Guilden Sutton Community Association (GSCA)

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Autumn 2026

The Community Association

Did you know that 185 people in Guilden Sutton are members of our Community Association?



Being part of it means you get early updates about exciting events like the quiz, special rates for renting the hall for parties, meetings, or other gatherings, and most importantly, a chance to connect and contribute to our vibrant community.

A friendly steering group, mostly trustees, guides the Association, but everyone is welcome to attend meetings and share ideas. Plus, showing how many members we have helps us secure funding for improvements to the village hall and other exciting projects in Guilden Sutton.

Joining is simple—just fill out the membership form online or at the village hall. There's no pressure at all, but if you have a community event in mind or just want to suggest an activity, we'd love to hear from you!

Quiz Night - fun, food, prizes

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

Saturday 3rd October
7.30 pm Village Hall



Up to 6 people per team. £12 per person inc supper - bring your own drinks.
For further details or to book phone 07915 297464 or email **quiz@guildensutton.org.uk**

Your Village Hall

Those using the Marigold room will find that an additional washroom/toilet has been installed. Security fencing was also constructed around the garden area last year.

Together with the kitchen, this all creates a pleasant, safe, self-contained area designed with young children in mind. The area is used extensively by the Preschool during term time but is available for hire for parties, meetings and activities outside normal school hours.

Fox Meadow News

After a good summer display the meadow was cut and cleared of hay in late July and August. This was done in several stages, not only because of the heat but also because it allows wildlife to move to the uncut areas. Thanks to those who helped with this, including the unknown person who cut the last section!



If conditions are suitable we will mow the meadow during the early autumn to remove as much fallen vegetation as possible. If it is allowed to rot down the fertility of the land will increase and that tends to favour grasses at the expense of the wildflowers.

During the winter the meadow will be very wet but in the spring the show will begin again without much human interference.

Mobile Library Service

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

21 September 12 October
2 November 23 November
14 December



Moorcroft Crescent 10:20-10:35
Village Hall car park 10:50-12:00

A wide range of books are on offer including fiction, non-fiction, reference and children's books, new publications, large print and talking books, an excellent Information Service and for £1.50, you can reserve a book. Just nip on board and join.

Regular events in the Village

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Mondays - Fridays			
Pre-school	09:00 - 15:00	Village Hall	8
Mondays			
Tumble Tots	09:30 - 13:00	Village Hall	6
French Classes	10am and 1pm	Church Hall	12
Painting Pals	14:00 - 16:00	Village Hall	12
Beavers	17:45 - 19:00	Village Hall	8
Cubs	18:30 - 20:00	Village Hall	8
Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	10
Tuesdays			
Ladies Badminton	09:15 - 10:15	Village Hall	10
Parents and Toddlers	10:30 - 12:00	Village Hall	7
French Classes	10am and 1pm	Church Hall	12
The Crochet Charmer	13:00 - 15:00	Village Hall	5
Yoga	18:00 - 19:00	Village Hall	11
GS Badminton Club	20:00 - 22:00	Village Hall	10
Ukulele group	20:00 - 21:00	Village Hall	11
Wednesdays			
GS Art Group	11:00 - 16:00	Church Hall	9
German class	10:00 - 12:00	Village Hall	
Song Circle	13:15 - 14:45	Village Hall	7
Circle Dancing	14:30 - 16:30	Village Hall	11
PE Badminton	18:00 - 19:15	Village Hall	
Thursdays			
HAL	09:15 - 10:30	Village Hall	10
Cafe at the Church Hall 2nd and 4th Thurs in month	10:00 - 12:00	Church Hall	13
Fridays			
Nina Gaskill Dance	16:30 - 18:30	Village Hall	9
Lucky Stars drama	17:00 - 18:00	Village Hall	9
Pop-up Play Village (Not every Friday)	11:00 - 12:15	Village Hall	6
Bowls	19:00 - 21:00	Village Hall	12
Saturdays			
Nina Gaskill Dance	9:30 - 17:00	Village Hall	9

Latest info can be found at:

https://www.guildensutton.org.uk

CHRISTMAS 2026

We would like to invite you to the Big Switch on of the lights on our village Christmas Tree on Saturday 5th December 6:30 - 7:30 outside / inside the Village Hall



Father Christmas will be making an appearance, and we will also have Carol Singing, Mulled Wine, Refreshments and Mince Pies

Raffle tickets, £1 each, are available from Christine in the Post Office and the prize is the honour of carrying out the big switch-on

Everyone Welcome!!

PLEASE BRING CASH IF POSSIBLE

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 plenty of room for a bouncy castle. You can view the scheduled activities, check availability and find information at:

www.guildensutton.org.uk/Village_hall_booking.html

You can also speak to Stephanie, the booking secretary, on 07739 104147

Ellie - the Crochet Charmer

Hi. I am Ellie: The Crochet Charmer.

