



Guilden Sutton Community Association (GSCA)

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Autumn 2025

Welcome to the Marigold, marking the start of a busy season of activities and exciting events

With four new trustees and Rachael as chair, the Association's committee is brimming with fresh ideas to make GSCA even better.

Last year was a landmark year. Thanks go to the previous group of trustees who undertook a significant upgrade of the village hall, including a new roof, modernised toilets, a solar energy system, and numerous thoughtful improvements. It's tempting to think the job is done, but we're just getting started...



The Pop-up Play Village fills the main hall (See p4)

Many children's groups and parties use the village hall. Over the summer, additional fencing has been installed to enhance the security and safety of the Marigold room for both preschool and other users. A big clear-out has made extra storage space available in the kitchen and for our staging (available for hire) in the community shed.

We're working to make the hall even better: more welcoming, more comfortable, and with upgraded facilities to suit everyone's needs. If you've got ideas, suggestions or a bit of time to volunteer, we'd love to hear from you! Please chat to any of our trustees or send us a message via the contact form on our website at www.guildensutton.org.uk.

The CA Team - Guilden Sutton Community Association

Guilden Sutton Community Association

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Chair: Rachael Whelan (chair@guildensutton.org.uk)

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Website: www.guildensutton.org.uk

COMING SOON - Village Quiz

Save the date! This year's Village Quiz, run by the Community Association, will be on

**Saturday 18 October
7.30 pm Village Hall**

Please register your team of up to 6 people. For further details, watch out for posters around the village and on the website in September, or email quiz@guildensutton.org.uk



The Fete

This year's Guilden Sutton Village Fete, one of our community's flagship events, was a fantastic success.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make it happen -



- especially on the hottest day of the year!

Matt, maintenance officer at the school, kept cool by allowing the children to throw cold water sponges at him!



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Regular events in the Village

Mondays - Fridays			Page
Pre-school	09:00 - 15:00	Village Hall	6
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French Classes	10:00 - 12:00	<u>Church Hall</u>	10
Beavers	17:45 - 19:00	Village Hall	9
Cubs	18:30 - 20:00	Village Hall	9
Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	9
Tuesdays			
Ladies Badminton	09:15 - 10:15	Village Hall	9
Parents and Toddlers	10:30 - 12:00	Village Hall	5
French Classes	10am and 1pm	<u>Church Hall</u>	10
Yoga	18:30 - 19:45	Village Hall	8
GS Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	9
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Circle Dancing	14:30 - 16:00	Village Hall	11
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Thursdays			
HAL	09:15 - 10:30	Village Hall	6
Fridays			
Stardust drama	15:45 - 17:45	Village Hall	5
Nina Gaskill Dance	16:30 - 18:30	Village Hall	11
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Saturdays			
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WEBSITE

<https://www.guildensutton.org.uk>

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Looking for something magical to do with your little ones on a Friday morning? **Pop-Up Play Village** brings the joy of role play to Guilden Sutton once a month – and this autumn, it's packed full of imagination, learning, and a sprinkle of seasonal sparkle!

Our award-winning role play village is designed for children aged 0–8 and offers a truly unique play experience that's both educational and fun. Each session transforms the space into a mini world built just for little ones – from **construction zones and cafés** to **vets, hospitals, emergency services**, and even a **baby nursery**. It's a fully mobile, child-sized village where imaginations are free to run wild.

We pride ourselves on providing open-ended, child-led play in a calm and safe environment where grown-ups are welcome to play alongside their children or simply enjoy watching the magic unfold. Whether your child loves dinosaurs, dressing up, fixing things, or caring for animals, there's something for everyone.

Upcoming themes include:

 *Halloween Spook-tacular*

 *Dinovember* – dinosaur-themed fun all month long!


 *Christmas in the Village* – a festive celebration full of wonder

Our sessions are held **once a month on Fridays, from 11am–12.15pm** at Guilden Sutton Village Hall. Keep an eye on our social media pages for the latest dates and booking info – sessions are **pay-as-you-go** and must be booked in advance online.

And we don't just stop at play sessions! We also offer:


 **Themed party packages**


 **Curriculum-linked school & early years visits**


 **Wedding play areas to entertain little guests**

 **Pop-ups at festivals, community events and fayres**

To find out more or to book your space, visit:

 popupplayvillage.co.uk/chester-wrexham

 chester@popupplayvillage.co.uk

 07482 268794

 Follow us on Facebook & Instagram:

@popupplayvillagechester

Come and join the fun – we can't wait to welcome you into our village this autumn!

