGLED TO JUGGLE?
WE ARE HERE TO HELP
WHETHER A ONE WEEK EMERGENCY OR
LONGER TERM SUPPORT
WE DELIVER FOOD PARCELS
TO SAWTRY & BEYOND
WITH BAGS OF COMPASSION, DISCRETION,
AND SOME SMILES
WE WANT TO MAKE SURE NO ONE GOES HUNGRY





07743 593863
FOODBANK@CARESCO.ORG.UK






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- * Tinned Potatoes
- * Tinned Meats
- * Tinned Fruit
- * Tinned Vegetables
- * Biscuits
- * Long Life Milk
- * Toilet Rolls
- * Cereals
- * Tinned Soups
- * Tinned Pies



For more information please call 07743 593863, email: foodbank@caresco.org.uk

Contact details:

Sawtry Eye
The CARESCO Centre
Green End Road
Sawtry, Huntingdon
Cambs PE28 5UX

01487 832105

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Welcome...

As we all make our preparations for Christmas, the nights have drawn in and it's definitely getting colder! We have lots of details for you in this issue of all the seasonal activities and community events planned, please give your support to the local organisations running them.

Thank you to our loyal team of distributors who deliver your copy of the Sawtry Eye, not much fun in the cold and dark at this time of year. Please tell them how much you appreciate their hard work if you see them out and about, a cheerful smile will help them on their way.

Finally, may we take this opportunity to wish all our readers, contributors and advertisers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2026.



Sawtry Eye Team

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CHAIR'S CHATTER

The CARESCO team never fail to blow me away. So, many great activities undertaken for the community since the last issue of the Sawtry Eye.

Supporting Bonfire Night, Disco Inferno, and Pumpkin Carving - it's lovely to see the village youngsters getting involved. Myself and Dave Dougherty also had a slot on Ouse radio to raise the profile of CARESCO and to highlight the challenges we face.

In other news we are continuing to pursue the New Build project, and we are planning in the New Year to present the proposed scheme to the CARESCO team, volunteers, members and the wider community and we need everyone's support to raise the funds required to secure the future of CARESCO

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support, together we can create a lasting legacy.



Barry Trebes, CARESCO Chair

CARESCO CHRISTMAS BREAK

To give our wonderful teams a well-earned rest over the Christmas period, most of our activities will be closed from Friday 19 December and will reopen from Friday 2 January.

Our Office and Charity Shop will be closing at 12 noon on Wednesday 24 December.

Merry Christmas to all our lovely volunteers, service users, trustees and staff, see you in 2026!



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SCHOOL TERM DATES



Autumn Term 2025
End of term 19 December



Spring Term 2026

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

Summer Term 2026

Start of term 13 April
Half Term - 25 to 29 May
End of term 20 July

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



**HDC REFUSE
COLLECTION**

LANDFILL WASTE (GREY)
(Week Beginning)
8 & 22 December
5 & 19 January

**GARDEN WASTE (GREEN)
& RECYCLING (BLUE/GREEN)**
(Week Beginning)
1, 15 & 29 December
12 & 26 January

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 those who care for them.

Bible Themed Crafts, Story-time, Refreshments,
Singing, Prayer and Bubbles!

For more information contact
[littlesaintssawtry@gmail.com](mailto:littlestaintssawtry@gmail.com)
or visit

www.fenedgechurches.org



SOUNDS GOOD

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

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

12 December
9 & 23 January

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Please contact the
CARESCO office on 01487 832105
for information

Donations Welcome
Refreshments Available

JULIE'S STEPPERS MODERN AND TRADITIONAL LINE DANCE CLASSES

Mondays: Old School Hall, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

10am - 12pm - **Beginners/Improvers/Intermediates**

Thursdays: Royal British Legion Social Club, Yaxley, PE7 3NR

6.30pm - 8.30pm - **Beginners/Improvers/Intermediates**

Fridays: Old School Hall, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

6pm - 7pm - **'New' Absolute Beginners**

7pm - 8.30pm - **Intermediates**

Adults £6, Children free to dance with a paying adult

Regular socials and events throughout the year.

Now taking bookings for private western themed events, parties,
weddings, etc. (Charities, Local village groups free)

Contact Julie on:

07939 070 406

jcgillmore@sky.com

Facebook - Julie's Steppers Line Dance



Line Dancing

SAWTRY SANTA RUN

Sunday 7 December

www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk/santa/



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
savory, please get in touch.

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

Sharon Dougherty - 07544 588201
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
for more details.



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THANK YOU FROM THE SAWTRY VILLAGE SHOW

The committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's **Sawtry Village Show** such a success. Whether you entered an exhibit, came along to judge, or worked hard behind the scenes to support the committee, your time and effort were truly appreciated. The show simply wouldn't happen without you. Thanks also to the Sawtry Village Academy for your continued support.

This year the number of entries blew us away with an unprecedented 441 adult entries and 84 junior entries

A very special mention must go to all the children who took part. Their enthusiasm, imagination, and wonderful entries brought colour and energy to the event, and it was a delight to see so many young people getting involved.

Finally, our warmest congratulations go to all those who won classes this year. The standard of entries was once again very high, and it was fantastic to see such talent and creativity on display

We are still looking for new committee members - if you are interested in helping with organising our two shows please get in touch.

Next year's smaller Spring Show will be held on Saturday 21 March 2026 and we will soon be announcing the classes along with the classes for next September.

Thank you once again to everyone who played a part - big or small - in continuing this much-loved village tradition

Carolyn Watts
Chairman

Email: thesawtryshow@outlook.com or
Mobile: 07912 425370



WELL DONE

International award for local Martial Arts instructor.

The Knights of Bushido in the Czech Republic invited a few Masters and Grandmasters from around the world for a three-day event including seminars, meeting martial arts movie legends, and a Hall of Fame award ceremony.



Sawtry's very own Grandmaster Mark Adlington was awarded the Warrior trophy and inducted into their International Hall of Fame for his decades of dedication to many martial art disciplines.

CHATTERBOX

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



Chat & relax over a cuppa.

Guest speakers once a month

**Every 2nd & 4th 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

**8 & 22 December
12 & 26 January**

**Donations Welcome
Refreshments Available**

**For more information email:
office@caresco.org.uk
or call 01487 832105**

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BOOK STALL AND COFFEE MORNING

At Winwick Church

Monthly, second Saturdays:

13 December & 10 January - 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**



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

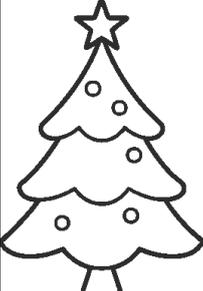
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Great Gidding
Village Hall
Christmas Fair

Sunday 7th
December
11am - 4pm

Tea, coffee, mince pies and
mulled wine

crafts-tombola-gifts-handmade cards-skincare-
fragrances-toys-games-leather goods-candles-knitted
items and much more!



A MESSAGE AT CHRISTMAS

Write a message to a friend or loved one near or far.
We will hang it from the Christmas tree
on the Green for you!



£1.00 per Heart

all proceeds to CARESCO



Available from the CARESCO Charity Shop,
7 Greenways, Sawtry, PE28 5UR

The deadline for purchasing a Wooden
Heart will be Monday 15 December.