Join my crochet group at Guilden Sutton Village Hall. We meet every Tuesday, 1pm - 3pm. £15 per session.

This group is open to everyone, whatever their ability or experience.

Beginners will spend their first session learning the basics of crochet to create their own handmade decoration. Learning will then be tailored to individual preferences, allowing you to create the items you want.

For more information or to book your place please contact Ellie.

07933263160

thecrochetcharmer@gmail.com

Village Fete

A message from the Fete committee:

We're sorry that this year's Village Fete did not go ahead

Our small committee has been facing a number of personal challenges. Despite asking for more volunteers to join the committee, no-one has come forward and unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to organise the event to the standard our community deserves.

We urgently need a Treasurer and a Chair/Co-Chair to step in. These roles will be fully supported by the current committee to deliver the 2027 fete - but without them, we will struggle to run the event at all.

If you're interested in getting involved, please get in touch — your support can make a real difference in bringing this much-loved event back.

For more information, please contact Miriam Badiru (07814 034926) or Mel Littlewood (07511 359737) in September when we will start to discuss the 2027 Fete.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Pop Up Play Village – Returning to Guilden Sutton This Autumn!

Pop Up Play Village is excited to be returning to Guilden Sutton Village Hall this autumn with their play village to run imaginative role play sessions for babies and children up to around 8 years old.
If you've not visited before, Pop Up Play Village transforms a community hall into a child-sized role play village where little ones can explore, create and learn through play. Children can immerse themselves in a range of themed areas, including a supermarket, construction site, café, baby nursery, campsite, emergency services, hairdressers, vets and many more. Every session is designed to encourage imagination, creativity, confidence and social interaction in a fun and welcoming environment.

This autumn we'll be bringing back our popular **Halloween**, **Dino-vember** and **Christmas** special events, all with exciting seasonal role play, themed activities and plenty of festive extras.

Session dates will be announced soon, and as places are limited, advance booking is recommended.

You can view upcoming events and book online at:
https://popupplayvillage.co.uk/pop-up-play-village-in-and-around-chester-wrexham-whitchurch-and-nantwich/

For the latest updates, follow **Pop Up Play Village Chester, Wrexham, Whitchurch & Nantwich** on Facebook or Instagram.

We can't wait to return to Guilden Sutton and welcome both familiar and new families to the village!

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 Claire Eddon on 07761 014663
or visit www.tumbletots.com/chester

Guilden Sutton Parent and Toddler Group

(Run as a non-profit charity)

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

We have plenty of toys and play equipment and there are healthy snacks for the little ones which we take turns to provide and lots of fun music too. We ask for fees of £3 a session. We are now cashless and use bank transfer. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Please email me if you have any questions

When: Tuesdays, 10.30am–12.00pm (term time) beginning 8 Sept.

Where: Guilden Sutton Village Hall

Ages: 0–4 years

Cost: £3 per session by bank transfer

Email: kasabdey@googlemail.com

Guilden Sutton Song Circle

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. We learn everything by ear, singing short, easy-to-learn, songs. We do not perform anywhere – we simply enjoy filling the room with our voices each week.

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 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

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 highly qualified staff at the school and a sports coach attends on Wednesdays. Children receive 30 hours of schooling per week.

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.

The preschool is well attended but there may be limited spaces available - contact us now to secure your child's place or to discuss future arrangements. Email Mel at managergsps@gmail.com or call 07717 942843 to arrange a visit. We are open Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm during term time.

Visit www.guildensuttonpreschool.org for full 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.

1st Guilden Sutton Scout Group

Meetings and activities at the Village Hall

Beavers (6-8yrs) Mondays 17:45 - 19:00
Cubs (8-10.5yrs) Mondays 18:30 - 20:00
Scouts - *there is currently no Scouts section at Guilden Sutton due to a shortage of leaders*

Several of our cub leaders will be standing down next summer so 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 Steve Randles at:

1stguildensutton@chesterscouts.org.uk

Stardust drama - Lucky Stars

Drama classes for children aged 8-12 year olds, Fridays 5pm.

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

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

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.

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.

To find out more, contact Sue Davies Tel: 01244 300320
Email: littlebeck100@btinternet.com

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. It's also a great way to meet like-minded new friends.

We meet every Thursday morning in the Village Hall (9.15 – 10.30am). Our 30-minute workout is complemented by a lively discussion on healthy eating & lifestyle topics. All fitness levels are catered for, with a range of high and low impact activities. It's just £7 per session, including refreshments.