Parent and Toddler group

All are welcome to the Parent and Toddler Group at the village hall every Tuesday (term time only) running from 10.30 to 12. We aim to provide an engaging place for children/babies to play, join in activities (art, sensory, social etc). An environment where parents/grandparents/childminders can have a cuppa and relax.

We have plenty of toys and play equipment too. Healthy snacks for the little ones which we take turns to provide and lots of fun music.

We ask for fees of £3 a session if just dropping in or, if paying on a half term basis, £2.50, preferably paying by bank transfer.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Any questions please email me, Karen Clark, at kasabdey@googlemail.com



Stardust drama

Drama classes for children aged 5-12 run on Friday afternoons. 5-8 year olds at 3:45pm, 8-12 year olds at 4:55pm.

Fun-filled classes with drama games, improvisations, script reading, character work and performances helping inspire confidence, creativity and teamwork in children.

Run by professional actress, Stephanie Pinder
The first class is **free** for new young actors

www.stardustdrama.co.uk
Email: stephchambers99@aol.com
M: 07739 104147



Tumble Tots

Monday mornings in the Village Hall (see their website for details and booking)

Designed to develop children's physical skills of agility, balance, co-ordination and climbing, the programme is structured to develop children's positive personality traits including confidence and self-esteem.

Call Paul Johnson on 07873 114596
or visit www.tumbletots.com



Guilden Sutton Preschool

Our manager, Mel Payne, welcomes you and your children to Guilden Sutton Preschool. Living locally, Mel has 15 years of childcare experience to bring to our lovely local Preschool in the heart of Guilden Sutton. We have new, highly qualified staff at the school and a sports coach attends on Wednesday. Children receive 30 hours of schooling per week from September.



Our child-centred approach allows your little person to grow, learn and develop through play and creativity. We provide a safe, inclusive, nurturing environment for all and pride ourselves in giving our children the confidence and skills to be ready for their next big adventure! We also have strong community links with the local school and church.

There are limited spaces available for the Autumn term - contact us now to secure your child's place or to discuss arrangements! Email Mel at managersps@gmail.com or call 07717 942843 to arrange a visit. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm during term times.

Visit www.guildensuttonpreschool.org for complete information and see our Facebook page for many of the wonderful activities we get up to!

You may be eligible for childcare funding. For more information visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

HEALTHY ACTIVE LIFESTYLE (H.A.L.) CLUB

Autumn is a great time to start getting more active! HAL Club will help you to focus on your fitness, nutrition & other aspects of keeping yourself in tiptop shape. A number of new members have joined recently, and we are going from strength to strength. Why not come along too? It's also a great way to meet new friends.



We meet every Thursday morning in the Village Hall (9.15 – 10.30am). Our weekly workout is complemented by a lively discussion on healthy eating & lifestyle topics. We are a friendly bunch and everyone enjoys our weekly get togethers, which are often followed by a walk and coffee at Meadow Lea Farm.

All fitness levels are catered for, with a range of high and low impact activities. The sessions are pay as you go, so you can try a session without a long-term commitment. It's just £7 per session, including refreshments. So why not come along and join us?

For more information please contact Su Baird on 0777 195 1427 or su.baird@btoopenworld.com

Looking for something outdoors? Then contact Su about Fit Club Chester's outdoor workouts in Hoole on Wednesday evening / Saturday morning.

Guilden Sutton 10K and Fun Run **Sunday 21st September 2025**

This year's Sutton Six races will be held again on the traditional 3rd Sunday of the month.

The 10K starts in Belle Vue Lane opposite Middlecroft, does a loop of Guilden Sutton Lane/Hare Lane/Belle Vue Lane, coming back past the start point and then heading out again down Guilden Sutton Lane/Hare Lane down to the Vets on the A51. From there, the race goes down the wide pavement to Wicker Lane, c Village Hall. The race start t result within minutes of the phone.



At 12:15, the Fun Run will start on Hilltop Road. This route follows Arrowcroft Road, turning left onto School Lane and proceeding up to Oaklands. It then runs all the way around Oaklands, back out to School Lane, and makes one final turn before entering Hilltop Road to finish at the Village Hall. Entries for the Fun Run are available on the day only at the Village Hall, starting around 09:00. An award will be presented to all finishers.

Refreshments will be available in the Village Hall, provided by the local Cubs group.