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SAWTRY COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Open on the first Saturday of each month
12 - 3pm

*** 6 Dec, 3 Jan & 7 Feb ***

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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BREAKFAST CLUBS

SAWTRY

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 2nd 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

<http://www.afvbc.world>



cda Hearing Help

NHS Hearing Aid Maintenance Centre

We clean, re-tube and supply batteries for NHS
hearing aids

We do not provide hearing aids or hearing tests

Sawtry Village Hall (Old School Hall)

37 Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UY

2nd Thursday of every month

10am until Noon

No appointment necessary. Just drop-in

Volunteers and Donations

We need volunteers and donations to ensure this
service can run, please get in touch if you would
be interested in helping.

www.cambsdeaf.org

Telephone - 01223 416141

CDA Hearing Help, 8 Romsey Terrace, Cambridge, CB1 3NH
Registered Charity No. 1062578

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CHRISTMAS QUIZ SHEET

On sale now
£1 PER COPY

Available from the CARESCO Charity Shop
and CARESCO Centre.

All proceeds to support the work of CARESCO



Prize: Hamper of Goodies

Closing date: Friday 16 January



POP UP CINEMA

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS EVE
1PM
SHOWING
FROZEN

FREE ENTRY
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
All Saints' Church, Sawtry
www.fenedgechurches.org

**Sawtry
CARNIVAL**

Thank you to everyone
who attended our
Carnival Christmas
Fayre!

On behalf of everyone
on the Sawtry Carnival
committee

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year!

See you at next years
carnival... Saturday 13th
June 2026!

CHRISTMAS FOOD AND CRAFT MARKET

FREE ENTRY SANTA VISIT

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER
9.30AM TILL 1.30PM

THE OLD SCHOOL HALL
SAWTRY
PE28 5UY

Our market will help you get into the festive spirit,
with local produce to seasonal classics.
Whether you're hunting for unique gifts, indulging in
delicious seasonal treats,
or simply soaking up the holiday spirit,
there's something for everyone.

MAGICAL STORYTELLING

By Suzanne Arnold



"(..)everyone was getting into the story"
"Very interactive (...)"
"Brilliant! Very visual"

Join us February half-term

Wednesday, 18th February
Old School Hall, Sawtry

10.30am & 11.30am - age 4 and over
**children must be accompanied by an adult*

Wake up your child's imagination

PAPER TICKETS AVAILABLE
at Sawtry Parish Council office @ £2 per child,
37 Green End Road





BREAKFAST PARTY

➤ *Are you part of a community group?*

➤ *Would you like to get together with friends?*

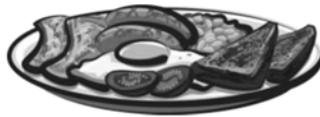
➤ *Do you have a birthday or visitors staying?*

Then why not enjoy having your cooked breakfast prepared and served to you by our Tuck Shop.

Saturday mornings at the CARESCO Centre.

Bookings and Payment required in advance.

- **Breakfast parties of 4 to 20 are welcome**
- **Cooked Breakfast will be £7.50 inc. Bottomless Tea, Coffee or Squash**
- **We will provide table service**



To book your Breakfast Party or for more information, call: 07544 588201 or email: sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk



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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
Email: coffeearkcic@gmail.com
Social Media: www.facebook.com/CoffeeArkCic



CARESCO GARDEN VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

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 07544 588201 or email sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk

All Saints' Church, Sawtry

Christmas Tree Festival

Come and see the Church decorated with Christmas Trees created by local Organisations & Groups

Friday 5 December	6.00pm - 8.30pm
Saturday 6 December	1.30pm - 5.00pm
Sunday 7 December	1.30pm - 5.00pm
Saturday 13 December	1.30pm - 5.00pm
Sunday 14 December	1.30pm - 5.00pm

Also open by arrangement during the week (8 December - 12 December) for group visits.

Held to mark the start of Advent and the days leading up to Christmas, everyone is welcome!

This event is raising money for the Sawtry Foodbank. Donations will be gratefully received in either cash or groceries from those taking part and from visitors.

Refreshments available at all sessions

CHRISTMAS MAGIC 2025 AT PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL..... CHRISTMAS STARTS HERE!

Saturday 13 December, 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Experience the joy of *Christmas Magic* at Peterborough Cathedral as over 70 live musicians and singers bring all your festive favourites to life in this atmospheric historical setting, decorated for the season, complete with warm candlelight and a magnificent lightshow – unforgettable!

Guaranteed to put you in the festive spirit, *Christmas Magic* returns to Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday 13 December with a family-friendly matinee at 2.30pm and an evening performance at 7.30pm, so bring all your friends and family to join this magical musical celebration and make memories that last a lifetime!

Stuffed with musical treats, *Christmas Magic* is the perfect festive fix, featuring a gleaming brass ensemble and massed choirs performing a mix of traditional and modern favourites like *Carol Of The Bells*, *When A Child is Born*, *White Christmas*, *Winter Wonderland*, *The Christmas Song*, *It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas*, *Little Saint Nick*, *Joy To The World*, *Away In A Manger*, *Silent Night* and many more... it's the ultimate way to celebrate the season!



Immerse yourself and your loved ones in the spirit of Christmas like never before as we take you on a magical musical sleigh ride celebrating the most wonderful time of the year!

Book today and be part of Peterborough's favourite festive celebration... it wouldn't be the same without you!

Tickets at www.peterboroughsings.org.uk or by phone on 0333 666 3366 (fees apply) BOOK NOW!

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ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

RightStart 3

Sawtry, CARESCO

Strength and Balance exercise **FREE**

This class focuses on improving strength, balance and suppleness to help you feel stronger and more confident.

- CARESCO Centre, Sawtry, Green End Rd PE28 5UX
- Tuesdays 2:15pm - 3:15pm

SECURE YOUR PLACE FROM WEDNESDAYS ONWARDS BY CALLING THE CARESCO CENTRE BETWEEN 09:00 - 13:00

01487 832105

BENEFITS

- Improved mobility
- Increased muscle strength
- Enhanced balance and coordination

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Recycle + Charity

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

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

**CARESCO Charity Shop,
7 Greenways, Sawtry,
PE28 5UR**

**CARESCO Centre,
Green End Road, Sawtry,
PE28 5UX**

**Wellside Surgery,
High Street, Sawtry.
PE28 5SU**

**Your Ink Cartridges
Could Help Us
Raise Funds!**

Recycle Yours Here!

HOLME YOUTH CLUB

The end of another year draws near, and our final session will be on 12 December with the next one being on 9 January 2026.

We currently have a membership of 42 young people, so this year attendance has been very good with more than 20 young people having a great time enjoying our cost price tuck shop and all the equipment we offer them but mostly just "hanging out" with their friends in their own space. Thank you to all the adults who volunteer to supervise to make all of it possible.

On 28 November we had 26 members visiting Planet Ice in Peterborough for the Christmas disco session. They enjoyed their last visit so much they couldn't wait to go again. Next terms "night out" hasn't been decided yet so start thinking about it and give us some ideas.

Membership of Holme Youth Club is open to school years 5-10 who live in Holme or attend or have attended Holme Primary Academy. We meet on term time Fridays in the village hall from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

If you would like further information, please email: holmeyouthclub@outlook.com or check out our website or Facebook.



