

PRESS RELEASE

NEW NEWSPAPER IN GLOSSOP

On October 2nd 2012 none of the people involved in producing the Glossop Gazette had any idea that within two weeks they would have produced a new and exciting newspaper for Glossop! For over 150 years the town has been served by a local newspaper, but when it suspended publication in September the town was left without Staffed entirely by amateur volunteers, the Glossop Gazette is a very local paper; written by locals, distributed locally and with only local news. The Glossop Gazette will be published fortnightly. The first edition is out now, priced at 90p with 32 pages and no adverts, and the next edition is due on October 24th.

What's different about the Glossop Gazette?

1. It doesn't include news from anywhere further than Mottram Moor.
2. It only includes local advertising and our rates are highly competitive.
3. It is printed on quality 48.8 gsm paper.
4. It doesn't shirk from its main responsibility; to make local government accountable to local people.

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GLOSSOP GAZETTE

See Craig Hannah's amazing pictures of Glossop as you've never seen it before - from the top of Glossop Chimney!



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90p

Glossop Fury at New Library Plans

Glossopians have reacted angrily to plans that will see the old St Luke's School on Talbot Street demolished to make way for a new library with a surprisingly large garden.

Derbyshire County Council have announced that the library is moving from the Victoria Hall to a purpose built building on Talbot Street with opening planned for 2014. The news came as a surprise to most people in the town, many of whom have demonstrated a desire to see the library stay in the building it was built for.

The new library will provide more books, a new children's and teenager's library and more computers with free access to the internet according to DCC. The draft proposal also includes landscaped outside space to give children and adults a place to sit and read. Work could start in spring 2013 with an opening planned for summer 2014. Lots more details and Glossopian's responses to the plans on pages 2 & 3.



HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL ADMIT BAT SLAUGHTER

Bats have never been protected in Glossop, and High Peak Borough Council's Development Control have systematically disregarded UK and European wildlife laws and ignored advice about protected species in development. HPBC failed to ensure that risks to bats were properly assessed, accepted substandard bat surveys, ignored advice from the Environment Agency and consultants with respect to the need for bat surveys, lighting conditions or roost mitigation or ignored unambiguous evidence of roosts. In no instances did they even recom-

mend any bat mitigation in development. Major schemes like Howardtown Mill and every development in Glossop since bats were first protected in England in 1981 has been permitted regardless of the impact on bat populations. These very serious allegations were made to HPBC in July this year. The full text of the complaint, and High Peak Borough Council's response, can be found on our website www.glossopgazette.com.

MOSQUE IN GLOSSOP? Glossop could have its own mosque before the end of the decade, and it could be in a landmark site, according to a local developer - page 4

Glossop's gardeners have some crafty tips to confound molluscs and take the dampeners off Glossop horticulture - page 22



Welcome to the Glossop Gazette

The Glossop Gazette is a local paper produced by local volunteers. Its main aim is to provide essential news and updates for Glossopdale, from the Gun Inn to the Royal Oak.

Since 1855 the Glossop Chronicle has performed this function every week with great distinction, but it has not been published since 13th of September and three weeks without a local paper is too long!

In its absence, the Glossop Gazette will attempt to provide a printed account of events in Glossop. We won't cover Tameside or other parts of the Peak District; our focus is exclusively on Glossop, Whitfield, Padfield, Hadfield, Hayfield, Simmondley, Gamesley, Charlesworth, Hollingworth and Tintwistle.

The Glossop Gazette will be published every two weeks. We are happy to include family notices, sports and wedding reports and details of clubs and events in the area, and are actively recruiting journalists, columnists and guest editors from all areas of Glossop. It's your town and your paper so send your news, views and offers of help to our editorial desk at glossopgazette@gmail.com or speak to the Editor on 01457 866201.

Hurst Brook is "Only Stream in Glossop not Choked with Japanese Knotweed"

A Glossop group who hope to start systematic eradication of pest plants from the town have reported that Japanese knotweed is rampant in every waterway in town except for Hurst Brook. Japanese Knotweed is a highly invasive plant that undermines buildings and devalues land it infests. The group intend to use a community approach to try to curb the spread - page 6 & 7

GLOSSOP CHIMNEY Eyesore or landmark? Love it or hate it, join the debate about the future of our most controversial erection, and learn why we can't blow it up - pages 16-17