Temporary road closures will be implemented for the Start in Belle Vue Lane (from approx. 10:50 until 11:05 and also Wicker Lane (from A51 junction down to but not including the junction to The Byatts) from about 11:15 until about 11:50. Apologies for any short-term disruption.

Entry and more information for the 10K race is available from West Cheshire AC website at <http://www.westcheshireac.co.uk/races/road> or from Nifty Events at <https://niftyentries.com>. Late entries will be available via the website up until the morning of the race.

Hope to see you in September, running in either of the races or cheering on the runners.

Yoga - friendly classes, open to all

Yoga classes take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings 6.30 until 7.45pm.

Regular yoga practice improves energy levels, posture, flexibility, strength, agility, endurance and balance; giving you a greater ability to move. It is an anti-ageing tool.

For more information please call or text Aly 07801 575773 email alvgwatkin@outlook.com or visit www.yogaly.co.uk

Green Space and Hooks Wood

Development continues in the area next to the adventure trail, where wildflower (and sunflower!) planting has been completed with the help of local school children and volunteers.

At Hooks Wood in June, visiting children transformed into a swarm of beekeepers during the fascinating bee event celebrating World Bee Day. The area is home to a diverse array of wildlife, including numerous species of butterflies, birds, wildflowers, and fruit-bearing bushes. Hooks Wood is beginning to reveal its true natural colours as was intended. Also in June, Guilden Sutton Sings (p12) celebrated mid-summer's day with a sing-along in the Wood.



The plastic spirals are gradually being removed, and some maintenance of the area is planned. Meanwhile, despite the dry weather, the trees continue to grow and flourish, making Hooks Wood an enjoyable and peaceful place to visit.

**For more information visit:
www.gsgreenspace.org.uk**



Indoor Bowls Club

The new season starts on Friday 5 September and continues through to 27 March 2026.

Meet in the Village Hall on Friday evening from 7.00 - 9.00 pm. We enjoy friendly competition and now have a few vacancies for new members.

We have 3 playing mats and a selection of bowls to choose from. If you are interested in giving it a try, please contact Jill on 01244 301015

Badminton Club

The club plays in the Village Hall from September until the end of April.

Club nights are on Monday and Tuesday 8.00pm - 10.00pm.

We welcome new members who are looking to play social badminton and those who are a little rusty and want to start playing again.

We have a great facility in the Village Hall so why not come along and enjoy the social nature of the club whilst taking some gentle exercise. It's a very enjoyable way of keeping fit.

If you are interested in joining or having a go, please contact Peter Evans on 07720 291913 or just turn up on a Monday or Tuesday evening to find out more.



Ladies Badminton

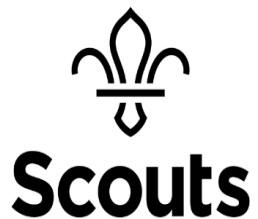
Ladies badminton Village Hall Tuesday 09:15 - 10:15

The club is currently running at capacity but if you would like further information please contact Siân Hancock Email: sian-hancock@live.co.uk

1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group

Several scout group volunteers stepped down at this year's AGM and we need new volunteers, both as leaders and for the exec committee, to come forward and keep our beaver, cub and scout groups running.

Roles have varying levels of commitment and offer rewarding opportunities to be involved in this fantastic organisation. If you'd like to know more please email 1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group: 1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk



French classes with Corinne St John's Church Hall, Church Lane

Learn French the fun relaxed way!

25 weeks courses , the classes start again in September

Level 4, year 2, Consolidation Monday 10:00 - 12:00

Level 5 Advanced, Tuesday, 10:00 - 12:00

Level 4, Intermediate, Tuesday 13:00 - 15:00

For further information, please contact Corinne:
csdloison@outlook.com



Guilden Sutton Wildflower Group

Fox Meadow was officially opened on Sunday 6th July by Deputy Lord Mayor, Cllr Margaret Parker.



Sue Proctor, who drove the project, at the opening

(inset: Cllr Margaret Parker with Sue enjoying a rest in the meadow's centre)

The winning entries of the photographic competition are on the website where you will also find a final report. Money donated by individuals, CW&C, and the Cinema Club funded the clearing of the site, seed sowing, bulb planting, and the purchase of the noticeboard, herb-planters and bench. The Parish Council retains the remainder of the funds, which are ringfenced to cover the costs of routine grass cutting and annual flower maintenance.