**CAN YOU HELP
CARESCO NEW BUILDING - GoFundMe**

We have launched our GoFundMe page to start possibly one of the most important fundraising challenges we have to face - the future of CARESCO.

Please take a look and help us to ensure that CARESCO has a building to operate from so that we are still here to help the community in years to come - Thank You.



Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

<https://gofund.me/48dc4dee7>

**HOLME VILLAGE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

With the colder weather potentially heading our way we have reduced our session times and unfortunately, because of the drop in our volunteers, we have had to reduce our sessions and can now only manage to do 3 per month. It is still worth our effort though to try to educate drivers to adhere to the speed limits as we are still getting 10% or through traffic exceeding 30 mph some in excess of 50 mph.

One driver stopped to say they keep getting letters about speeding but it's not them driving and can the letters be sent to the driver. Unfortunately, we and the police do not know who is driving the vehicle at the time of the offence, so it is always the registered owner who gets the letter, and it is then up to them to speak to whomever was driving. I'm afraid you have to be careful who you let drive your car as any offence they commit while in control of your car will come back to you as the DVLA only have your details on record.

As usual we appeal to drivers travelling through our village to have consideration for the residents and please keep below 30 mph.

If you feel you would like to support our campaign and the police and can spare an hour or so a month, at a time convenient to you, please get in touch with cswholme@btinternet.com and we will arrange your training and get you out there helping our cause.

A big thank you to all our volunteers for the effort they put in and may we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



PLEASE SLOW DOWN THROUGH OUR VILLAGES

**SAWTRY PARISH COUNCIL
SERVING THE PEOPLE OF SAWTRY**

We end the year with a flurry of activity in our community.

In November we saw the annual Fireworks event at Greenfields and thank everyone involved in making this a success. Going forward we need more volunteers to help so please get in touch if any group or individual would like to ensure the event continues.



The Remembrance artwork was installed at the bus shelter on The Green with the Remembrance Parade and wreath laying taking place on Sunday 9 November.

At St Judith's field a zip wire was installed and a second kick wall with surface to complete the MUGA multi use games area.

St Judith's allotments have seen a tidy up with replacement fencing, signposting and improved water supply with new troughs.

Our live theatre shows continued with one in October and November and the next one booked for 28 March 2026. Working with Creative Arts East allows us to bring excellent theatre productions to the community at a reduced price due to grant funding. Also see the information on a Magical Storytelling event for children in February half term.

The Growing Well Garden behind the Parish Council Office, 37 Green End Road is open for people to sit and enjoy outside space with the Coffee Ark also attending on Wednesday mornings. The option for some gentle gardening is also on offer to enhance health and wellbeing. You may have skills, ideas, resources or just want to sit. If you would like to be actively involved, then please do let us know admin@sawtry-pc.gov.uk, 01487 831771 or call into the office Mon-Fri 9am – 1pm

Recycle your Electricals in the Pink Bin located in the garden behind the Parish Council Office. Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled. NO vapes, batteries or light bulbs. Leaving items next to recycling banks is classed as fly tipping and can result in a fine CCTV in operation.

We have one vacancy to join our Parish Council team, anyone interested please get in touch with the clerk.

We look forward to the Community Carol Singing on 15 December and thank Greystones for kindly hosting this again.

The office will be closed from 1pm Wednesday 24 December until 9am Monday 5 January.

Youth SPACE

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

CARESCO TUCK SHOP VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



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 preparing and serving a cooked breakfast to our customers?

If you think you can help, please contact me, Sharon Dougherty on 07544 588201 or email sharon.dougherty@caresco.org.uk

Come Play....

SOFTBALL

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at Great Gidding Playing Field

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SAWTRY GAMES CLUB

Sawtry Games Club is a friendly weekly meet-up for board games, card games, tabletop battles, and roleplaying. Open to all ages and experience levels, we meet every Tuesday at Sawtry Social Club (10 Gidding Road, PE28 5TS) from 7:30pm - 10:30pm. From quick party games and modern classics to wargames and RPGs, there's always something new to try.

We're proud of our welcoming, inclusive atmosphere - newcomers never need to bring anything, and someone is always happy to teach a game or recommend a favourite.

Alongside our Tuesday sessions, we run Family Fun Days on the third Sunday of each month (12pm - 5pm). These have been a huge success, offering a relaxed space for families and anyone wanting a friendly afternoon of games and good company.

Recently at the club: Our Sunday events continue to grow, with fantastic turnout and lots of new faces discovering the community. We've also received funding from the local parish council, which we're now investing back into the club - expanding our board-game library, improving storage for equipment, and adding extra items for members to use on Tuesday nights for various different game systems.

We have recently celebrated the club being 1 year old and look forward to the upcoming Christmas Sunday family day on the 21 December where there will be lots of different party games, so put on your best Christmas jumper and come and join in the fun!

So, whether you're a casual player or a dedicated hobbyist, come roll some dice with us - your first session is completely free.

For more information, email: sawtrygames@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

We look forward to seeing you!

COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Monday 15 December - Starting at 6.00pm

Outside Greystones Public House, (opposite The Green, Sawtry, PE28 5ST)

For information call Sawtry Parish Council 01487 831771



SIMON BYWATER

COUNCILLOR'S UPDATE FOR SAWTRY, STILTON AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

There's been plenty of discussion recently about the future shape of local government across Cambridgeshire, and it's important that residents and local Parish councillors in Sawtry and surrounding villages are kept up to date. In October, Cambridgeshire County Council's Lib Dem ruling administration voted to support "Option A" as their preferred way forward for local government reform despite a huge amount of reservation from many councillors from across all other political parties.

I did not support Option A, as I believe it lacks clarity and detail, particularly around the impacts on education funding, local services, and the potential financial implications for residents locally such as changes to council tax bands. This decision was also made without a full and comprehensive business case which I found completely unacceptable.

The next key steps will take place in November, when Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) considers its own position and recommendations. The HDC proposals are due to be published on 4 November 2025, followed by a series of important meetings:

- 12 November 2025 – Special Scrutiny Committee
I will be sitting on this committee to review and scrutinise the proposals in detail before they go forward for decision.
- 19 November 2025 – Extraordinary Council Meeting
- 24 November 2025 – Extraordinary Cabinet Meeting (Decision on Local Government Reform)

These meetings will determine which option HDC submits to Government, shaping how local services such as highways, planning, and social care are delivered in the future. I'll continue to follow developments closely and will update residents once HDC's final decision is confirmed. By the end of November all local Councils in Cambridgeshire will have had to submit which options they support to Government, and it is expected that there will be a Statutory Consultation beginning in January 2026

Alongside these reforms, work is also progressing on the new HDC draft Local Plan. This plan will guide how land is used and developed across the district over the next 15–20 years including where new homes, employment sites, and infrastructure may be located.

When the draft plan is published on the 5 November, all residents will be free to comment on any part of the proposal during this period of Public Consultation. This consultation will end on the 17 December 2025. I strongly encourage everyone to take part in this consultation. As soon as the consultation opens, details of how to view the plan and submit comments will be available on the Huntingdonshire District Council website and through local channels, including social media. It's one of the most effective ways to influence how Sawtry and the wider area will evolve in the coming years.