Why not come along and try a session? As it's a "Pay as You Go" class, there's no long-term commitment.

For more information, please message Su Baird on 0777 195 1427 or su.baird@btopenworld.com

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

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

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. 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. No need to have a ukulele just come along and we will lend you one to try.



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

Yoga - friendly classes, open to all

Our village yoga class is now at the new time of 6-7pm on Tuesday evenings in the Marigold room. Small friendly classes open to everybody. Please note, due to the smaller room size, booking is essential.



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

For more information
Please call or text Aly on 07801 575773
Email alygwatkin@outlook.com

Indoor Bowls Club



The new season starts on Friday 4th September and continues through to 26th March 2027.

We meet inthe 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 so you don't need your own.

If you are interested in giving it a go please contact Jill on 01244 301015.

Painting Pals



We are a small group of Friends who meet in the Village Hall every Monday 2 - 4pm during term time to paint and chat.
If you would like to join us, phone Cherrie on 07977 227348

French classes with Corinne

St John's Church Hall, Church Lane



Learn French the **fun** relaxed way!

French level1, Beginners , Monday , 1pm until 3pm
French level 4 year 2, Intermediate Plus , Tuesday , 1pm until 3pm
French level 5, Advanced , Monday, 10h until 12h
French level 6, Advanced Plus , Tuesday , 10h until 12h

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



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. It's a great place to meet up for a chat. If you've not been before – give us a try!

Sept 10, 24 Oct 8, 22 Nov 12, 26 Dec 10

Guilden Sutton Green Space - Hooks Wood

Hooks Wood is bouncing back after the extreme dry weather at the beginning of August (1st pic).



Thanks to recent rainfall, much of the greenery has recovered, while the trees have remained green throughout (below).



With autumn approaching and El Niño potentially bringing stormier weather, we'll be preparing the Wood for the months ahead. The ditches need clearing to ensure controlled surface water run off from the road by the Old School, through the Wood and its approach and into the drainage channels by the Green Lane byway pond.

We've set aside the following days for maintenance (not just ditches!):

MAINTENANCE DAYS: Tues 15 Sept, Mon 28 Sept
Tues 13 Oct, Fri 23 Oct
10:30 – 12:30

If you'd like to help care for Hooks Wood on any of the days – please email us to receive full details and updates at: community@guildensutton.org.uk

Guilden Sutton Old School House Trust

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.

See the GS website or contact Peter Reid at pgeddesr@gmail.com, Tel. 07738 158747.

St John's Church, Guilden Sutton

During the Interregnum, services continue to be taken by visiting clergy or by the church community. Sunday services are shared with St Peter's, Plemstall. Details are on the churches' website (see below).

An update regarding finding a new Incumbent: the vacancy is currently being re-advertised, with a closing date of Sunday 13 September.

Messy Church

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

GS Primary School
Messy Harvest with apple pressing
18 Oct

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

GS Village Hall
6 Sept
4 Oct
1 Nov

The Woolly Bunch

Enjoy knitting or crochet or want to learn?All are welcome to join our friendly group

Come along some Thursdays 10.15 - 12 noon

St Johns Church Hall

3 & 17 Sept
1 & 15 Oct
5 & 19 Nov
3 Dec
7 & 21 Jan

Holy Communion - St John's

20 Sept 10.30am 27 Sept 10.30am 25 Oct 10.30 am
8 Nov 10.00am Remembrance
16 Dec 7.30pm Carol Service
24 Dec Midnight Mass 11pm or slightly earlier

Please check the churches website to confirm all times and to see the services with times for St Peter's
Church website: https://www.guildensutton-plemstall.church

Dates for your diary

September			
Parish Council meeting	Wed 2	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
October			
Village Quiz	Sat 3	19:30 ~ 22:00	Village Hall
Parish Council meeting	Wed 7	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
November			
Parish Council meeting	Wed 4	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Remembrance Sunday	Sun 8		
December			
Parish Council meeting	Wed 2	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall
Xmas tree lights	Sat 5	17:30 - 19:30	Village Hall
January			
Parish Council meeting	Wed 6	19:30 - 21:30	Village Hall

Parish Council

Trisha Paterson (Chair): trisha.paterson@guildensuttonpc.co.uk
Vice Chair: Mel Littlewood
Members: Emma-Clare Hewitt, Derek Hughes, Mel Littlewood, David Oxley, Sue Ringstead, Victoria Roberts, Alan Davis

Contact: Tel: 07733 414175 Email: clerk@guildensuttonpc.co.uk
Website: www.guildensuttonpc.co.uk
Note: A surgery is held at the shops 10 - 10.30am on the Saturday before the Parish Council meeings if anyone wants to raise an issue.

Guilden Sutton Community Association

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