We continue to plant seeds when necessary to fill any gaps and to enhance the varieties growing there, as well as cut the paths through the flowers. The bench will be permanently anchored when we have established the best location away from any damp patches.

The Wildflower Group will continue to monitor the garden. If volunteers are needed we will put notices on the Fox Meadow noticeboard and social media. Thanks again to everyone who has been involved.

Circle dancing

Dancing connects you with others, lifts your mood and develops co-ordination and memory. It feeds your mind, body and soul.

Holding hands and dancing with others in a circle pattern is a very old tradition in countries like Greece, particularly on occasions such as weddings, where everyone is included and you don't need a partner.

In our Wednesday afternoon circle dance group (Village Hall, 2.30 - 4pm), we do, in the main, fairly gentle community dances, with repeated step patterns to beautiful world music. Some of the rhythms are quite unusual and keep us on our toes! We embrace a wide variety of dances and cultures, and express many moods. We always end the session with more meditative dances, which bring a feeling of peace. We always have a lot of fun along the way.

We are an established and friendly group, and will offer you a warm, open welcome.

If you would like try us, please contact Dee and Nawal on 01244 679100, or email nawal.dee@gmail.com



Play Ukulele

The Ukulele group meet up on Tuesday evenings, 8pm to 9pm at the Village Hall.

The group is for anyone who wants to play, or start playing, the ukulele. Even if you've never learned a musical instrument before, if you'd like to give it a go just get in touch, or drop in on a Tuesday evening.

For more information, or if you have any questions please email andyjanwin1@gmail.com or phone Andy on 07765 235550 or Janet 07471 060325



Nina Gaskill School of Dance

FUN, CREATIVE AND INCLUSIVE DANCE CLASSES

Children's RAD Ballet, ISTD Modern, Jazz and Tap.
Fridays and Saturdays in the Village Hall

NEW! Advanced 2 RAD Ballet class starting September

Qualified, Registered Teacher, Nina Gaskill RAD dip, DDE, AISTD
Contact Nina for information: nina.gaskill@btinternet.com
Facebook: NinaGaskillDance



Guilden Sutton Art group

Guilden Sutton Art Group meets in St John's Church Hall in Church Lane every Wednesday 11am till 4pm from 10 September - 10 December.

Members' abilities range from absolute beginners to experienced artists who work together in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.

We work individually on our own projects using pastel, acrylic, watercolour or pencil. Modest fees of £4 per week are charged and paid in advance at the beginning of each term. Members usually take packed lunches, and teas and coffees are available throughout the day.



Why not drop in on a Wednesday to see what we are doing. For more info, contact Chris Morley T: 07746925804 E: chrstnmorley@gmail.com

Guilden Sutton Sings!

Wednesdays 1.15 to 2.45pm at the village hall.

We are a friendly and informal singing group, with a focus on singing for fun and well being.

All voices are welcome - young, old, beginner or experienced - so if you would like to sing, learn new songs, and meet new people, why not come along one week and try it out? Sessions are £5 per week, including refreshments and there's no long term commitment - just turn up and sing.



For more information contact Sarah by email: sarahjessopmusic@runbox.com or telephone: 07985 455824

Cafe at St John's Church Hall

Our welcoming cafe is open from 10am to midday on the second and fourth Thursdays of most months. We serve a variety of beverages, delicious home-baked cakes, toasted tea cakes, etc, in the fully accessible, warm and light-filled church hall on Church Lane.

We are a registered 'Warm Space.' There is a play area for children. Our prices are very reasonable, and all drink refills are free - we are 'Costa Not-a-Lot.' It's a great place to meet up for a chat. If you've not been before - give us a try!

Sept 11, 25

Oct 9, 23

Nov 13, 27

Dec 11



St John's Church, Guilden Sutton



The church is currently without a vicar. Services will be conducted by various members of the clergy while a successor to Heather is sought

For full info visit the Church's website at

www.guildensutton-plemstall.church

Messy Church



Free breakfast, children's activities, toddler and baby area and a short celebration time together in the school hall. Meet: 10:30

See the website for details

Cafe Church and Cafe Kids



Time together starts with coffee, croissants and chat (with games for children). A short, informal service follows often with video clips and discussion. Children can go out for a session in the Marigold room next door with Cafe Kids or stay in the main hall. Meet: 10:00 for 10:30

See the website for details

The Woolly Bunch



Enjoy knitting or crochet or want to learn? Meet on the first and third Thursdays of most months 10.15 - 12 noon