Your feedback can include any planning-related reasons why particular sites should or should not go ahead – for example:

- Flooding or drainage issues
- Traffic and road capacity
- Access to schools, healthcare, and local services
- Impact on local character, environment, or infrastructure

Constructive, planning-based comments really do make a difference, especially when decisions are reviewed later in the process.

This is an important time for Sawtry and our community. Both the local government reorganisation and the new Local Plan will shape how our area is managed and developed for years to come. Please do take the opportunity to read, reflect, and have your say.

Other news - Cambridgeshire County Council has introduced a new grant scheme offering up to £10,000 for community flood action groups and Parish councils. The funding supports efforts to manage and maintain local water courses where conditions may increase flooding. Full details can be found on Cambridgeshire County council website by searching Watercourse Maintenance grants - or email flood.andwater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Finally, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous 2026. I look forward to continuing to work hard on your behalf in the year ahead.

Thank you for all your support.

Simon Bywater

County Councillor for Sawtry and Stilton Division - 07984 637553





CARESCO FUNDRAISING

CARESCO staff have made a commitment to have at least one fundraising event take place each month and the last two months have been no exception.

October saw the Charity Shop hold its 4th Fashion Show, where our shop volunteers were able to throw caution to the wind and dress up in casual and evening wear, all donated to the shop. We had very elegant looking models, including a whoopie cushion, werewolf and a squid! From our more modest models, lovely dresses, elegant trouser suits and comfortable leisure wear were also shown off. During the evening there was a raffle and light refreshments. This event is a great way to show off our special little shop, it's a fun night out and of course helps to raise funds for the Charity.

For Halloween we invited our younger members of the Community to the centre, for the first time, to carve their own pumpkin. This was an extremely popular event where parents were happy to help turn pumpkins into creatures of all kinds. As well as the Pumpkins, each child had a bag of seeds so they can grow their own, there was a goody bag for everyone to take home and most importantly of all....no mess. It was great to see so many young people at the centre enjoying themselves.

November was another successful month, we were invited to provide refreshments at the Sawtry Fireworks for the first time, this was a great event to be part of, and we were delighted to be asked to support it. Our volunteers were, as always, more than keen to provide us with homemade cakes and savouries which went down well with the public who were enjoying the wonderful Fireworks display.

Also, in November we had our Disco Inferno! This was supported by many people who on the night all enjoyed themselves and were disappointed when the night came to an end. Plans are afoot for another one already so look out for more information about that in the New Year!

All the above events have helped us to raise much needed funds for our Charity and what better way of doing that than by inviting everyone along to enjoy themselves at the same time – a BIG thank you to all that supported us, we hope to see you at the next fundraisers that are planned, please look on our social media pages, our website, in our shop window and on the CARESCO Centre notice boards for more information.

Many thanks from all of the staff at CARESCO.



DID YOU KNOW?

According to tradition, you should eat one mince pie on each of the 12 days of Christmas to bring good luck



DID YOU KNOW?

James Pierpont's 1857 song Jingle Bells was first called One Horse Open Sleigh and was written for Thanksgiving.



SAWTRY WI

Charity Number 229016

Our Sawtry WI Halloween Tea raised just over £300 for MAGPAS, a charity in line with our current National WI campaign 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers' raising awareness of CPR, defibrillators and the need for signposting as to where they are located. We are pleased one of our other national campaigns 'SOS for honeybees' contributed to 'Sawtry in Bloom'.

Members meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at our WI Hall on Gidding Road, Sawtry PE28 5TS, starting at 7pm. We are all looking forward to our 6 November meeting with a talk about a school for girls in Malawi. At our meeting on 4 December all our members will be provided with the mechanisms to make their own unique clock. We don't meet in January and on 5 February the speaker will be telling us about 'Godmanchester at War'.

As well as a varied programme of speakers and events, members also enjoy outings, social groups, and Afternoon Teas. You are welcome to visit us and here is no obligation for you to join, just let us know if you would like a copy of our programme. WI members can also join other WIs as a reduced rate, receive free magazines, access free online learning with crafts, yoga, tai chi, mindfulness, travel talks and much more on the WI Learning Hub. Events open to WI members, and the community are also at held also at our WI Centre in Huntingdon. Information is available on <https://hpfwi.org.uk/>

Sawtry WI members continue to run the Sawtry Community Café together with wonderful volunteers from our community. Our Café Tree for the Sawtry Christmas Tree festival this year will be a sight to behold! Café visitors and volunteers have all had fun contributing to the tree decorations. 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 to share food in friendship. We average about 44 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 and is currently funded by volunteers and visitor donations. Our next Café is on Saturday 6 December with a festive theme. Everyone welcome.

A yearly membership to WI from April 2026 will cost £54, where else can you get all of the above for £4.50 per month? Members can also join a second or more WIs at a reduced rate.

Jacqui Svensson, President - 07841 647345

sawtrywi@gmail.com

Instagram: Sawtry_WI

Sawtry WI | Facebook

<https://sawtrywi.wixsite.com/sawtrywi>



GREEN END DAY CLUB

We are fast approaching the busiest time of the year for us!

We have our annual Christmas party on 4 December with entertainment from James Norman. We also have our Christmas meal booked at the Greystones on 18 December for all our members plus CARESCO staff and trustees. This will be our last day before we close for the festive holidays. We will welcome our members back on 5 January.

Our bus trip to Brotherhood, Peterborough was a great success and we have a final trip booked on 5 December to Serpentine Green Shopping Centre, Peterborough.

We welcomed KJ and The Katt in to entertain us with a wonderful sing-along, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Our new flooring has been laid in the club room and corridor, and it has really brightened the room up. We have plans for repainting the walls and a few other projects to breathe new life into the clubroom and freshen it up for everyone.

We held our latest quiz night on 28 November which was a sell-out. These evenings are so much fun and help raise much needed funds for our club.

Sarah, Helen and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has supported our club this year, our wonderful members and lovely volunteers ... you are all amazing. I am always so thankful to be able to run such a lovely club with so much laughter and fun throughout the year and to work for such a brilliant charity with a fantastic team of staff and trustees.

From all of us at GEDC to all of you we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Vicki Currington, GEDC Manager

greenend@caresco.org.uk



SAWTRY CHORALE

'Tis the Season to Sing Carols!

Although we don't have a Sawtry Christmas concert this year, Chorale's two December concerts are taking place only a very short distance away, in Holme Village Hall and Great Gidding Village Hall. Both concerts promise an evening filled with music – of course! – laughter and Christmas joy. Seasonal refreshments are available, too.

There'll be a mix of carols, Christmas songs, audience participation and festive fun with, we hope, lots of Santa hats, Christmas jumpers, flashing reindeer antlers and cardboard crowns in the audience..... there are rumours of a prize for best fancy dress!

Tickets (£10 for adults, free for children under 12) are available from Great Gidding Village Shop (for the Gidding concert only), choir members or online via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FHQD>

Holme Village Hall: Saturday 6 December, 7.30pm

Great Gidding Village Hall: Friday 12 December, 7.30pm

You are welcome to come along on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm - 9.30pm to the Methodist Church Hall on Green End Road, Sawtry, PE28 5UX to get a feel for what we do.

Or, if you'd like to know a little more in advance, email sawtrychorale@gmail.com or contact **07802 457030**



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.

Contact CARESCO on 01487 832105
Email: office@caresco.org.uk



CARESCO CAVE

We are a 'Warm Space', open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am to 1.00pm.

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 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.





SAWTRY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Archive is 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 and view old documents relating to our area.

Our trip to Bletchley Park on the 20 September was a successful day for our members & some visiting families. The weather was pleasant enough to picnic by the lake & made walking from one exhibit to another a joy. The AI exhibition was remarkable, unfortunately the Colossus Computer is no longer here but in the adjacent National Museum of Computing.

On the 16 October Bible Politics & Art - Chris Thomas from the Norris Museum who knew there were so many bibles translated to English a rather dodgy pastime as a change in monarchy often lead to being charged with heresy, one in particular was exhumed then burnt. The Bible has been translated into many languages from the biblical languages of Aramaic, Greek, and Hebrew. The Latin Vulgate translation was dominant in Western Christianity through the Middle Ages. Since then, the Bible has been translated into many more languages.

The Archaeology group have been busy digging at Safefield Farm, Alconbury Weston from 16 to 19 November, news to follow.

'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/events>

Sawtry Archaeology email: sawtry.archaeology@yahoo.co.uk

Follow us on Facebook  SHS SawtryArchaeology

Don't forget our sister website the details being www.sawtryhistory.co.uk. 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

SAMARITANS

Peterborough & District

Are you able to volunteer for 12 hours a month to support people who are in despair?

If so Peterborough Samaritans would really like to hear from you.

We will provide comprehensive training and support you all the way.

For more details please contact us at volunteer@peterboroughsamaritans.co.uk

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



Take Charge and Be Safe this festive season

As the festive season approaches and people look for presents and take advantage of Black Friday deals, many are looking to save money on electrical items. However, we continue to urge people to Take Charge and Be Safe when buying devices, especially items that require batteries or chargers.

You can help keep yourself and your family safe by following a few simple safety measures, including ensuring to buy electrical items from reputable dealers, being awake and at home when using and charging devices and adding safety to your bedtime routine.

Electrical devices are a key part of everyday life and are often bought in Black Friday deals and as presents for family members and friends. Games consoles with controllers, tablets, laptops and e-bikes and e-scooters are on lots of people's present list. All these items require charging as they contain lithium-ion batteries.

Most devices come with failsafe features to ensure they do not overheat when being charged, but rely on the manufacturers' provided charging cables and adapters to work. Also, using the plug and cables supplied with the product rather than cheaper versions will help charge devices safely.

The Service is reminding people to Take Charge and Be Safe, not only when charging their devices, but also when planning on purchasing devices and presents. Most new items come with a suitable battery and charger, however if you are looking to purchase additional ones then make sure they are the right voltage and are fully compatible. Other things like charging a mobile phone while you are awake and alert, rather than while sleeping, means the device won't be overcharged and risk overheating the battery. This can be the same for any device.

We are encouraging people to plan a good bedtime routine including things like making sure electrical sockets are switched off, all internal doors are closed, any candles are out, heating appliances are off and hallways and stairs are kept clear of obstructions. This will not only help prevent a fire from happening but also ensure an easy escape if one does.

For more information log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk, follow us on social media or call **01480 444500**

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.



Christmas Storytime and Songs - Wednesday 17 December 10.30am - 11.30am

Join us for Christmas stories and songs for our final Rhymetime of the year to get you into the Christmas spirit.

Rhymetimes - Wednesdays 10.30am - 11.30am (term time only)

Sing nursery rhymes and play musical instruments at our weekly rhymetime sessions.

Drop in. No booking needed.

For children under 5



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



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



RAMBLERS - HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Hunts Ramblers have just held their AGM, we believe our 51st, where we reported on yet another successful year of walking.

As well as our usual offering of walks within the borders of Huntingdonshire we had a coach trip to Norfolk to walk a stretch of the Peddar's Way, a very interesting London Walk, we offered walks to support the Bedfordshire Festival of Walking and walks to support the St Ives Big Green Week initiative.

We are keen to run a similar varied programme next year and would love new faces to join us.



Please scan the QR code on your smartphone to link directly to our walks programme, alternatively type <https://www.huntsramblers.org.uk/> into your web browser.



VOLUNTEERS 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 and 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



WELLSIDE SURGERY NEWS



Annual Flu Vaccinations for over 65's

If you are eligible for a flu vaccination but have not yet had yours, please contact us on 01487 830340 to book an appointment with one of our practice nursing team.

Seasonal Opening Hours

Monday 22 December	Open as usual
Tuesday 23 December	Open as usual
Wednesday 24 December Christmas Eve	Open as usual
Thursday 25 December Christmas Day	Closed
Friday 26 December Boxing Day	Closed
Saturday 27 December	Closed

Sunday 28 December	Closed
Monday 29 December	Open as usual
Tuesday 30 December	Open as usual
Wednesday 31 December New Year's Eve	Open as usual
Thursday 1 January New Year's Day	Closed
Friday 2 January	Open as usual

During this period, please submit your repeat prescription requests in plenty of time and remember to allow at least three working days for your request to be processed.

On behalf of us all here at Wellside Surgery, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our patients, and their friends and families, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs Claire Wright, Practice Manager
Wellside Surgery, Sawtry, Tel: 01487 830340



STILTON IN TUNE - 'KEYBOARD SHOWTIME'

We sincerely hope that you can join us for our monthly concerts.

Sunday 7 December	<i>Elizabeth Harrison</i>
Sunday 4 January	<i>Chris Powell</i>

All shows commence at 2.30pm (doors open 1.45pm) at Stilton Pavilion, High Street, Stilton, PE3 7RA
Entrance £10 on the door, which includes refreshments.

For further details please visit: www.organfax.co.uk/clubs/stilton/



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.

Interested, then please contact us by email: 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 -

- 1 December (Monday) - Branch meeting
- 4 December (Thursday) - RBL Xmas Bingo and Prize Draw
- 14 December (Sunday) - Remembering Bosnia (30 years on)
- 2026**
- 20 February (Friday) - RBL Community Quiz night (date to be confirmed)

Poppy Appeal -

The 2024 Poppy Appeal closed on 31 September with a fantastic £10,760 raised.

The 2025 Poppy Appeal started on 1 October leading up to Remembrance. We will let you know the running total in the next edition of the Eye. Thank you for all your donations over the Remembrance period. Not a lot of us carry cash anymore so the Poppy Appeal as adapted and donations have been available via contactless machines and QR codes and I know you have all been very generous and we have already collected over £2,000 by these means.

We would like to thank all our volunteers for their time and effort during this period, all the businesses who have had collection pots and to the Sawtry Co-op and the new Sawtry MOTO services who have allowed us to have stalls in their premises. THANK YOU

Billy, (Poppy Appeal Organiser)

AN EYE ON NATURE

For those of us who suffer from poor mental health, nature is such a lifeline.

Julia Bradbury (Countryfile etc.) coined the phrase in one of her books, Vitamin N. The N stands for Nature. She talked about the joy that even a 5-minute walk in the garden can give on a 'not so good day'. When you read this, winter will be around the corner and the long, dark cold nights upon us. It can be such a depressing time but fear not wildlife is always there to pick us up. It's the little things which can give such a winter glow.