St Johns Church Hall
4 & 18 Sept
2 & 16 Oct
6 & 20 Nov
4 Dec

Pilates - St John's Church Hall

Increase strength. Improve your balance

Classic floor mat classes - every Wednesday:

Level One 7pm Level Two 8pm

For more information ring or text Clare on 07917 116576

Email: cefarrall@mac.com

Guilden Sutton Old School House Trust

Registered Charity No. 1066844

The Trust, set up by the Diocese of Chester following the sale of the old school house, exists to support the personal development of current or former pupils of Guilden Sutton Primary School. It makes grants, typically in the range £100 to £500, to support: the purchase of equipment such as musical instruments or sports equipment; gap year, uniformed group or other projects; education expenses such as books, travel etc. Applicants should be under 25 years old.

Applications should be submitted by 30th April for consideration in May or by 31st October for consideration in November each year. Application forms/more information are available on the Guilden Sutton website or from Peter Reid (Email: pgeddesr@gmail.com; Tel. 07738 158747).

Parish Council

Alan Davis (Chair): alan.davis@guildensuttonpc.co.uk

Members: Trisha Paterson (Vice chair), Mel Littlewood, Victoria Roberts, Derek Hughes, Emma Clare Hewitt, Sue Ringstead, David Oxley

Clerk: Tel: 07733 414175 Email: clerk@guildensuttonpc.co.uk

Parish Council meetings:

3 Sept, 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec, 7.30pm Village Hall

If you would like to speak to a councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk in the first instance. Two Councillors will be available at a surgery outside the Post Office 10:00 - 10:30 on the Saturday preceding each Council meeting. There is public speaking time at the start of each meeting where members of the public can address the council with any issues. See the websites for details.

Parish Council website: guildensuttonpc.co.uk

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Councillors covering the Guilden Sutton area (Gowry Rural ward)

Margaret Parker email: margaret.parker@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Graham Heatley email: graham.heatley@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

CwaC website: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk>

Murder mystery in Guilden Sutton

In April, residents of Guilden Sutton were called upon to solve a murder at the post office.

With the help of the Tarporley Players, including former GSCA chair, Robin Norrie, the audience enjoyed a

spontaneous and entertaining evening and at the end, deduced the identity of the murderer.



Chester Rugby Union Football Club

Since boundaries were altered in 2015, the Chester Rugby Union Football Club has been located in the Parish of Guilden Sutton. We would like to share more information about them, their activities, and the facilities at the rugby club ground. We plan to do so on our website and in the Marigold. In the meantime, please visit their website and Facebook page here for details of their upcoming fixtures and events: <https://www.chesterru.fc.com>

Why not join the Community Association

As a resident of Guilden Sutton, you are welcome to register as a member of the Community Association. It's all FREE!

Membership has a number of advantages, including discounts on hall hire, updates on events via email and voting at Community Association AGMs, PLUS the Association is more likely to secure available grants if we demonstrate a strong membership base. You could even apply to be a trustee.

Why not join NOW using the on-line form on the GS website where there is full information on the Community Association

www.guildensutton.org.uk

Dates for your diary

September

Parish Council meeting	Wed 3	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
GS 10K and Fun run	Sun 21	From 9:00	Village Hall
		Race Start 11:00	(See p 7)

October

Parish Council meeting	Wed 1	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Village Quiz	Sat 18	19:30 - 22:00	Village Hall

November

Parish Council meeting	Wed 5	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Remembrance Service	Sun 9	10:10	St Johns Church

December

Parish Council meeting	Wed 3	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Christmas lights	Sat 6	17:30 - 19:30	Village Hall
Christmas Carol service	Wed 17	19:30	St Johns Church
Christmas Nativity trail	Wed 24	TBC	TBC
Christmas Midnight Mass	Wed 24	TBC	St Johns Church
Christmas day service	Thurs 25	10:30	St Johns Church

Mobile Library Service

The easy-access library bus will be visiting the village on **MONDAYS**

8 September 29 September

20 October 10 November

1 December 22 December

Moorcroft Crescent 10:20-10:35

Village Hall car park 10:50-12:00



Holding a party or an event?

Why not book the Village Hall. The hall and its rooms are available for private bookings. Staging is also available to hire and there's room for a bouncy castle. You can view the scheduled activities and check availability at:

www.guildensutton.org.uk/Village_hall_booking.html

All the information is on that page, but you can also speak to Stephanie, the booking secretary, on 07739 104147