Late December is the start with Hazel Catkins blowing in the breeze. Snowdrops always give me a boost, so if you can visit a place where they grow in spectacular drifts like Anglesey Abbey, if that's not possible the snowdrops in Sawtry will be on show. I always visit the grass verge at the junction of Westfield Road for the first in bloom.

Dawn is, at last, noticeably earlier and our spirits can sour with lots of primroses out in the warmest spots. Early bees and butterflies emerge to find nectar, which is where the early flowering wildflowers are a lifeline. My meadow (lawn) is there for them. Spring is now a reality and the joy of returning migrant birds. It's nesting time and the anticipation of who is going to use my nest boxes. Will I get a 'full house' again like 2025! Where will the blackbirds make their first nest?

We have the pleasure of the spectacular sight of a sea of bluebells come April. They are there, just a short journey to Aversley Wood. I defy anyone not to be wowed by a bank of blue soaked in late April sunshine. It really lifts the spirits at this time of year.

I appreciate not everyone enjoys summer. It can be dangerously hot these days. For me though, as a heat lover the sound of bumble bees buzzing from flower to flower is the symphony of summer.

All too soon autumn colours appear on the leaves. The nights draw in, and the mornings are noticeably chilly. This is the time to take a walk in our local woods, watching the leaves fall and enjoying the smells, later going home for soup and crunchy toast!

We have come full circle again but try not to despair, remember the highlights of summer. Just look forward to that first cup of tea before breakfast even if it's dark and cold.

Go and put a coat on and take some Vitamin N by stepping outside and enjoy a spectacular January sunrise. Experience the trees and bushes coated in sparkling white frost. Stop a moment to listen to a Robin singing and dream about the sea of bluebells, yet to come.

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



CARESCO

meeting needs in our local community

CARESCO GRANTS NEWS

CARESCO always have projects crop up that require funding and as we are still running at a loss, we try to pay for these via grants. We have recently been declined for a kitchen refurbishment, Green End Day Club (GEDC) chairs, CAVE running costs, windows, guttering and an interactive games suite. I will be reapplying to other grant providers and hope that we have some success. The feedback we are getting is that they are overwhelmed with applications and have limited funds. We have had 20 declines and 11 awards so far this financial year, so are achieving a 50+% success rate.

Some of our earlier grants have been actioned including a new non-slip floor in the CARESCO Centre which looks very smart and will be safer for our service users. We have also received the small grants detailed below which we were very grateful for;

- ★ Warburtons Foundation and Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust – CARESCO Centre Club Room re-paint
- ★ ASDA Foundation – Foodbank stocks
- ★ Blakemore Foundation – a voucher towards the GEDC Christmas Party food.

If you can help us by fundraising, volunteering or signing up to our monthly 'Funding our Future' campaign or 'Easy Fundraising', we would be very grateful. Please contact the Office on 01487 832105 for more information.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and Peaceful new Year, thank you as always for all your support to our small charity.

Denise Pike

Grants Manager, CARESCO
grants@caresco.org.uk





Women in Nature – Untold Stories

Wednesday 10 December at 7.30pm - Brampton Memorial Hall

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Hilary Allison. Hilary is Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants and she has kindly agreed to join us for our pre-Christmas event. Hilary is currently working as an environmental consultant and is also researching the history of women’s roles in conservation management and her chosen subject for us is Pioneering Women in Nature.

At this time of year, we will have our Christmas Raffle and will offer wine and mince pies in addition to the usual tea and biscuits.

Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. The charge is £5.00 (£4.00 for Wildlife Trust members; under 18s free). Payment is by cash or card. We meet at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB.

For more information please contact Tim - 07941 261346 or timpfryer@googlemail.com

Wildlife of Panama – from Canal to Cloud Forest

Wednesday 14 January at 7.30pm - Brampton Memorial Hall

We are pleased to welcome back Jo Thomas. Many of you will know Jo, who worked for the Wildlife Trust for many years and was a previous Chair of the local group and warden at Grafham Water. Since then, Jo has worked for WWT at Welney, alongside running Wild About Travel for over 20 years. Jo says she appreciates all things wild both at home and abroad.

Today’s talk will focus on Panama, where Jo has seen an amazing number of birds, including the Harpy Eagle and the Resplendent Quetzal. This promises to be an exciting presentation and will provide a change from our more usual UK based talks!

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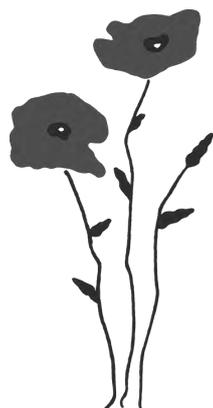
The Sawtry and District Branch of the Royal British Legion
remember the fallen throughout December and January.



REMEMBRANCE

DECEMBER		
Private Albert Edwin GINNS	15 December 1916	Sawtry
Private Ernest Sam ALLEN	20 December 1916	Wood Walton
Lance Corporal Alfred PAYNE M.M.	1 December 1917	Sawtry
Private Harry James BUTT	30 December 1917	Glatton
Private Walter HODSON	30 December 1917	Sawtry

JANUARY		
Private Frederick ROSE	7 January 1916	Winwick
Private Charles JARVIS	21 January 1917	Hamerton
Bombardier Thomas Eric DRING	25 January 1942	Sawtry



Those from World War 1 whose date of death is unknown	
Private B. BURROWS	Holme
Private C. BURTON	Holme
L. HOWE	Hamerton
James JARVIS	Old Weston
A. SMITH	Winwick
Harry TURNER	Old Weston

Those from World War 2 whose date of death is unknown	
Sergeant Edward CHAMBERS	Old Weston

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!



Cream Teas

**First Monday of the month -
2.00 - 4.00pm
in the Church Hall**



SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

SPECIAL SERVICES

Candle Lit Carol Service
Sunday 21 December at 4.00pm

Christmas Day
Thursday 25 December at 9.30am
All Age Celebration

Covenant Service
Sunday 11 January 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.*



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

Email: jjamesbamber@gmail.com, or via www.sawtrymethodist.org.uk

Find us on Facebook - [SawtryMethodistChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SawtryMethodistChurch)

LIGHT THAT LASTS

Dear Friends,

As December arrives, an increasing number of homes and streets begin to sparkle with decorations - twinkling lights, shining stars, glittering angels, and beautiful trees. I wonder if you have a favourite ornament? Each decoration can help connect us with the Christmas story. The star reminds us of the one that guided wise travellers to find hope, welcome and new life. The angels recall the good news they announced to those who perhaps had little to celebrate: "Peace on earth, and goodwill to all." The tree, evergreen and enduring, speaks of life that continues through every season as well as nudging us to remember Easter too.

Amid the excitement and busyness of the days leading up to Christmas, these familiar sights invite us to pause and wonder. Christmas isn't only about gifts or glitter, feasting or family but about God's love coming close - love that entered the world in a new way, in a baby born in Bethlehem. Jesus came to shine God's light into our every days offering hope for dark times, courage for weary hearts, and love for all people for all time.

As we look ahead to the New Year, perhaps we could each think of we may we carry that light with us, and reflect it, choosing kindness, forgiveness, and trust in all that unfolds throughout 2026.

If you'd like to discover more of the One at heart of Christmas and the gift of love that never fades any of the churches close to you would be delighted to welcome you.

As you place your decorations this year why not find a moment to ponder the real meaning of Christmas, and the hope Jesus represents for you, for all.

With prayers and blessings for Christmas and 2026

James

(Methodist Minister in Sawtry)





**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

Date	All Saints', Sawtry	St Nicholas, Glatton	St Giles, Holme
Sunday 7 December	10.30am - NOISY NATIVITY	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Saturday 13 December	--	--	2.00pm - 4.00pm Coffee & Cake @ <i>Holme Village Hall</i> 4.30pm - BCP Evensong
Sunday 14 December	6.00pm - CAROL SERVICE	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 21 December	10.30am - Holy Communion	6.00pm - CAROL SERVICE	9.00am - Holy Communion
Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December	1.00pm - Pop Up Cinema 11.30pm - 'Midnight Holy Communion'	10.00pm - 'Midnight Holy Communion'	6.00pm - Candlelit Carol Service (Reserve Holy Communion to be offered)
Christmas Day Thursday 25 December	9.30am - CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT METHODIST CHURCH, GREEN END ROAD, SAWTRY		
Sunday 28 December	10.30am - STILTON GROUP BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION AT HADDON		
Sunday 4 January	10.30am - Benefice Holy Communion	--	--
Saturday 10 January	--	--	2.00pm - 4.00pm Coffee & Cake @ <i>Holme Village Hall</i> 4.30pm - BCP Evensong
Sunday 11 January	10.30am - Service of the Word with Cheeky Pandas	9.00am - Holy Communion	--
Sunday 18 January	10.30am - Holy Communion	--	9.00am - Holy Communion
Sunday 25 January	10.30am - Holy Communion	9.00am - Holy Communion	--

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



**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, be in touch with the Benefice Administrator.

Email: fenedgechurches@gmail.com



Hello everyone,

As many of you will know, Rev. Becky Dyball recently left her role as rector of Fen Edge Churches for a new post within Peterborough Diocese. So this edition comes from the church wardens.



We are planning to continue, as far as we are able, with many of the events that Becky started, as well as offering the traditional services that so many like to attend at this time of year. Our regular services will also continue with a lot of help from wonderful retired clergy who live locally and we are very grateful for their support. Please look out for news of carol singing and other traditional services at all three of our churches as well as the Noisy Nativity and Pop-Up cinema at All Saints', you will be very welcome.

Christmas is such a special time of year for Christians. The story of the birth of Christ is probably the most well known, faith related narrative and appeals to people of all faiths and none. This is reflected in the excitement and preparation in the weeks - and months! - running up to Christmas Day itself. We hope that, in the busy-ness of the season, you are able to pause and reflect on how the joy of an innocent baby's birth spread around the world and down through the centuries to leave such a meaningful and enduring message. The most important things in our world are the simple things and, whilst chocolate, sparkly things and - for the grown ups - a smattering of alcohol are undoubtedly high on the list these are all made more special with love and this is the message that He brought to the world.

"And now these three remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" 1 Corinthians 13:13"



SAWTRY COLTS

The Colts go from strength to strength with a grand total of 19 teams ranging from Under (U)7 to U18 and, with the notable successes in recent years of the England Lionesses, we now have no less than 3 all girls' teams with new teams at U10 and U12 joining the well-established U14 side. Matches are again taking place this year at Sawtry Junior School, over at Greenfield, and on the grass and the lovely 3G pitch at Sawtry VA where training will again take place for the majority of the teams over the winter period.

So far, the weather has been very favourable for football with the mild weather we have been experiencing, let's hope that continues for the remainder of the year as the pitches will get well used with all those teams.

Here's a look as to how some of the older teams have started this season.

The oldest team, the U18s, as it stands, have faced the top 3 teams in the league and have 3 losses to show. Hopefully with a run of easier matches to come they will pick up their first win soon; they also were knocked out the County Cup to a very strong St Neots team but have a league cup match against Trumpington on the horizon.

The U16s began the season well with victories over Hinchingsbrooke and March Academy but have yet to add to that with losses to Eunice Huntingdon, Needingworth and Stanground and a draw with March Town. They also exited the County cup, for them it was in the cruellest fashion as they lost in a penalty shoot-out against Gransden.

The U15s have had a mixed start to the season in the Cambridge league this year with victories interspersed with losses. Wins over Coton, Kennett and Chatteris have been sandwiched with losses to Fenstanton, Isleham and Royston. A county cup win away to Little Paxton means they have at least one more round to play in that competition!

The U14s, in the Peterborough League this year, have just the one victory to their name so far with an away win against Stamford. Some close fought matches brought draws against Boston and Thorpe Wood with losses against Spalding, Thurlby, Wisbech and Netherton (twice) in the league and the cup rounding off their early season results.

The U14 Falcons have got off to a flying start in the league with a 100% record after 3 games and are yet to concede a goal with wins over March, Netherton and Thorpe Wood. A bye in the County cup means they have a cup run to look forward to as a defeat in the league cup to Netherton meant they exited that early doors.

The U13 Yellows have been busy and have managed no less than 7 league matches so far. They have a record of 4 wins - against Boston, Moulton Chapel, Peterborough Lions and Stanground with close losses to Boston, Marshland and Orton. A comfortable league cup win against Deeping means they are guaranteed a cup run this year.

The U13 Blues are another side who have ventured into the Cambridge league this season and have had a decent start with 5 wins in their first 6 matches. Comfortable wins against Debden, Moulton, Histon and Lakenheath and a closer match against Newmarket brought them the points with only a loss to Cambourne to date to their name. A hard-fought County cup win against Bluntisham means they have another round to look forward to.

The U12 Yellows, competing in the Cambridge league this season, have played 4 matches to date, all close-run affairs. League matches brought a draw against Haverhill and a one goal loss away to St Ives. The County cup brought a one goal loss to St Neots and the league cup brought, yes, you've guessed it, a one goal loss to Chesterton - it will be the league to concentrate on then for them this season.

The U12 Blues, also in the Cambridge league this season, have 3 wins and a draw in their first 4 games with wins against Plantation, Saffron Walden and Haddenham. A County cup win against Ramsey and a league cup win against Priory means the dream of the treble is still on ;)

The U12 Falcons, in their first season, have hit the ground running winning their first two matches against Oundle and Glinton. They followed that up with a good win in the cup against Ramsey before returning to league action when they were held to a draw by Hampton. A cup win against Glinton brought them another cup match against Girls United where they tasted defeat for the first time. They say you sometimes learn more from your losses than your victories so watch this space for more news on that front...

Hopefully the weather continues to be amenable to good football as the season continues as there has been a promising start from some of the older sides and plenty of "non-competitive" football for the younger sides to look forward to.

Brian Craig - sawtrycoltsfc.co.uk



It was a brisk and blustery morning in Sawtry, the kind that reddens the cheeks and quickens the step, when news spread through the village of the latest triumphs of our most spirited band – the Sawtry Running Club. Like the merry company at Fezziwig's ball, their hearts were light, their feet lively, and their achievements quite splendid indeed.

First among the tidings, let us speak of **Linda**, whose courage and cheer carried her through the throngs of Newcastle to complete the **Great North Run** this September past. With every mile, she proved that perseverance and good humour are as fine a pairing as any Dickensian hero and their faithful friend.

Then there was **Ash**, who, in celebration of his fiftieth year upon this Earth, set forth upon a noble quest – to complete **5 10 kilometres races** before the year's end. With a flourish most admirable, he tackled the **Cambridge Town and Gown 10k**, his stride steady and his spirit unwavering. "Another chapter turned," he might well have said, and so indeed it was.

And what a sight to behold when the club assembled in grand numbers for the **Great Eastern Run!** A veritable parade of determination, their bright blue vests gleaming like lanterns through the streets of Peterborough. It was said by onlookers that the very air was filled with goodwill and the sound of pounding feet only matched by the chorus of camaraderie from the club volunteers at their water station.

Two stalwart gentlemen, both answering to the name **Mark**, took on the **Fen 10** race, braving the flatlands and the biting wind with smiles that would have warmed even Ebenezer Scrooge's heart. Side by side they ran, and side by side they finished (poetic licence – bear with me dear reader) – a testament to the power of fellowship and strong legs.

In a tale most inspiring, **Annamarie** conquered her first ever **marathon**, an odyssey of twenty-six miles and a little more. Her journey was one of grit, laughter, and perhaps a tear or two, but at its end lay triumph – and a medal gleaming as bright as Christmas morning.

Finally, good news indeed! **Richard** has become a **fully qualified running coach** and now stands ready to put his fellow club members through their paces. No ghost of Christmas Past could be sterner than a man with a stopwatch and a training plan!

And so, dear reader, if the coming New Year stirs in you a resolution to **start or return to running**, do not delay. Join Sawtry Running Club and let this lively fellowship help you find your stride. For in running, as in life, the journey is best taken together.

God bless our runners, everyone!



Running - it's much more fun than you might

Matt Spinks

More info at www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk or our Facebook page: Sawtry Running Club

SAWTRY GOLF SOCIETY

A Happy & Healthy New Year to you all, by now the Christmas celebrations will be fading and our attention will be fully focused on spring appearing, we have to brave the cold of January and February before March starts to hopefully show the first signs of spring. Prior to this, however, we did play some golf with 3 events in September alone: -

Round 3: Sept - Pidley (Autumn Trophy) a stroke play event: -

Tom Warren, victorious with a splendid Nett 69, (39 points) in close 2nd place on count back was Jon-Paul Nett 69, (40) points and Neil Roigers completed the 3rd spot with a Nett 70, (38) points

Some great golf played by Tom Warren off a handicap of 8.5, so well done.

Round 4: Sept - Wyboston Lakes: -

In first place was Micky Bosworth on 38 points, 2nd place the chairman, John Lindsey came in on 37 points and finally 3rd was Dale Barnham 36 points.

Round 5: Sept - Toft Golf Club

Toft results in first place Tony Littlefair had 40 points, 2nd place went to Don Wilkinson on 38 points and in 3rd spot was Vas Roberts with 37. Some decent golf played.

Round 6: October - Cambridge Country Golf Club

Cambridge County welcomed everyone with round 6, Luke Allen took centre stage with first place on 37 points, 2nd with 35 points was Michael Carrol pipping Richard Harland on count back – 35 points.

Round 7: Nov - Ramsey Golf & Bowls Club

A blustery day saw the Round 7 completing with Dave Holbrow in first place with 36 points, 2nd place went to Ian Simpson with 35 points and in 3rd place was Tony Morely with 33 points. Well done.

The league leader currently is Tony Morely on 204 points followed by Ian Simpson on 190 points after 7 rounds. January will see us return at Barkway – Round 8 then Burghley – round 9 for February 26 before familiar ground back at Orton meadows – 3 Club and Thorpe Wood round 10.



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.

SAWTRY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Not a huge amount to report since the season closed. That said the 'Autumn work' has been carried out on the green, and the green put to bed, although as the grass (and weeds around the paths) still grows, so work on it continues.

At the time of writing, we are awaiting our AGM, so the new Committee will now start planning for new events next year.

However, we start with holding our Xmas Bingo on Saturday 6 December 2025. Eyes down @ 7.30pm and plenty of Christmassy stuff to be won. All are welcome.

We will be selling a Xmas Quiz over the next few weeks - £1 a go – for anyone interested in having a go. The winner will be drawn at the Clubhouse on Christmas Eve. Please feel free to join us for a social drink and some nibbles and see if you have won. Please contact me if you need a hard copy of the quiz sent to you.

On a personal note, my term as President of The Huntingdonshire County Bowling Federation has come to an end, and I have handed over the reins to Malcolm Scott (Scotty). This again means we will be busy in 2026 hosting a number of games and events, all of which bring income into the club. I am sure we can rely on the support of all our members during Scotty's year as County President, as you did for mine.

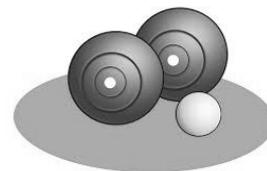
So, unless we see you at the above events, or on Christmas Eve for drinks and games, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kevin Bowers
Secretary

Visit our Facebook Page - search:- Sawtry and District Bowling Club

Our website:- <https://hugofox.com/community/sawtry-and-district-bowling-club-8948/about-us>

Or google:- Sawtry and District Bowling Club



SAWTRY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Club News

Sawtry Table Tennis Club held a free taster session in October kindly funded by Sawtry Parish Council, unfortunately we had a low turnout. However, we will be holding a few more taster sessions in the future. Please be aware we always welcome new players at any time, not just at a taster session.

We have only a few more Club Night Sessions left before we break up for the festive season. We will be back open as of Monday 5 January. The Club Nights are split into sessions.

The 2 sessions are:

- 5:45pm to 6:30pm – For Junior Players (under 18). Booking is required.
- 6:30pm to 8:15pm – For Senior Players (over 18, plus the under 18 members by invitation by the club). Booking is NOT NEEDED, just turn up at 6:30pm.

If you want more details about these sessions or the club, please see details at the bottom.

League News

The Peterborough Table Tennis League has begun as of 6 October. We have entered 2 teams this season. By the time you read this our teams would have played 1/3 of the season and just about to play their Handicap Cup Matches.

Other News

In October, 3 of our non-league junior members took part in the 2025 Peterborough League Junior Tournament. They played within a group that related to their age and with other non-league players. They all played really well within the matches. We would like to congratulate them all for taking part and to Sam Godfrey for winning his age group category.

The club would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a peaceful Happy New Year. We hope you might join us in the New Year to help your New Year's resolution get off to a great start.

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. We are open on Monday evenings Term Times only and not on Bank Holiday's.

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 Card, as the club is going cashless.

All Under 16's will need to be always accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

The club meets at: - Sawtry Junior Academy, Middlefield Road, Sawtry, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. PE28 5SH.

If you are interested in joining us, to keep up to date with club news, or to get more information about the club, please feel free to contact the club:

E: - welcome@sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk

W: - www.sawtrytabletennisclub.org.uk

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

T: - 01487 804040





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 Games Club - sawtrygames@gmail.com

Sawtry History Society - 831667

Sawtry Women's Institute - 07841 647345

Sport Clubs

Ki Kong Tang Soo Do - 07585 950923

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 Running Club - www.sawtrywalktorun.co.uk

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 (24 Hours) - 116 123

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

SAWTRY AREA CODE - 01487

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